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Their Pre-Internet Search for British and German Ancestors, with a Comprehensive Ancestor Chart and an Extensively Annotated Index of the Documents

Volume 7

Important Note

This is Volume 7 of a large family history project consisting of seven separate volumes. The contents of this volume are source documents for Volume 1, and you won't understand them properly without already having information from Volume 1. In fact, reading only this volume would be like reading only the footnotes in a book. Please start your journey through the project by going to Volume 1 and reading the brief introduction near the beginning, entitled "Read This First." You have two options for getting to Volume 1:

Option A. Copy the following link and paste it into your search engine:
https://archive.org/search?tab=all&query=thomas+f.+witheridge%2C+editor&sort=title
You will be taken to a box at *Internet Archive* containing all seven volumes of this family history project. Above the box of yellow title pages, select "Sort by: Title," then click on Volume 1. Later you can click and open additional volumes, including this one, each in its own tab or window.

Option B. Go to the website archive.org . On the homepage, find the search bar and enter the words Thomas F. Witheridge, editor. Then follow the advice given above for Option A.

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Introduction to the Nemitz-related documents, including the relevant document calendars

Editor's Note:

This folder inaugurates a whole new category of documents: Those pertaining to family lines from Germany — mostly, though not exclusively, from the portion of Pomerania that formerly belonged to Prussia and Germany, before the World War II settlement gave it to (then) USSR-dominated Poland. These documents are located in folders that start with the number "2."

My dad was one-half German through his mother, Edith Sophia Nemitz, who was born in 1883 in Peotone, Illinois. The earliest German ancestor of whom Dad was aware when he started his research was Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz (known to him initially as "— Nemitz"), who was born in 1810 in Stolp, Pomerania, Germany. Thus, the overwhelming majority of the "2 series" folders in this document collection are concerned with Nemitz and related family lines.

It's obvious to me that Dad was developing his approach to this huge part of his research more or less "on the fly." He apparently tried to continue using his original file numbering system, which had worked out pretty well for his and my mom's English lines, but it was hard to keep the system going in this new area of work. He faced two main problems:

First, by the time he was making real progress on his Nemitz line (around 1981), with documents numbered N1, N2, and so forth (for "Nemitz"), he was becoming overwhelmed by the sheer volume of genealogical work he faced. After all, he did have a day job, and an important one — running the council of churches in a major American city and its suburbs. It was hard enough to keep up with his correspondence and investigatory work for dozens of English family lines on both sides of the Atlantic in the pre-email era. Now he had to use German-English translators in many instances (his high school and grad school German being a bit rusty), and he was constantly discovering new allied lines to analyze and keep track of. The last thing he needed was a file numbering system that sometimes seemed to be more trouble than it was worth, when simple, alphabetically organized files would do well enough.

Second, by the late 1980s Dad was becoming overwhelmed by another problem, which was rapidly growing worse: Mom's Alzheimer's. She turned 83 in 1990, and he turned 76. In order to take care of her at home, he was forced eventually to put his genealogical research on the shelf — literally — for years. When he gradually returned to it after her passing in 1995, it wasn't long before he abandoned his numerical document filing system and switched to a simpler alphabetical system.

Here's a what his files reveal about the grim early '90s: Between April 1981 and June 1991, he created 160 numerical Nemitz-related documents. Then, for six years, he created zero. When he started up again in June 1997, he created a total of eight more Nemitz documents. Two months later, he quit the numerical system altogether, becoming totally alphabetical. I think he figured, Why bother? Life is already too short, and it's getting shorter and shorter by the minute.

This presented me with a dilemma. Since his Nemitz-related documents were partially numerical and partially alphabetical, how should I organize the folders in which they were contained? There was no perfect solution. I would have to go in one direction and compensate for the other.

My decision was to go with the alphabetical system and present the numerical "N" series document calendars in this initial Nemitz folder (2.0), with cross references as appropriate in the index. The last non-Nemitz calendar was #144 (see Volume 1 of the collection). You will find the first Nemitz-related calendar (#145) on the next page, followed by the remaining ones (through #155). These calendars can be useful tools, because the log dates provide a rough (sometimes *very* rough) measure of Dad's progress, and his brief summaries of the documents' contents — the same summaries that took so much of his increasingly scarce time to write — can be helpful in figuring out the more obscure documents. Best wishes as you immerse yourself in German genealogy!

Tom Witheridge
January 26, 2023

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DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR NEMITZ

DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED	DATE OBTAINED	NUMBER
Letter 4/27/81 to Amer. Embassy in Warsaw requesting search for records in Bommer		Log 35 4/27/81	N1
Reply from Jeannette P. Babrow of Am. Emb. in Warsaw saying they do not help in searches		Log 35 9/1/81	N2
Letter to Giesela Knoblauch enclosing letters to and from Amer. Embassy in Warsaw		Log 36 10/13/81	N3
Letter to Landeskirchliches Archiv in East Germany seeking ch. reg. for Bommer + Stolp		Log 37 10/14/81	N4
Reply from Landeskirchenarchiv giving other addresses to write to		Log 37 12/11/81	N5
Letter to Giesela Knoblauch sending copies of correspondence to Landeskirchenarchiv		Log 38 1/8/82	N6
Reference Questionnaire to LDS, Salt Lk. City, seeking films for four Bommers [Includes reply]		Log 39 11/5/81	N7
Letter to Daniel Schlyter, LDS Salt Lk. City, for Bommer films in new acquisitions		Log 40 12/2/81	N8
Reply from D. Schlyter (registers not available) with more places to write to		Log 47 1/13/82	N9
Letter to Evangelische Konsistorium Görlitz, East Germany, for ch. records of Bommer		Log 64 1/24/82	N10
Letter to Evangelische Zentralarchiv Berlin, West Germany, for ch. records of Stolp		Log 65 1/24/82	N11
Reply from Gretchen Laisen, St. Cloud, saying no Nemitz found in general indexes		Log 157 4/22/82	N12
Raid + Nemitz inf. from 1900 Census of Bay City, Bay Co., Mich.	(Fed. arch + Rec. Center, Chicago)	Log 371 2/4/83	N13
→ Autobiographical notes of Edith S. Nemitz (from John M. Witheridge)		Log 386 1975?	N14
Letter to Heimatortskartei fuer Nordosteuropa about any Nemitz from Stolp in their file		Log 649 9/24/84	N15
Letter from Heimatortskartei Nordosteuropa with inf. on their index +	address of Frau Else Babiel,	Log 660 10/24/84	N16

get. Nemitz, who was born in Stolp

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DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED	DATE OBTAINED	NUMBER	
Letter to Frau Ilsa Babiel, Ahrensburg / Holst., to see if she is related to Grandfather Nemitz's family in Stolp		Log 662 11/26/84	N17 (a)	Ilsa Babiel file
German translation of letter to Frau Ilsa Babiel (N17) by Kent Cutkomp		Log 662 11/26/84	N17 (b)	"
1821 map east + north of Stolp, copied by Karen Whitmer at Wilson Lib. Map Dept.		Log 663 11/10/84	N18	
Modern map of Poland showing Slupsk (Stolp), copied by Karen Whitmer at Wilson Lib. Map Dept.		Log 663 11/10/84	N19	
Letter from Ilse Babiel about her sister + father and an uncle of her father who emigrated to America		Log 735 4/25/85	N20	Ilsa Babiel file
Two maps of Stolp and vicinity from German map collection at Wilson Lib. (Kent Cutkomp)		Log 748 5/5/85	N21	
Letter to Ilse Babiel thanking her + suggesting she and her sister collect family births, marriages + deaths		Log 749 7/5/85	N22	Ilsa Babiel file
Art. on Lammen + Lammer (p. 316) from Meyers, Orts- ~~und Personen Lexik.~~ des Deutschen Reichs (LDS Lib.)		Log 766 7/15/85	N23	
Art. on Stolp, Pommern (p. 886) from Meyers, Orts... (LDS Lib.)		Log 766 7/15/85	N24	
Map showing Stolp + Lammen from U. S. Army Map G0801 100.05, Stolp, Germany, Sheet J-11		Log 824 11/18/85	N25	
Letter from Ilse Babiel with no further inf. except name + address of her cousin, Gerhard Nemitz (see N22)		Log 877 4/16/86	N26	Ilsa Babiel file
Letter to Gerhard Nemitz about my Nemitz family in Germany + asking about his ancestry + family		Log 878 4/29/86	N27	
Map of Pomerania from Maps of the German Empire of 1871 [German Int. Dr.]		Log 880 5/3/86	N28	
Pictures of Stolp from Pommern: Ein Bildband der Heimat mit 159 Fotografien [German Int. Dr.]		Log 880 5/3/86	N29	
Addresses for Church Archives, State Archives, General Soc. of Pomerania [German Int. Dr.]		Log 880 5/3/86	N30	
Marriage entry of Christian Jacob Nemitz + Anna Elisabeth Heise, Nov. 7, 1794, Stolp [Prussia 161]		Log 881 5/8/86	N31	

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DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED	DATE OBTAINED	NUMBER	
GLC (General Lib. Catalog) ref. to Church Register of Confirmations for	Damnen, Pommern 1890-1915	Log 881 5/8/86	N32	
Record of search in Fam. Tr. Sheets in Fourth Generation Prog. for Nemitz entries (None found)	[LDS Lib.]	Log 881 5/8/86	N33	
Letter to Horst J. Foggert, Waltham, Mass., about his background and mine in Kreis Stolp		Log 882 5/9/86	N34	
Letter to Ronald Putz, Bay City, Mich., about his ancestry in Zoben, Stolp, + mine in Stolp + Bay City		Log 883 5/12/86	N35	Ronald Putz file
Letter from Ronald Putz answering mine [N35] and giving inf. on my relatives in Bay City + other matters		Log 885 5/15/86	N36	"
Letter from Stephen Barthel of LDS Corresp. Unit, incl. my form asking about	ch. records of Damnen + Stolp	Log 886 5/14/86	N37	
Letter from Gerhard + Edith Nemitz, Palos Hills, Il., with inf. on their background + invitation to see them		Log 887 5/15/86	N38	Gerhard Nemitz file
Letter to Ronald Putz, thanking him for his ideas + help and asking questions about my family in Bay Co.		Log 888 5/28/86	N39	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Edith + Gerhard Nemitz about our visit to Chicago July 25-28	with further questions on family	Log 889 6/4/86	N40	Gerhard Nemitz file
Letter to Robert P. Tedrach, Bay City, Mich., about our common Nemitz ancestry + other fam. matters		Log 890 6/21/86	N41	Robert Tedrach file
Letter from Ronald Putz with further inf. about his family + mine + inf.	about Pomerania	Log 891 6/6/86	N42	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Frances Tomke, Bay City, about her Tomke fam., our Nemitz ancestry, + my background + family		Log 892 6/30/86	N43	Esther Reamy file
Letter from Edith + Gerhard Nemitz about our trip to Chicago		Log 895 7/8/86	N44	Gerhard Nemitz file
Note to Edith + Gerhard Nemitz about trip to Chicago		Log 895 8/2/86	N45	"
Portion of map of Pomerania near Stolp, showing Rustenwitz	from Stieler's Hand-Atlas (MPL)	Log 896 8/5/86	N46	N. & M. file
Fam. Tr. Sheets for Gerhard Nemitz, his father, grandfather, + uncle Max,	mostly from Fam. Stammbuch	Log 897 8/9/86	N47	Gerhard Nemitz file

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Documents on mar. & children of Christian Jacob Nemitz (of Stolp) & Anna Elis. Weise [LDS-52C]		Log 898 8/7/86	N48	
Comments by Gerhard Nemitz about his ancestors & relatives in Germany		Log 899 8/9/86	N49	Gerhard Nemitz file
Letter to Gerhard & Edith Nemitz about our visit there & the inf. he gave about his family in Germany		Log 900 8/17/86	N50	"
Letter to Ilse Gabriel about our visit with Gerhard & Edith Nemitz & the inf. from Familien Stammbuch		Log 901 8/17/86	N51	Ilse Gabriel file
Letter from Esther Plamp, Bay City, about her Nemitz & Zomke ancestors & relations, answering mine to Francis		Log 902 8/4/86	N52	Esther Plamp file
Letter to Esther Plamp thanking her & discussing family data, plus a letter from Elizabeth		Log 905 8/20/86	N53	"
Meyers Orts entries of towns near Schlawe for Gerhard Nemitz (LDS film)		Log 906 8/21/86	N54	Gerhard Nemitz file
Letter to Ronald Putz with inf. from Meyers Orts and answer to his letter of 6/6/86		Log 907 8/27/86	N55	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Anita Schmidt, Auburn Mich. about her correspondence to Germany on Zomke records		Log 908 9/1/86	N56	Anita Schmidt file
Letter from Ronald Putz thanking me for Meyers entries & discussing Pomeranian locations		Log 909 9/5/86	N57	out
Letter to Robert Fauteck hoping he will answer mine [N41] soon & telling of Ilse Gabriel		Log 923 12/29/86	N58	Robt. Fauteck file
Letter from Esther Plamp with inf. from tombstones & about Mt. Pleasant & her husband		Log 924 9/22/86	N59	Esther Plamp file
Letter from Anita Schmidt with inf. about Nemitz & Zomke families & promise of more		Log 925 9/12/86	N60	Anita Schmidt file
Letter to Anita Schmidt about hers [N60] & asking more questions about Zomke family		Log 926 1/3/87	N61	"
Letter to Esther Plamp about Zomke inf. she sent [N59] & asking for more. (also Elis. letter)		Log 927 1/3/87	N62	Esther Plamp file
Letter to Ronald Putz about my letters to others in Bay City, Meyers Orts in Midland LDS, & Stolp		Log 928 1/5/87	N63	Ronald Putz file

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Letter from Gerhard & Edith Nemitz about trip to Germany (& postcard)	& records of Gerhard's cousin	Log 929 12/17/86	N64	Gerhard Nemitz file
Entry of records available for "Stolp, POMM (1762-1913) A," at Standesamt, West Berlin		Log 929 12/17/86	N65	"
Letter to Gerhard & Edith Nemitz about trip to Germany	Stolp records at Berlin, & his cousin's records	Log 930 1/8/87	N66	"
Letter from Esther Plamp with inf. from tombstone of Henrietta Nemitz, Zion Luth. Cem.		Log 942 1/26/87	N67	Esther Plamp file
Letter to Esther Plamp thanking her for the inf. about Henrietta Nemitz's gravestone		Log 943 2/24/87	N68	"
Inf. about Schroeder from Telephone interview with Florence Kennedy in Saginaw, Mich.		Log 944 7/6/73	N69	
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach, Bay City, about our relationship & asking her help on family history		Log 945 7/9/64	N70	Laderach file
Letter from Wilhelmina Laderach about her family & ours, including Grandfather Nemitz		Log 946 7/13/64	N71	"
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach about her letter & our projected trip to Mich. & asking questions		Log 947 7/20/64	N72	"
Letter from Wilhelmina Laderach answering questions, inviting me to visit, and sending documents		Log 948 7/30/64	N73	"
Biographical sketches of Wilhelmina Schroeder and Wilhelmina Nemitz		Log 948 7/30/64	N74 N75	"
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach regretting not seeing her, asking questions, & sending fam. group sheet		Log 949 9/13/64	N76	"
Letter from Wilhelmina Laderach answering questions (on back of family group sheet)		Log 950 9/24/64	N77	"
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach telling of our coming trip to Saginaw & mentioning Wm. Stoerker		Log 951 8/8/65	N78	"
Notes of family inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach during visit to Bay City, Mich.		Log 952 9/19/65	N79	"
Letter to Dr. David Laderach, Dearborn, Mich. asking if he has any records on Nemitz relatives in Germany		Log 953 5/29/73	N80	"

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Nemitz, Schroeder, Domke, Reid, etc. entries from Bay City, Mich., Directories, 1881 to 1909		Log 954 July, 1973	N81
Death notice of Charles Schroeder, Mar. 23, 1893 from Bay City Tribune		Log 955 July, 1973	N82
Letter from Ronald Putz thanking me for materials + giving me much new information		Log 956 1/9/87	N83
Letter from Ronald Putz about death of Anna Kolb + details of John Schroeder family		Log 957 1/16/87	N84
Letter to Ronald Putz about his two January letters, enclosing fam. gr. sheets + inf. on Stolp records		Log 958 3/2/87	N85
Nemitz entries for Boston (none) + Baltimore 1867-92 in "Index of Ships Pass. Lists," National Archives		Log 959 ca. 1970	N86
Nemitz + Schroeder entries from Confirmation Reg. of Damnen, Pommern (LDS Lib.)		Log 960 2/26/87	N87
Letter from Anita Schmidt with Domke family inf. from family + cemetery records		Log 966 3/9/87	N88
Inf. from Carrie Gillooly on family data about her parents, children, + grandchildren		Log 967 3/20/87	N89
Death cert. of Hannah Shaw (d. 9/14/60) from Minn. Dept. of Health, Hennepin Co.		Log 968 11/28/75	N90
Obit. of Hannah Shaw in Mpls Star and Gillooly, Halloran, + Black entries from Mpls City Directories		Log 969 11/28/75	N91
Letter from Ronald Putz thanking me for general items + giving more family inf.		Log 973 3/5/87	N92
Letter from Lyra Coe, Vancouver, B.C., asking for inf. on Domke + Nemitz fam. hist.		Log 980 9/14/86	N93
Family information compiled by William Nemitz Witteridge		Log 982 c. 1962	N94
Inf. about family of William E. Nemitz from Lorna Ling		Log 983 c. 1965	N95
Birth cert. of William John Ernest Nemitz Mar. 29, 1880	[Lorna Ling]	Log 984 Dec. 1974	N96

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Death cert. of William Ernest Nemitz, July 6, 1959	[Fiona Ling]	Log 984 Dec. 1974	N97	
Death cert. of Alma Nemitz, Aug. 24, 1947	[Fiona Ling]	Log 984 Dec. 1974	N98	
Nemitz inf. from Wayne Strach on family group sheet I had sent him		Log 985 c. 1963	N99	
Letter to Lyna Coe about our Nemitz ancestry & sending family group sheets		Log 986 4/7/87	N100	Lyna Coe file
1880 Census entry of William Nemitz, family Sumner Twp., Kankakee Co., Ill. (Nat. Archives)		Log 987 c. 1965	N101	
1880 Census entry of August Nemitz, family at 61 Cornell, Chicago, Ill. (Nat. Archives)		Log 987 c. 1965	N102	
Tomke entries Bay County Register of Deaths 1898-1916, County Court House, Bay City, Mich.		Log 988 c. 1970	N103	
Nemitz, Schroeder, & Horn entries in Conf. Reg. of Sommen, Pommern, 1890-1915 [LDS Lib.]		Log 989 3/17/87	N104	
Letter from Lyna Coe thanking me for my letter (N100) & information & answering questions		Log 993 4/14/87	N105	Incom. Letters
Letter from Edith & Gerhard Nemitz about his cousin & enclosing copies of Familien Stammbuch		Log 995 1/21/87	N106	Gerhard Nemitz file
Pages from Familien Stammbuch of Gerhard Nemitz's parents & grandparents		Log 995 1/21/87	N107	"
Letter to Edith & Gerhard Nemitz about our trip to Chicago and phone call to them		Log 996 4/27/87	N108	"
Letter to Ronald Putz about AGOFF, archive addresses, doc. numbering, ancestor numbering		Log 998 5/29/87	N109	Ronald Putz file
Inf. from Laura Tomke (Mrs. Martin) about her children and grandchildren (at Bay City)		Log 1000 6/15/87	N110	
Inf. from Anita Tomke Schmidt (Mrs. Herbert) about her Tomke relatives		Log 1001 6/15/87	N111	Anita Schmidt file
Booklet, "A Century of Grace ... A Future of Hope" giving record of confirmands, 1881-1987, at Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.		Log 1003 6/15/87	N112	"

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Schroeder inf. [Otto Schroeder + Alma Lederach; Fred Schroeder + Margaret Kolb]	from Robert Lederach	Log 1003 6/15/87	N113	Schroeder file
Letter to Anita Schmidt about my visit + the Zion Luth. picture album	+ confirmand list	Log 1004 7/25/87	N114	Anita Schmidt file
"An Old-Fashioned Picture Album," Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.		Log 1005 7/20/87	N115	"
Letter to Ronald Putz about June trip to Bay City + inf. received	from Anita Schmidt	Log 1006 7/27/87	N116	Ronald Putz file
Fam. Gr. Sheet of Geo. Reinhardt + Bertha Schroeder with notes	from Robert Lederach	Log 1007 6/15/87	N117	
Burial record of Lot 361, Section N, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.		Log 1008 c. 1970	N118	
Letter to Mathilda Etherington about our relationship + asking for family information		Log 1009 8/4/87	N119	Etherington file
Letter to Velma Wills about our relationship + asking for family information		Log 1010 8/6/87	N120	Velma Wills file
Letter from Frances Domke about my visit to Bay City + sending addresses of Esther Plamp + daughters		Log 1011 8/3/87	N121	Frances Domke file
Letter to Mrs. Carole See about our Nemitz relationship and asking for family information		Log 1012 8/12/87	N122	Carole See file
Letter to Benjamin Schroeder about our relationship and asking for family information		Log 1013 8/12/87	N123	Benjamin Schroeder file
Letter to Howard Kohn about our relationship and asking for family information		Log 1014 8/10/87	N124	Howard Kohn file
Letter to Robert Lederach with his family group sheet to fill in and return		Log 1016 8/14/87	N125	Lederach file
Letter from Anita Schmidt about family matters + enclosing	Zion Luth. Cent. Booklet	Log 1018 8/13/87	N126	Anita Schmidt file
Centennial Historical Booklet of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.		Log 1018 8/13/87	N127	"
Letter to Anita Schmidt with further questions + sending my fam. gr. sheets + family experiences		Log 1019 8/25/87	N128	"

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Letter from Velma Wilds with brief inf. about her family and promise to send more inf.		Log 1020 8/24/87	N129	Velma Wilds file
Letter from Ronald Putz about genealogical matters		Log 1021 8/18/87	N130	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Ronald Putz about Steve Koehler, Charles Popp, + other genealogical matters		Log 1022 8/29/87	N131	Ronald Putz file
Notes from telephone conversation with Carrie Dilloway	9/9/87	Log 1025 9/9/87	N132	Carrie Dilloway file
Letter from Ronald Putz about Bertha Popp, Anita Schmidt, AGOFF, religion + genealogy		Log 1026 9/20/87	N133	Young, General corresp.
Letter from Janice Nemitz (Mrs. David), Denison, Iowa, about Nemitz family history		Log 1027 10/12/87	N134	Young, General corresp.
Letter to Janice Nemitz thanking her for her letter + promising to write more fully		Log 1028 10/17/87	N135	"
Letter from Anita Schmidt with additional family information [See N128]		Log 1029 10/8/87	N136	Anita Schmidt file
Letter to Anita Schmidt telling her about Janice + David Nemitz in Denison, Iowa		Log 1030 10/19/87	N137	"
Letter from Carole See with general inf. as requested in my letter of 8/12/87 [N122]		Log 1031 9/23/87	N138	Carole See file
Letter from Janice Nemitz with more family inf. and thanks for my letter [N135]		Log 1032 11/16/87	N139	Young, General corresp.
Christmas letter from Anita Schmidt with family information		Log 1035 12/1/87	N140	Anita Schmidt file
Letter from Anita Schmidt with new births + saying Ron Putz is going to Germany		Log 1053 6/24/88	N141	"
Letter to Anita Schmidt answering hers of 6/24/88 + telling her I called Ron Putz		Log 1054 6/30/88	N142	"
Letter 6/8/88 from Marilynne L. Smith with name of expert on Kreis Stolp in W. Germany (Willi Boldman)		Log 1055 6/8/88	N143	General tasks
Letter to Marilynne Smith thanking her for address of Willi Boldman		Log 1056 6/30/88	N144	"

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Letter from Iva Lee Kuhlmann, dau. of Amanda Rabe, telling of her mother's death, Feb. 16, 1987		Log 1127 2/7/88	N 145	Iva Lee Kuhlmann file
Memorial folder for Richard Kuhlmann (d. 12/8/89) grandson of Amanda Rabe, received from Elaine Nemitz		Log 1214 12/19/89	N146	"
Letter from Janice Nemitz with additions to Nemitz fam. rec. sheets & other family information		Log 1220 8/2/90	N147	Janice Nemitz file
Death notice of Ernest Nemitz in Jenison [Iowa] Bulletin, April 25, 1901		Log 1220 8/2/90	N148	"
Corrected Nemitz family record sheets from Janice Nemitz		Log 1220 8/2/90	N149	"
Envelope of Christmas card to Carrie Gillooly (Dec. 1989) returned and marked "deceased."		Log 1231 12/89	N150	Carrie Gillooly file
Letter from J. A. von Gostomski, Berlin, with family chart including Maria Nemitz & asking reply		Log 1233 2/91	N151	
Letter to J. A. von Gostomski, Bremen, with inf. on my Nemitz ancestry & asking for more inf.		Log 1241 6/6/91	N152	
Nemitz & related tombstone inscriptions at Trinity Luth. Ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1297 6/29/97	N153	
Obituary of Carl Nemitz in Cedarburg (Wisc.) News, Feb. 7, 1923		Log 1298 7/25/97	N154	
Letter from Alice Wendt with Nemitz inf. from her files & records of Trinity Luth., Freistadt, WI		Log 1299 7/23/97	N155	
Letter from Alice Wendt with Nemitz inf. from Confirmation Records, Trinity Luth., Freistadt		Log 1300 8/2/97	N156	
Computer printout of Nemitz entries in Pommerscher Verein Freistadt records		Log 1301 6/29/97	N157	
Nemitz Birth Records from Trinity Luth. ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1302 8/20/97	N158	
Nemitz Marriage Records from Trinity Luth. Ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1302 8/20/97	N159	
Nemitz Burial Records from Trinity Luth. ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1302 8/20/97	N160	

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Description of Document and Where Obtained	Log No. and Date Obtained	Doc.	Recorded	Location
Article on Dammen from "Der Landkreis Stolp in Pommern," by Karl-Heinz Pagel, copied from www.stolp.de	Log 1306 11/10/99	N 161		Dammen file
Article on Rathsdamnitz from ibid.	Log 1306 11/10/99	N 162		Rathsdamnitz file

Folder

2.1

Editor's Note

This folder amalgamates four separate files with similar vague labels that were located at or near the beginning of Dad's box of documents on his maternal ancestors from Germany.

The documents, many of them just to-do lists and notes-to-self, were quite a hodge-podge. Sadly, they weren't topically, alphabetcally, or even chronologically, organized. As I read them, I did my best to put them in chronological order. However, a few were undated and undatable (even by guessing), so I simply placed them at the front of folder 2.1. The rest of the documents are in approximate chronological order.

I have personally found the most useful documents in folder 2.1 to be the 12 pages of one-family records that I've placed at the very beginning. Unfortunately, as usual Dad didn't date these penciled records (probably because he was constantly updating them). However, it's obvious in one case (pp. 5-8) that there is an initial version and a later, revised version, of the same record (the revised one being pp. 7-8). There are also two versions of the record on pp. 1-4, but I honestly can't tell which came first and which came later. (Page 1 has an extra "found" sibling — person #3, Ferdinand — but page 4 has a bunch of extra footnotes, so *you* decide!)

Despite these issues, at least now the documents can all be found, using their encircled page numbers in the upper-right corner. The collection of documents in this folder is continued in folder 2.2, starting where it leaves off here — that is, p. 1 in folder 2.2 would be p. 77 if it were in folder 2.1.

Tom Witheridge
December 1, 2022

[See p. 7]

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz Family No. JPW20

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Father's Name: Nemitz	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Birth (Date / Place): c.1805 ?	Birth (Date / Place):
Marriage	
Death	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Order	Children	Date / Place (Town, County, State, Country)	
1	*Wilhelm Frederick (g) Married to Theresa Jacobs (e)(f)	Birth Aug. 3, 1835 – Dammer, Germany (e)(f) Marriage 1856 – Germany (e)(f) Death Jan. 3, 1921 – Beecher, Ill. [bur. Peotone, Ill.](e)	
2	Johanna (n) Married to John Tomke (a)(i)	Birth Germany (j) Marriage Death Before 1921 (a) – Bay City, Mich. (i)(j)	
3	Ferdinand (a) [Fred (j)] Married to	Birth Germany (a)(c) Marriage Death	- Lived in Iowa; owned large farm (a) - Charter Oak (j) - Had children (j)
4	Ernest (a)(i) Married to Wilhelmina (k)(m) Knuth (m)	Birth Dec. 1, 1848 – Germany (m) Marriage Death Apr. 20, 1901 – [bur. Ricketts, Hanover Twp., Iowa](m)	- Lived in Charter Oak, Iowa (i) - 3 sons (j)
5	Wilhelmina (a) Married to Charles (c) [Carl (a)(h)] Schroeder (a)(c)	Birth Mar. 16 (a) [Mar. 17 (b)], 1851 (b)(d), Stolp (a)(d), Germany (a)(b) Marriage Stolp, Germany (a)(d) Death July 2, 1925 – Bay City, Mich. (a)(b)	
6	s. (a)(d) Married to	Birth Marriage Death After 1921 (d) – Germany (a)	- Remained in Germany (a)(c)(d) - Mail carrier in Stolp? (a)
7	s. (c) Married to	Birth Marriage Death	- Remained in Germany (c)
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	See next page →
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach
(b) Death records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House, Bk. I, p. 29
(c) Obit. of William Nemits in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921
(d) Obit. of Wilhelmina Schroeder in Bay City (Mich.) Times Tribune, 7/3/25
(e) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, 3/24/93
(f) Inf. from Edith Witheridge
(g) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge
(h) Bay City (Mich.) Directory, 1893-4
(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth
(j) Inf. from Edward Tomke
(k) 1880 Census, National Archives
(m) Inf. from LeRoy and Elaine Nemitz
(n) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw

[See p. 69 of this folder]

* Wilhelm Johann Nemitz (f)
William F. Nemitz in City Directory, Bay City, Mich., 1903 + 1905

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz

Family No. JPW20

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

_____ Nemitz

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Wilhelm Frederick (g)*	Birth	Aug. 3, 1835 - Dammer, Germany (c)(f)
	Married to	Marriage	1856 - Germany (c)(f)
	Theresa Jacobs (c)(f)	Death	Jan. 3, 1921 - Beecher, Ill. [bur. Peotone, Ill.] (c)
2	Johanna (n)	Birth	Germany (j)
	Married to	Marriage	Germany (o)
	John Tomke (a)(i)	Death	Before 1921 (c) - Bay City, Mich. (i)(j)
3	S. _____ (c)(d)**	Birth	Germany (a)(d)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	After 1925 (d) - Germany (a)(d)
4	S. _____ (c)	Birth	Germany (c)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	After 1921 - Germany (c)
5	Ernst (a)(p)	Birth	Dec. 1, 1848 (q) - Germany (m)
	Married to	Marriage	
	Wilhelmina Knuth (k)(r)	Death	Apr. 20, 1901 - Hanover Twp., Crawford Co, Iowa (p)
6	Wilhelmina (a)	Birth	Mar. 17, 1851 (b) - Stolp (d), Germany (b)
	Married to	Marriage	Stolp, Germany (d)
	Charles (e) [Carl (h)] Schroeder (e)	Death	July 2, 1925 - Bay City, Mich. (a)(b)
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach

(b) Death records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House, Bk. I, p. 29

(c) Obit. of William Nemitz in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(d) Obit. of Wilhelmina Schroeder in Bay City (Mich.) Times Tribune, July 3, 1925

(e) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, Mar. 24, 1893

(f) Inf. from Edith Witheridge

(g) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge

(h) Bay City Directory, 1893-4

(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(j) Inf. from Edward Tomke

(k) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"

(m) Inf. from Elaine Nemitz

(n) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw

(o) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke

(p) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.

(q) Grave stone in St. Paul's Luth. Ch. cem., Hanover Twp.

(r) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953

(s) Bay City Directory, 1903 + 1905

* Given as Wilhelm Johann Nemitz by (f) and William F. Nemitz in (s)

** Mail carrier in Stolp, Germany (?) (a)

[Send revised copy to Louise (Mark, DEW's sister)]

(5)

(Send revised copy to Louise)

Total of 10 ch[ildren] (e)

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz Family No. JPW 10

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Wilhelm Frederick (h) [Johann (a)] Nemitz

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name: 1880 census

	Date	Place
Birth	Aug. 3, 1835 - Dammer, Germany (e)(h)	
Marriage	1856 - Germany (e)	
Death	Jan. 3, 1921 - Beecher, Ill. (Bur. Peotone) (e)	

Other Places of Residence: Chicago (1865-70) (e) 1888-1905 - Bay City, Mich., Peotone, Ill.; Tribune, Sask., Canada (1905-17) (e) 1917-19 (e) Mantena (farm) 1870-88 (e)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Theresa Jacobs (a)(e) [Exceptionally small (h)]

Father's Name: Jacobs (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Augusta (h)

	Date	Place
Birth	July 29, 1843 - Dammer, Germany (h)	
Death	Dec. 24, 1885 - Farm between Mantena + Peotone, Ill. (e)	

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) 4 girls? (e)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha Therezia Married to (1) Herman Tanke (cousin) (2) Gilbert Larson	Birth July 9, 1866 (f) - Germany (g) Marriage (1) Bay City, Mich.; (2) Sask., Canada (July) Death Feb. 14, 1951* Wolseley, Sask., Canada	
2	Emma (h) Married to William Schraeder (f)(h)	Birth June 6, 1869 (h) - Germany (g) Marriage Death Sept. 7, 1901 (h)	
3	Mary Augusta Married to (1) John Reid (2) Marden (e)	Birth April 19, 1875 (h) - Peotone, Will., Ill. Marriage (1) (2) Before 1921 (e) Death 1922 (h) - Colonsay, Sask., Canada	
4	Louise Therese Married to John Starch	Birth April 13, 1877 - Mantena, Ill. (h) Marriage June 24, 1902 - Bay City, Mich. (e) Death Sept. 15, 1959 - Joliet, Will., Ill.	
5	William John Ernest Married to (1) Edith Zamzow (2) Alma Leone Grimes	Birth Mar. 29, 1880 - Mantena, Ill. Marriage (1) Sept 3, 1903 to 1920; (2) Oct. 31, 1921 - Crown Point, Ind. (j) Death July 6, 1959 - Chicago, Ill.	
6	Edith Sophia (a) Married to William Allen Witheridge (a)	Birth Oct. 16, 1883 - Peotone, Ill. (a) Marriage June 16, 1908 - Bay City, Mich. (b) Death April 3, 1961 - Saginaw, Mich. (d)	
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	

Peotone, IL

Mantena, IL

His father was married 3 times

Mantena?

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(a) Inf. from Edith Witheridge
(b) Wedding announcement in Bay City (Mich.) Times, June 19, 1909
(c) Marriage Records, Bay Co. Court House
(d) Saginaw (Mich.) News, April 3, 1961
(e) Obit. of William Nemits, Sr., in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921
(f) Inf. from Wayne Stirch
(g) 1880 Census - Nat. Archives: E.D. 16, Sup. Dist. 4, p. 11 (Micro.) Sumner Township, Kankakee Co., Ill.
(h) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge
(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth
(j) Inf. from Leona Linz

DEW's older brother

* William Nemits mentioned her death as recent in a letter dated 2/13/51

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz Family No. JPW10

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Wilhelm Frederick (h) [Johann(a)] Nemitz(a)	## Theresa Jacobs (a)(e)
Father's Name: Heinrich Nemitz (s)	Father's Name: ——— Jacobs (a)
Mother's Maiden Name: Henrietta ——— (s)	Mother's Maiden Name: Augusta ——— (h)
Birth Aug. 3, 1835* - Dammer, Germany (e)(h)	Birth July 20, 1843 - Dammer, Germany (h)
Marriage 1856 (?) - Germany (e)	Death Dec 24, 1885 - Farm bet. Mantena & Peotone, Ill. (e)
Death Jan. 3, 1921 - Beecher, Ill. [Bur. Peotone] (e)	
Other Places of Residence: Chicago (1879-15) (e)(h)(e), Mantena, Ill. (farm) 1875-88 (e)(h), Bay City (1888-	Other Places of Residence:
~~Other Wives:~~ 1905 (e), Tribune, Sask. Canada (1905-19) (e), Peotone + Beecher (1917-19) (e)	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) 4 others? (e) [Latest 1868, 1862, 1860 ?]

	Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1 Bertha Theresa (f) Married to (1) Herman Martin Tomke (i); (2) Gilbert Larson (i)	Birth July 9, 1866 (f) - Stolp (m), Germany (g) (m)	
	Marriage (1) Dec. 31 1889 - Crown Point, Ind. (h); (2) Feb. 27, 1927, Sask., Canada (i)	
	Death Feb. 14, 1951 - Wolsey, Sask, Canada (i)	
2 Emma (a) Married to ***William Schroeder (f) [about 1872 ?]	Birth June 6, 1869 (a) - Germany (a) (g)	
	Marriage before 1893 (e)	
	Death Sept. 7 1901 (n) - Mantena? [Bur. Peotone, Ill.]	
3 Mary Augusta (f) Married to (1) John Stephen Reid (g); (2) Trail T. Marden (g)	Birth Apr. 14, 1875 (h) - Peotone, Will Co., Ill. (f) 10	
	Marriage (1) 1893 [c. 1892 (n)] - Bay City, Mich. (g); (2) 1913 (g)	
	Death Dec. 18, 1921 - Rochester, Minn. (g) [Bur. Calgate (m)]	
4 Louise Theresa (f) Married to John Starch (c)	Birth Apr. 13, 1877 - Mantena, Kankakee Co. Ill. (f)	
	Marriage June 24, 1902 - Bay City, Mich. (c)	
	Death Sept. 15, 1959 - Joliet, Will Co. Ill. (f)	
5 William John Ernest (f)(o) Married to (1) Edith Zamzow (f) (2) Alma Leone Grimes (h)	Birth Mar. 29, 1880 - Mantena, Ill. (a)	
	Marriage (1) Sept. 3, 1905 to 1920; (2) Oct. 31, 1921 - Crown Point, Ind. (j)	
	Death July 6, 1937 - Chicago, Ill (j)(k)	
6 Edith Sophia (a) Married to William Allen Witheridge (a)	Birth Oct. 16, 1883 - Peotone, Ill. (a) 11	
	Marriage June 16, 1904 - Bay City, Mich. (b)	
	Death Apr. 3, 1961 - Saginaw, Mich. (d)	
7 ——— Married to	Birth	
	Marriage	
4 others died early (e)	Death	
3 others died early (a)		
8 ——— Married to	Birth	
	Marriage	
	Death	
9 ——— Married to	Birth	
	Marriage	
	Death	
10 ——— Married to	Birth	
	Marriage	
	Death	

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(a) Inf. from Edith Witheridge ← DEW's mother

(b) Wedding report in Bay City (Mich.) Times, June 19, 1909

(c) Marriage Records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House

(d) Saginaw (Mich.) News, Apr. 3, 1961

(e) Obit. of William Nemits, Sr., in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(f) Inf. from Wayne Storch; Doc. N99-Log 985

(g) 1880 Census – Nat. Archives: E.D. 16, Sup. Dist. 4, p. 11 (Micro.), Sumner Township, Kankakee, Ill.

(h) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge; Doc. N94-Log 982

(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(j) Inf. from Leona Linz; Doc. N95-Log 983

(k) Lakeside Directory of the City of Chicago, 1874-5

(m) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomka

(n) Inf. from Edward W. Tomka

(o) Birth cert. of William John Ernest Nemitz; Doc. N96-Log 984

(p) Inf. from Evelyn Philpot

(q) Inf. from Anna Stewart

(r) 1900 Census of Bay City, Mich.; Doc. N13-Log 371

(s) Gravestone inscription, Zion Luth. Cem., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N54-Log 424

Plamp → Document N59

1 – * Year of birth given as 1837 in 1880 census (g); Aug., 1836 in 1900 census (r) Probably Dennen near Stolp. – D.E.W.

~~2 – ** Cousin of Bertha Nemitz (i)~~

3 – *** William Schroeder's father was married three times (f)

Wilhelm (b. 1835)

4 – # on farm rented by her father between Mantena and Peotone, Ill., not far from large farm of John T. Parker five miles east of Mantena, for whom her father had worked a few years after leaving Chicago (a)

5 – ## Theresa Jacobs was exceptionally tall. (h)

6 – Listed as naturalized citizen in 1900 Census (r)

7 – Given as Wilhelm Johann Nemitz by (a)

8 – Buried in Peotone, Ill. (e) ← (e)

2 – Four others died early (e). Three others died early (o). Probably three before Bertha and one between Emma and Mary. – D.E.W. ← (o)

9 – Given as c. 1892 in (n)

10 – Given as Apr. 19, 1874, in (f)

(t) Death cert. of William Ernest Nemitz; Doc. N97-Log 984 ← Document N97

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz

Family No. JPW20-5

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(2) Ernst Nemitz (b)(j)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	Dec. 1, 1848 (p)	Germany (f)
Marriage		
Death	Apr. 20, 1901	Hanover Twp, Crawford Co. (j)

Other Places of Residence: Chicago, 1872 (g)(e) Moved to farm in Soldier Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1876 (g) [1877 (k)(r)]

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina Knuth (a)(d)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	Dec. 26, 1841 (p)	Germany (f)
Death	Nov. 17, 1899	Hanover Twp., Crawford Co, Iowa (j)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands: (1) Ernst Rasch (b)(k)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Friedrich (a) Wilhelm (g) E. [Ernst?] (o)	Birth	Mar. 27, 1874 - Chicago, Ill. (g) **
	Married to Emma Huebner (a)*	Marriage	Oct. 13, 1897 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Nov. 21, 1945 (g) - Sioux City, Iowa (o)
2	Johann (a)	Birth	June 14, 1875 - Chicago, Ill. (k)
	Married to Anna Fick (a)	Marriage	Jan. 11, 1900 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	
3	Wilhelm (a)	Birth	Apr. 22, 1877 - Chicago, Ill. (k)
	Married to Mathilda Schultz (a)	Marriage	Sept. 12, 1901 - Hanover Twp (a)
		Death	Oct. 31, 1909 - Hanover Twp. (j)
4	Wilhelmina Henriette (j)	Birth	Oct. 28, 1879 (j) - Soldier Twp, Crawford Co, Iowa (s)
	Married to Otto Huebner (a)	Marriage	June 14, 1898 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	[Bur. Jan. 16, 1925 - Hanover Twp.] (a)
5	Daniel Friedrich (j)	Birth	Feb. 22, 1881 (j) - Soldier Twp. (s)
	Married to Theresa (s) Ackelbein (a)	Marriage	Oct. 11, 1903 - Hanover Twp (a)
		Death	June 21, 1966 - Iowa City, Iowa (n)
6	Louisa Maria (j) [Louise Magdalene] (h)	Birth	June 24, 1882 (j) - Soldier Twp. (s)
	Married to (1) Friedrich Schultz (a) (2) Peter Orth (h)	Marriage	(1) June 5, 1904 - Hanover Twp. (a); (2) Nov. 21, 1932 (h)
		Death	[Bur. Tues, Sept. 22, 1953 - Schleswig, Iowa] (c); d. in Ida Grove, Iowa (h)
7	Anna Wilhelmine Bertha (j)	Birth	Nov. 21, 1883 (k) - Soldier Twp. (s)
	Married to Carl Schultz (a)	Marriage	June 5, 1904 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Mar. 19, 1961 - Schleswig, Iowa (m)
8	Emma Hermine Mathilde (d)	Birth	July 22, 1885 - Soldier Twp. (d)
	Married to Wilhelm Rothe (a)	Marriage	Feb. 2, 1909 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Dec. 18, 1953 - Denison, Iowa (d)
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

Double wedding (see Louisa's and Anna's index entries)

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(a) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"
(b) 1880 Census, Morgan Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa
(c) Mem. folder of Louise Orth
(d) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953
(e) 1873 Chicago City Directory
(f) Inf. from Elaine Nemitz
(g) Obit. of Fredrick William Nemitz in Denison paper
(h) Obit. of Mrs. Peter Orth, Denison Review
(i) Inf. from William Schultz
(j) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.
(k) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp. [Confirmation Register]
(m) Mem. folder of Anna Schultz
(n) Newspaper obit. of Daniel Nemitz
(o) Mem. folder of Friedrich W. E. Nemitz
(p) Grave stone in St. Paul's Luth. Ch. cem., Hanover Twp.
(q) Baltimore Ships Passenger Lists: Vessel - Auguste, June 11, 1872
(r) 1877-8 Chicago City Directory
(s) Inf. from Amanda Rabe

* Not related to three Huebner sisters who married Schultzes (i)
** Baptised in Luth. church by Rev. Wunder of Chicago (g)

[Handwritten information is from Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz (b. 1900)] (11)

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz

Family No. JPW20-52

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Johann Nemitz (a)

Father's Name:
Ernst Nemitz (d)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Wilhelmina Knuth (a)(g)

	Date	Place
Birth	June 14, 1875	Chicago, Ill. (e)
Marriage	Jan. 11, 1900	Hanover Twp, Crawford Co, Iowa (a)
Death	July 8, 1960	Lake Preston So. Dak. (h)

Other Places of Residence: Wolsey, So. Dak. about 1918 (b); Huron, S.D. in 1945 (f)

Other Wives: Huron

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Anna Fick (a)

Father's Name:
Herman Fick (h) [Died in January]

Mother's Maiden Name:
Amelia ____ (h)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 31, 1881	[illegible] (h)
Death	Nov. 20, 1960	Lake Preston, S.D. (h)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Elsie Emilie Augusta (a)*	Birth	Oct. 10, 1900 (a) - Soldier Twp, Crawford Co, Iowa (c)
	Married to Emil Kohlmeyer (c)	Marriage	Nov. 15, 1916 at Wolsey, S. Dak. Beadle Co. (h)
		Death	of Emil - Aug. 8 - 1973 at Sioux Falls So. Dak. (h)
2	Ernst Carl Daniel (d)	Birth	June 15, 1902 (d) - Soldier Twp. (c)
	Married to ____	Marriage	____
		Death	As an infant (c)
3	Carl Otto Fritz (d)	Birth	Dec. 8, 1903 (d) - Soldier Twp. (c)
	Married to Lena ____ Pautsch (c)	Marriage	at Wolsey, So. Dak. Sept. 1926 (h) (h)
		Death	~~Before 1977 (c)~~ Oct. 8 - 1973 - Both Lena + Carl Lived at Spokane Washington but died same day.
4	Robert Carl Heinrich (d)	Birth	Oct. 27, 1905 (d) - Soldier Twp. (c)
	Married to Selma Lundin (h)	Marriage	Dec. 2 1928 at Huron (h)
		Death	~~Before 1977 (c)~~ Living at Anacortes, Washington (h)
5	Herbert (b) Bernhard Christian (h)	Birth	May 29 - 1910 at Wolsey So. Dak. (h)
	Married to Emma Hellkamp (c) (h)	Marriage	Dec - 28 - 1935 - Huron (h)
		Death	
6	~~Herman~~ William Fritz (c) Nemitz - [Fritz?]	Birth	May 29 - 1910 Herbert + Herman are twins
	Married to ____	Marriage	
		Death	Died as an infant July 2 - 1911 Wolsey (h) Wolsey (h)
7	Otto Elmer William (h)	Birth	July 20 - 1912 at Wolsey (h)
	Married to Lorraine ____ (h)	Marriage	at Spokane Washington married March 7 1943 (h)
		Death	~~May 2~~ Elmer died May 25 1972 (h) (h)
8	____	Birth	
	Married to ____	Marriage	
		Death	
9	____	Birth	
	Married to ____	Marriage	
		Death	
10	____	Birth	
	Married to ____	Marriage	
		Death	

Twins

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(a) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"

(b) Inf. from William Schultz

(c) Inf. from Amanda Rabe

(d) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.

(e) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch. [Confirmation Register]

(f) Obit. of Fredrick William Nemitz in Denison paper

(g) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953

(h) Inf. from Elsie Kohlmeyer

↑

Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz (b. 1900)

* Residence (1977): 1114 So. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

13a

Bill Schroeder
dead
2 yrs. ago

a.
Frederick Schroeder
535 N. Warren
PL 2-2098
752

Judith Oglestone
Mr. Judy A Fedley
515 Clarkson Apt 201
Denver 80218

Grove Valley Colonia

Mrs. D. Wayne Oglestone
(?) 32 W. Hannum 793-2814
Saginaw

(83)
Oakridge Cem.
Bay City
Henry St. (at tip of)
Father, Mother &
brother Henry

Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy
formerly in Saginaw
aunts of Ted
Robert Kennedy (Marjorie) 792-6489
Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy 792-6665.
607 S. Mich. Ave. 48602
Saginaw
(not in phone book)
route per

Flamm's (Johann Paul)
grandmother
John (Johann)
married the widow
She had 5 or 6 children
when she married
him.

John Schneider
was Carl's
father

Flamm's mother
was a half sister
of Carl Schneider

Side 1

Side 2

Her mother used
to write to
Oberfeldungen
(in Province
Pomern or
(Pomerania)
Stettin (Poland?)

Contact Flamm
and ask
Oberfeldungen
Province of Hildesheim
(?) Province Saxhaem

Franz Pomplehn
Mother's cousin by marriage

Schneider's were Lith.
in Germany
Her grandmother
came over because
they didn't want to
get into army —
Flamm used to work
Bremen

Side 1

Side 2

Her grandmother
would go into
woods
Walk to West Bremen
& walk to Big City on train
train

Met stepfather
in Evangelical
church in Bremen
He was widower & got
in with sister in
Bremen

Saginaw + Bay City

Mr. + Mrs. Henry Williams - 512 Howard St.

Curtis Farm, Fitchville (Bay City Library)
County History, etc.

Wilhelmina Oglestone

Mrs. Wayne Oglestone (Wilhelmina)
826 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw
(Daughter of Fred Schroeder)

Wilhelmina Laderach

Mrs. Wilhelmina Laderach - 601 Monroe St.

Wilhelmina Nemitz (b. 1851)

Cemetery records of Mrs. Carl Schroeder (Wilhelmina Nemitz)
July 2, 1925. Church or lodge obituary records.
(Not in Bay City Times?)
Also cemetery records of Carl Schroeder, about 1892

Bay County real estate records

Write Wilhelmina about cemetery where her mother + father are buried

Bay County Court House

OK Death of Wilhelmina Nemitz Schroeder (Mrs. Carl) – sister of Wilhelm Nemitz – d. 7/2/25 Bay City

OK Marriage of Louise Theresa Nemitz & John Stoch in Bay City, June 24, 1902

no (given B.C. Times) Marriage of Edith Sophia Nemitz & William A. Witheridge in Bay City, June 16, 1907

B.C. [Bay City] Times no Marriage of Bertha Theresa Nemitz & Herman Martin Zomke in Bay City, Dec. 31, 1889 [Crown Point, Ind.]

? Marriage of Emma Nemitz & William Schroeder in Bay City (?) about 1894

Peotone? [Illinois] no

Birth of Florence Johanna Marie Zomke, Jan. 5, 1891, in Bay City, d. of Herman & Bertha Zomke

Birth of Edward William Zomke, Aug. 2, 1892 in Bay City, s. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Ruby Matilda Zomke, April 29, 1894, in Bay City, d. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Leroy Zomke Jan. 29, 1896, in Bay City, s. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Herman Zomke 1898 (still born) s. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Walter Zomke 1900 (still born) s. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Raymond Zomke 1902, s. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Clarence Arthur Zomke, Mar. 28, 1905, in Bay City (?), s. of Herman & Bertha

? Birth of Frederick Zomke, 1907, s. of Herman & Bertha

* ? Marriage of William John Ernest Nemitz to Edith Zamzow in Bay City (?) Sept. 3, 1903

* ? Death of Carl Schroeder (husband of Wilhelmina Nemitz) in Bay City (?) about 1892

Birth of William Ferdinand Schroeder in Bay City Dec. 9, 1882, s. of Carl + Wilhelmina

* Birth of Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder in Bay City Apr. 15, 1887, d. of Carl + Wilhelmina

Birth of Fred Schroeder in Bay City, Dec. 17, 1889, s. of Carl + Wilhelmina

Birth of Paul Schroeder in Bay City, Oct. 9, 1892, s. of Carl + Wilhelmina

Death of Mathilda Schroeder in Bay City, Apr. 12, 1963

* ? Marriage of William Ferdinand Schroeder and Martha Coll in Bay City, Oct. 4, 1920

Death of Paul Schroeder, June 14, 1945, Bay City

* Marriage of Mary Augusta Nemitz + John Reid about ~~1893~~ 1892-3 → 1892-3

Marriage of Charles Zinker (brother of Herman, Bertha's husband)

Death of William Ferdinand Schroeder, 1971?

Death of Martha Coll Schroeder (Mrs. William F), 9/24/63

Bay City Library

Curtis Farm

Fitchville

Probate Records - George Reid (uncle)

Bay City Times

Obituaries:

No Wilhelmina Nemitz Schroeder - 7/2/25
Carl Schroeder - about 1892
Mathilda Schroeder - 4/12/63
Paul Schroeder - 6/14/45

Marriages:

John Storch + Louisa Nemitz - 6/24/02
OK - William Witherby + Edith Nemitz - 6/16/09
Herman Martin Zonke + Bertha Nemitz - 12/31/1889
See? William Schroeder + Emma Nemitz - ?
John Reid + Mary Nemitz - ?
William Nemitz + Edith Yamyour - 9/3/03
William Schroeder + Martha Zoll - 10/6/20
Rudolph Zabrock + Wilhelmina Schroeder - 10/6/19

✓ Louisa Memmits, John Storch Bk E, p. 161

✓ June 24, 1902 { b. Reeton Saxony, father, John -
John Storch 23, res. Reeton, Del
Louisa C. Memmits 25, res. Bay City
b. Reeton, at Home, father, William

✓ Wilhelmina Schroeder Bk. I, p. 29

d. July 2, 1925 Thiemo, Age 74 y. 3 mo. 16 days.
Pneumonia, b. Germany, Housewife
Full name of Father — Mamity, b. Germany
" " " Mother ———, b. Germany

July 2 – April 2 – 3 mos
Mar. 17 – 16 day

1925
– 74
1851

Bay City 1965

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Warner St. (West Side)

From 400 W. Midland South to Salzburg Ave.

214 - Hearn, Martha S. Mrs. TW2-8122

Salzburg - (West Side)

From W. end of Lafayette Ave. bridge west beyond 2000 S. Euclid Ave.

6th St. (East Side)

2112 - ~~Hostetler~~, Robert E. TW2-6280

[An early DEW "to-do list"]

Dammer, Germany

Write to Dammer, Germany, for birth and marriage (1856? or before 1866) records of Wilhelm Nemitz (2/3/35 or 37) and Theresa Jacobs (7/20/43) and of other Nemitzes and Jacobs. [Bertha b. 7/9/66; Emma b. 6/6/69]

Chicago Historical Society:
City directories or other records that might show Wilhelm Nemitz + family between 1865 and 1870

Theresa Jacobs (b. 1843)

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869), d. Sept. 7, 1901

Newspapers (daily, weekly, or German) showing death of Theresa Nemitz on Dec. 24, 1885. between Manteno + Peotone; also d. of Emma Schroeder 9/7/01
Ask about Illinois + county historical societies

Evangelical St. Lucas Church, Beecher, IL

Find records of Evangelical St. Lucas Church, Beecher
Rev. D. Horst, pastor in 1921
From what church did Wilhelm Nemitz transfer membership?
What other church near Manteno or Peotone?
Garden Spring or Bream Spring or? (Hymn Book)

Manteno and Peotone, IL

Try to locate bill or bapt. records in a church in Manteno or Peotone area (Mary, Louis, William, Edith)

Try to get {1890+} {1900} census records of those on Curtis Farm.
(also the "School children" census on microfilm)

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

Write to Peotone (newspaper + cemetery) for burial records or obituary of Emma Nemitz Schroeder (Mrs. William) 9/7/01

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b 1866)

Clarence Arthur Tomke (b. 1905)

Write to Clarence Tomke, 124 Broadway, San Diego, Calif.
(May have some of Bertha's papers)

Henry Nemitz (of Iowa)

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Try to track down family of Ernst Nemitz, Morgan Twp, Crawford Co, Iowa
also family of Henry Nemitz, Silas, Grove Twp, Davis Co, Iowa

Write to Mathilda Bamberger Ettlinger (daughter of Bertha Schroeder, Wilhelmina Federsch's sister) about Schroeder ancestry in Germany.

["To-do list" continued]

Bay City Library

Geo., Jim, John

County histories: Schreiber, Zomkes, Reids, Lederach,

Curtis Farm → Curtis Farm, Fitzsville

Cemeteries

Newspaper files (Weekly or German papers?)

City directories: Fanny Williams, Nemitz, Zomke, etc.

Manuscript historical material

Bay County Historical Society

Maps of Germany (Dammer)

1900 Census records of those on Curtis Farm

DEW's mother, Edith → Edith Nemitz – school from Curtis Farm (age 5 to 22)

or did she live with Emma [Nemitz (b. 1869)]? → Did she live with Emma?

Year of death of Mrs. Fanny Williams (date & obit.)

Bay City Times (see list)

Look in P.M. Zilby, Passenger + Immigration Lists Index, for all Nemitz, Zomke, & Schreiber arrivals (Mpls Pub. Lib.) ← Minneapolis

Check Hamburg passenger lists – Mormon Lib. ← Mormon

German Workers in Chicago
Ed. by Hartmut Keil & John B. Jentz
Univ. of Ill. Press. 1988

~~Huffman~~

[This was in the bookstore at the Chicago Historical Society, 7/30/89.]

Census 1880 - (Microfilm in Nat. Archives)

Vol. 11

Mamity, Frank — E D - 89
W, M, 42 — Sh 19 (or 17) Line 40
B. Bohemia — Cook Co, Ill.
440 Clinton, Chicago

Mary, W, 34 Bohemia
Mary, D, 6 Ill.
Charles, S, 4 Ill
Andrew, S, 2 Ill
John, Br, 18 Bohemia

Vol. 10

Mamity, Frank — E D - 68
W, M, 33 — Sh 39 (or 59) - L 27
B. Bohemia — Cook Co, Ill.
210 N. 14th, Chicago

Mary, W, 33 Bohemia
Mary, D, 10 Bohemia
Frank, S, 9 Ill
Ariel, S, 6 Ill
Rosie, D, 4 Ill
Arnold, S, 1, Bohemia (?)

Mamity, August — E.D. 141
W, M, 50 — Sheet # 19 Line 16
B. Prussia — Cook Co., Ill.
61 Cornell St, Chicago

Jerome, W, 41 Prussia
Heinrich, S, 20 "
Hermann, S, 18 "
August, S, 16 "
Charles, S, 11 "
Wilhelm, S, 7 Chicago
George, S, 5 "
Louise, D, 3 "

Will County — No Nemitz in 1870 Census or 1880 Census

✓ Peotone Township ✓
- Peotone
- Andres

✓ Will Township ✓

✓ Monee Township ✓
- ✓ Monee

✓ Green Garden Township ✓

✓ Manhattan Township ✓
- ✓ Manhattan
- Wilton

✓ Wilton Township ✓
- Wilton Center

Kankakee County — No Nemitz in 1870 Census

✓ Manteno Township
- Manteno

* ✓ Aroma Township
- Whitaker
- Yeager

✓ Rockville Township — Nemitz

✓ Desalm — Amitz

Editor's Note

The document on the next four pages is presented exactly as I found it. It was written in pencil by my dad and an unidentified other person on an unknown date (or dates). I suppose the whole thing could have been written by Dad, laboring to copy someone else's German script.

I don't know the source for the information.

Tom Witheridge
December 8, 2022

#072300 - Poland, Koszalin Vital Records

Neustettin: Brandenburg, Bütow, Stolp, Schlochau
Military Records, 21. Landwehr Regt.
Prov. Pommern
Baptisms (Evang.) Marriages (Evang.) Deaths (Evang.)
Vol: B1353, 1830-1855 with alph. reg.

	Namen des Vaters	Namen der Mutter	Taufnamen des Kindes
p.56 #14.	Kramny Jakob Heinrich	Kramny Johanna Wilhelmine	Bruno Johann Jakob Reinhold
	Nimz Friedrich Johann	Minklez Johanna	Sophie Wilhelmine
	tnr b. 3 Bas.	Minklez, Johana	Sophie, Wilhelmine

21. Landwehr Regiment
Nimz, Friedrich Peter

Geburtstag
Geburtstag
Zwei und zehnten Februar 10 Uhr
m. 4. Uhr (Uhr)

Born and
Geboren und Getauft am 1850

Kirchtag		Ab schlag für unsa liebe	ofmthen
März und Lichmanzgschwan	(ein) nia 21	Ehnlich.	Johan Nimz 1. Johan Jörg Mosetuch 2. Frau Lorsergab geb. Pomerania 3. Frau Lohacht geb. Patywall

p. 95 Geborenen und Getaufte im Jahr 1852

No.	Vor und Zunamen, Stand und Confession des Vaters	Vor- und Zunamen, Stand und Confession der Mutter
13.	Johann Nimz Unteroffizier im Regt. Inf. 35 Landwehr-Bataillon / 21. Zen. L. Regt.	Ehefrau Minkley

Tauftag des Kindes	Tag und Stunde der Geburt	Taufnamen
Neustettin den zwei und zwanzigsten September Nachmittag 6/3, 1 Uhr (uhr)	Zwei und zwanzigsten 1:22:1 September	Hanna Maria Hanna Maria

Ehelich oder unehelich	Tag der Trauung	Zeugen (Taufzeugen)
eheliss		August Nietz
ehelich 6 unmarried	Zwanzigsten 1:29:1 Septbr.	1. August Nietz, Unteroffizier 2. Frau Louise, geb. Brandt 3. Frau Mahlke geb. Minkley v/Neustettin

p. 82 Aufgebotene und Getraute 1847

Nr.	Vor- und Zunamen Stand und Confession des Bräutigams	Alter Jahre	Alter Monate	Ob die Eltern oder der Vormund die Einwilligung gegeben und wie es geschehen?
2.	Johann Friedrich Heinz, Maler Gehilfe	27	–	Desgl.

Ob er schon verehelicht gewesen und wann die Ehe getrennt worden?	– –	Ob sie schon?
Junggesell		Jungfrau Jaagfrau maiden, spinster

Editor's Note

The LDS family group sheets on the next 13 pages are presented here in the order in which I found them. Most were date-stamped in the 1950s and '60s. I don't know when Dad obtained them from the Latter-day Saints Library.

None of these people appears to have been closely connected to Dad's Nemitz line.

Tom Witheridge
December 8, 2022

HUSBAND CHRISTIAN JACOB NEMITZ

Birth date abt 1767 Place of Stolp, Pom.Prus.
Christening date Place
Death date Place
Burial date Place
Husband's Father Michael Nemitz Husb Mother (Maiden Name)
Marriage date (Husb.) 7 Nov 1794 Place Stolp, Pom.Prus.
Other Wives of Husband (If any list in order)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? par.rec. inSt. Petri, Stolp en Vessin

WIFE ANNA ELISABETH HEISE

Birth date 11 Jue 1773 Place Bambin, Pom. Prus
Christening date Place
Death date Place
Burial date Place
Wife's Father Christian Heise Wife's Mother (Maiden Name) Regina Dealing
Other Husbands of Wife (If any list in order)

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Hildegard Hei Bellrode, Kr.

ARCHIVE RECORD

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Mo Yr	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo Yr	*MARRIED *List additi dates on
F	1 Henrietta Louise Nemitz	21 Sep 1795	Neu Warbelow,Pom.	Prus.		Date To
F	2 Esther Wilhelmine Nemitz	1 Sep 1797	" "	"		Date To
F	3 Charlotte Regine Nemitz	12 May 1800	" "	"	12 May 1805	Date To
M	4 Carl Friedrich Nemitz	6 Feb 1804	" "	"	14 Apr 1809	Date To
M	5 Ernst Emanuel Nemitz	10 Feb 1806	" "	"		Date To
F	6 Caroline Friederike Nemitz	9 Jan 1808	" "	"	20 Apr 1809	Date To
F	7 Dorothea Maria Nemitz	20 May 1810	" "	"		Date To
	8					Date To
	9					Date To
	10					Date To
	11					Date To
	12					Date To
	13					Date To
	14					Date To
	15					Date To

of Stolp, Pom.Prus.

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? par.rec. inSt. Petri, Stolp en Vessin

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Germ.GEn.Org. Hildegard Heise Bellrode, Kr. Torgau

Bambin, Pom. Prus

Regina Dealing

HUSBAND'S Name (in Full) Christian Jacob Nemitz 1767
Anna Elisabeth Heise

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND:
Baptized 7 JUL 1953
Endowed 22 JUL 1953
Heir Hermann August Heise
Relationship of Heir 8 cous.i.l.

WIFE:
Baptized 7 JUL 1953
Endowed 22 JUL 1953
Sealed-to-Husband 9 DEC 1953 IF
Heir Hermann August Heise
Relationship of Heir 8 cous.

	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo Yr	*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet	BAPTIZED	ENDOWED	SEALED TO PARENTS
795	Neu Warbelow,Pom.	Prus.		Date To	7 JUL 1953	23 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
97	" "	"		Date To	7 JUL 1953	23 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
00	" "	"	12 May 1805	Date To	child	child	9 [illegible]
04	" "	"	14 Apr 1809	Date To	hild	child	9 DEC 1953 I
06	" "	"		Date To	7 JUL 1953	21 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 I
08	" "	"	20 Apr 1809	Date To	child	child	9 DEC 1953 I
10	" "	"		Date To	7 JUL 1953	23 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			

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ARCHIVE RECORD

HUSBAND NEMITZ, Peter

Born abt 1681 Place of Parpart, Pmmrn, Prss

Chr. Place

Marr. Place

Died Place

Bur. Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE NEMITZ, Mrs. Peter

Born abt 1685 Place of Parpart, Pmmrn, Prss

Chr. Place

Died Place

Bur. Place

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX	CHILDREN (List Each Child, Whether Living or Dead — Surname Capitalized — Order of Birth — Given Names)	WHEN BORN (Day, Month, Year)	WHERE BORN (Town)	County	State or Country	Date of First Marriage — To Whom
1 X F	NEMITZ, Maria *	abt 1713	of Parpart	Pmmrn	Prss	Nov 1734 ZOSKE, Heinrich
2						
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION Par Rec Malchow, Pmmrn, 16 Apr 1969

Pmmrn, Prss

Husband NEMITZ, Peter 1681

Wife Mrs.

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

Pmmrn. Prss

SL

WIFE'S MOTHER

WHERE BORN — Town	County	State or Country	Date of First Marriage — To Whom	When Died (Day, Month, Year)
of Parpart	Pmmrn	Prss	Nov 1734 ZOSKE, Heinrich	

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING RECORD

Linda Voll
1215 East 3rd South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE

VOLL, Linda Anna

Relation of F.R. to Husband: 6 gg dau

Relation of F.R. to Wife: 6 gg dau

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

	Baptized (Date)	Endowed (Date)	Sealed (Husband & Wife to Husband)
Husband	24 SEP 1969	16 OCT 1969	13 MAR 70 S
Wife	15 AUG 1969	29 AUG 1969	Sealed (Husband & Children to Parents)
	15 AUG 1969	29 AUG 1969	13 MAR 70 S

16 Apr 1969

ARCHIVE RECORD

Genealogical Data For Husband

HUSBAND MICHAEL NEMITZ

Birth 13 Feb 1796 Place Heinrichsfelde, Pomm., Pruss.

*Chr. Place

Death 8 Dec 1856 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Burial Place

Father Daniel Nemitz Mother† Dorothea Maria Wetzel

Married 7 Nov 1817 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

§Other Wives (If any)

Where was family record Par Rec. by Robert

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE DOROTHEA LOUISE HASE * –

Birth 18 Jan 1792 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

*Chr. Place

Death 9 Apr 1848 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Burial Place

Father Martin Hase * – Mother† Marie Liese Nemitz

§Other Hus. (If any)

Family Repre Reinhard

Name and ling this she Mrs. Mari 1991 Linc Salt Lake

Sex M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	List A
F	1 Nemitz Anna Christine Friederike /	15 Feb 1818	Tychow,	Pomm.	Pruss.		Date To
F	2 Nemitz * – Charlotte Caroline Louise /	20 Dec 1820	"	"	"	27 Jan 1853	Date To Chr
M	3 Nemitz Johann Carl Ferdinand /	9 Nov 1824	"	"	"	1 Feb 1869	Date To Joh
F	4 Wilhelmine Henriette Nemitz	29 Jan 1828	"	"	"		Date To
M	5 Nemitz Martin Michael Friedrich /	4 Apr 1831	"	"	"		Date To Aug
F	6 Nemitz Henriette Louise Auguste /	17 Apr 1838	"	"	"	30 Apr 1863	Date To Car
	7						Date To
	8						Date To
	9						Date To
	10						Date To
	11						Date To
	12						Date To
	13						Date To
	14						Date To
	15						Date To

Heinrichsfelde, Pomm., Pruss.

Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Dorothea Maria Wetzel
Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Marie Liese Nemitz

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Par Rec.
by Robert Scherwinski

Family Representative:
Reinhard K.W. Lawrenz

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Mrs. Marie Lawrenz
1991 Lincoln St.
Salt Lake City, Utah

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Michael Nemitz 1
Wife Dorothea Louise Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 5 July 19
Endowed 7 Aug 1963
1 cou 6 r
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 31 MAR 1962
Endowed 21 APR 1962
Sealed to Husband -1 APR 64 SL
2 cou 5 r
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
Tychow,	Pomm.	Pruss.		Date To	13 APR 1962	24 APR 1962	-1 APR 64 SL
"	"	"	27 Jan 1853	Date 13 Dec 1844 To Christian Friedrich Hase	13 APR 1962	24 APR 1962	-1 APR 64 SL
"	"	"	1 Feb 1869	Date To Johanna Friederike Seelow	17 APR 1962	11 MAY 1962	-1 APR 64 S
"	"	"		Date To	13 APR 1962	21 APR 1962	-1 APR 64
"	"	"		Date To August Wilhelmine Kaut	17 APR 1962	11 MAY 1962	-1 APR 64 S
"	"	"	30 Apr 1863	Date To Carl Seelow	13 APR 1962	21 APR 1962	-1 APR 64 S
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				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			

If applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name. Place Additional Generation and chronical Data on Reverse Side.

Genealogical Data For Husband

HUSBAND MICHAEL NEMITZ *

Birth 17 May 1771 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

*Chr. Place

Death 14 Sep 1849 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Burial Place

Father Daniel Nemitz * Mother‡ Liese Hase

Married 16 May 1794 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

‡Other Wives (If any)

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE MARIA ELISABETH HASE *

Birth 2 Sep 1776 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

*Chr. Place

Death 9 Oct 1849 Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.

Burial Place

Father Martin Hase * Mother‡ Ernestine Nudke

‡Other Hus. (If any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Par Reg.
by Robert Scherminski

Family Representative:
Reinhard K.W.Lawrenz

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Mrs. Marie Lawrenz
1991 Lincoln St.
Salt Lake City, Utah

ARCHIVE RECORD

Sex M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	(Flag) List Additional Rec.
F	1 Christliebe Nemitz	13 Oct 1795	Tychow, Pomm.	Pruss.		Date To
M	2 Gottfried Nemitz	17 Feb 1798	" "	"	28 Apr 1867	Date To Dorothe
F	3 Anna Maria Nemitz	5 Aug 1800	" "	"		Date To
M	4 Johann Nemitz	20 Jun 1804	" "	"		Date To Cathar
	5					Date To
	6					Date To
	7					Date To
	8					Date To
	9					Date To
	10					Date To
	11					Date To
	12					Date To
	13					Date To
	14					Date To
	15					Date To

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HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Michael Nemitz 17
Wife Maria Elisabeth Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 APR
Endowed 10 MAY
1 cou 6 r
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 31 MAR 1962
Endowed 21 APR 1962
Sealed to Husband 17 JAN 63
1 cou 5 r
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

IN Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
95	Tychow,	Pomm.	Pruss.		Date To	13 APR 1962	24 APR 1962	17 JAN 63 L
98	"	"	"	28 Apr 1867	Date To Dorothea Christina Sill	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	17 JAN 63 LA
00	"	"	"		Date To	13 APR 1962	24 APR 1962	17 JAN 63 L
04	"	"	"		Date To Catharina Friederike Mix	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	17 JAN 63
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			

HUSBAND 1) JOCHIM NEMITZ

Birth date ..... Place .....
Christening date 26 Apr 1761 Place Tychow, Pom.Prus.
Death date 4 Feb 1790 Place " " "
Burial date ..... Place .....
Husband's Father Daniel Nemitz Husb. Mother (Maiden Name) Liese Hase
Marriage date (Husb.) 11 Jan 1788 Place Tychow, Pom.Prus.
Other Wives of Husband (if any, list in order)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par.rec. Tychow

WIFE ANNE ZUELKE *

Birth date ..... Place .....
Christening date 18 Nov 1764 Place Tychow, Pom.Prus.
Death date 13 June 1835 Place Tychow,
Burial date ..... Place .....
Wife's Father Daniel Zuelke * Wife's Mother (Maiden Name) Marie Kleist
Other Husbands of Wife 2) Ernst Friedrich Hase 20 Oct 1791 *
(if any, list in order)

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Friedrich Hase
9 Temple Court
Mesa Ariz.

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Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet
M	1 Joachim Friedrich Nemitz	23 Apr 1790	Tychow, Pom.	Prus.	31 Mar 1849	Date 27 Oct 1820 To Maria Louise Hase
	2					Date To
	3					Date To
	4					Date To
	5					Date To
	6					Date To
	7					Date To
	8					Date To
	9					Date To
	10					Date To
	11					Date To
	12					Date To
	13					Date To
	14					Date To
	15					Date To

Tychow, Pom.Prus.
" " "

Father (Maiden Name) Liese Hase
Tychow, Pom.Prus.

Tychow, Pom.Prus.
Tychow,

Mother (Maiden Name) Marie Kleist
*

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par.rec. Tychow

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Friedrich Hase
9 Temple Court
Mesa Ariz.

HUSBAND'S Name (in Full) Jochim Nemitz 1761
Anne Zuelke *

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND:
Baptized 29 JAN 1955
Endowed 5 FEB 1955
Heir Hermann Friedrich Aug.Hasse
Relationship of Heir step 2 gg son

WIFE:
Baptized 5 MAR 1955
Endowed 10 MAR 1955
Sealed-to-Husband 13 DEC 1955 SL
Heir Hermann Friedrich Aug Hasse
Relationship of Heir 2 gg son

WHEN BORN Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet	BAPTIZED	ENDOWED	SEALED TO PARENTS
90	Tychow, Pom.	Prus.	31 Mar 1849	Date 27 Oct 1820 To Maria Louise Hase	29 JAN 1955	8 FEB 1955	13 DEC 1955
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				Date To			

ARCHIVE RECORD

Genealogical Data for Husband

HUSBAND JOACHIM FRIEDRICH NEMITZ *

Birth 23 Apr 1790 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
*Chr. Place
Death 31 Mar 1840 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Burial Place
Father Jochim Nemitz * Mother‡ Anne Zuelke
Married 27 Oct 1820 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
†Other Wives (if any)

Genealogical Data for Wife

WIFE MARIA LOUISE HASE

Birth abt 1795 Place of Tychow, Pom. Prus.
*Chr. Place
Death 31 Aug 1851 (see 96) Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
†Other Hus. (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? par.rec.

Family Representative: Hermann Fri

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Friedrich H 12 Temple Mesa, Ariz.

Sex M F		CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	(Fi List Addit R.
M	1	Johann Jacob Nemitz	1 Dec 1821	Tychow, Pom.	Prus.	1 Dec1821	Date To
F	2	Wilhelmine Elise Friederike Nemitz	15 Jan 1823	" "	"	16 Jan 1823	Date To
F	3	Anna Louise Friederike Nemitz	12 Apr 1824	" "	"		Date To
M	4	Daniel Friedrich Nemitz	9 Jan 1826	" "	"	9 Aug 1826	Date To
F	5	Caroline Wilhelmine Elisabeth Nemitz	4 Apr 1829	" "	"		Date To
F	6	Henriette Wilhelmine Louise Nemitz	18 Apr 1831	" "	"		Date To
M	7	Johann Friedrich August Nemitz	13 May 1836	" "	"	17 Feb 1837	Date To
	8						Date To
	9						Date To
	10						Date To
	11						Date To
	12						Date To
	13						Date To
	14						Date To
	15						Date To

Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Tychow, Pom. Prus.
‡ Anne Zuelke
Tychow, Pom. Prus.
of Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Tychow, Pom. Prus.
‡

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? par.rec.

Family Representative: Hermann FriedrichAugust Hase

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Friedrich Hase 12 Temple Ct. Mesa, Ariz.

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Joachim Friedrich Nemitz
Wife Maria Louise Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 29 Jan 1955
Endowed 8 Feb1955
gg neph.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 13 APR 1957
Endowed 29 APR 1957
Sealed to Husband 9 JAN 1958 AZ
gg neph.i.l.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temp
1	Tychow,	Pom.	Prus.	1 Dec1821	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
23	"	"	"	16 Jan 1823	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
824	"	"	"		Date To	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
6	"	"	"	9 Aug 1826	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
29	"	"	"		Date To	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
31	"	"	"		Date To	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
836	"	"	"	17 Feb 1837	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
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					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			
					Date To			

When applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name.

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side.

Genealogical Data For Husband

HUSBAND JOACHIM NEMITZ

Birth abt 1798 (ae 23) Place of Schlawe, Pom., Prus.

*Chr. Place

Death Place

Burial Place

Father Mother‡

Married 11 May 1821 Place Schlawe, Pom., Prus.

‡Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained: Par. Rec.

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE HELENA LOUISA LAMOTH *

Birth 29Nov 1800 Place Warschow, Pom., Prus.

*Chr. Place

Death Place

Burial Place

Father Christian Lamoth * Mother‡ Anna Dorothea Bruder

‡Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative: Hermann F

Name and address of person submitting this sheet: Friedrich 215 E 5 Mesa, Ari

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Sex M F		CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	List Ad
M	1	Wilhelm Friedrich Nemitz	10 Nov 1821	Warschow,	Pom.,	Prus		Date To
M	2	Johann Ferdinand Nemitz	17 Dec 1823	"	"	"	31 Dec 1823	Date To
M	3	Johann August Nemitz	20 Aug 1825	"	"	"	21 Dec 1826	Date To
M	4	Christian Ludwig Nemitz	11 Oct 1827	"	"	"	27 Oct 1827	Date To
M	5	Heinrich Ewald Nemitz	16 July 1831	"	"	"		Date To
M	6	Johann Jacob Nemitz	25 Oct 1833	"	"	"	16 Apr1841	Date To
M	7	Julius Daniel Ferdinand Nemitz	13 June 1836	"	"	"		Date To
M	8	Carl Albert Nemitz	4June 1839	"	"	"		Date To
F	9	Wilhelmine Friederike Nemitz	13 Nov 1841	"	"	"		Date To
	10							Date To
	11							Date To
	12							Date To
	13							Date To
	14							Date To
	15							Date To

Schlawe, Pom., Prus.

Schlawe, Pom., Prus.

Warschow, Pom., Prus.

Dorothea Bruder

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

Par. Rec. Schlawe

Family Representative: Hermann Friedrich A. Haase

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Friedrich Haase 215 E 5 Ave. Mesa, Ariz.

1798

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Joachim Nemitz

Wife Helena Louisa Lamoth

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND

Baptized 8 JUN 1957

Endowed 28 JUN 1957

88 neph.i.l.

(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE

Baptized 5 Mar1955

Endowed 16 Mar 1955

Sealed to Husband 12 SEP 63 AZ

88 neph.

(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
Warschow,	Pom.,	Prus		Date To	8 JUN 1957	28 JUN 1957	12 SEP '63 A
"	"	"	31 Dec 1823	Date To	child	child	12 SEP '63 AZ
"	"	"	21 Dec 1826	Date To	child	child	12 SEP '63
"	"	"	27 Oct 1827	Date To	child	child	12 SEP '63 A
"	"	"		Date To	8 JUN 1957	28 JUN 1957	12 SEP '63 A
"	"	"	16 Apr1841	Date To	child	child	12 SEP '63 A
"	"	"		Date To	8 JUN 1957	28 JUN 1957	12 SEP '63 A
"	"	"		Date To	8 JUN 1957	28 JUN 1957	12 SEP '63 AZ
"	"	"		Date To	1 Apr 1957	16 Apr 1957	12 SEP '63
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			

ARCHIVE RECORD

HUSBAND HANS NEMITZ

Birth — Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.
*Chr. 28 Jul 1726 — Place
Death 13 Jan 1781 — Place Hainrichsfalde, Pomm., Pruss.
Burial — Place
Father Jochim Nemitz — Mother Marie Liese Hase
Married 24 Oct 1754 — Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.
(Other Wives (If any))

WIFE LENORE HASE * —

Birth — Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.
*Chr. 14 May 1730 — Place " " "
Death 21 Jun 1812 — Place " " "
Burial — Place
Father Michel Hase * — Mother Catharina Hase
(Other Hus. (If any))

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? Par Rec. by Robert Scherwinski

Family Representative: Reinhard K.W. Lawrenz

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Mrs. Marie Lawrenz, 1991 Lincoln St., Salt Lake City, Utah

Sex M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	List Additional Marriages
M	1 Jochim Nemitz	chr	4 Mar 1753	Tychow,	Pomm.	Pruss.	14 Apr 1793	Date To Maria
F	2 Trine Nemitz *—	chr	12 Jan 1755	"	"	"	6 Dec 1812	Date To Juerg
M	3 Daniel Nemitz	chr	8 Jan 1758	"	"	"	22 Dec 1829	Date To Dorot
F	4 Marie Liese Nemitz *—	chr	14 Feb 1762	"	"	"		Date To Marti
M	5 Johann Nemitz	chr	26 Dec 1764	"	"	"	30 Jan 1767	Date To
M	6 Michel Nemitz		27 Feb 1767	"	"	"	28 Oct 1836	Date To Anna
	7							Date To
	8							Date To
	9							Date To
	10							Date To
	11							Date To
	12							Date To
	13							Date To
	14							Date To
	15							Date To

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Hans Nemitz 176
Wife Lenore Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 APR 1962
Endowed ~~10 MAY 1962~~
5 gg neph 1½
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 13 APR 1962
Endowed 24 APR 1962
Sealed to Husband ~~-7 FEB 63 LA~~
5 gg neph
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
Tychow,	Pomm.	Pruss.	14 Apr 1793	Date To Maria Wetzel	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	-7 FEB 63 LA
"	"	"	6 Dec 1812	Date 1 May 1783 To Juergen Hase	13 APR 1962	21 APR 1962	-7 FEB 63 LA
"	"	"	22 Dec 1829	Date To Dorothea Marie Wetzel	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	-7 FEB 63 LA
"	"	"		Date 2 Nov 1780 To Martin Hase	13 APR 1962	24 APR 1962	-7 FEB 63 LA
"	"	"	30 Jan 1767	Date To	child	child	-7 FEB 63 LA
"	"	"	28 Oct 1836	Date To Anna Sophie Nemitz	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	-7 FEB 63 LA
				Date To			
				Date To			
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				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			

ARCHIVE RECORD

Genealogical Data for Husband

HUSBAND GEORG NEMITZ

Birth 6 Dec 1796 Place Heinrichrichsfelde, Pom., Prus.

*Chr. Place

Death 10 Feb 1871 Place Tychow, Pom., Prus.

Burial Place

Father Michel Nemitz Mother Anna Sophie Nemitz

Married 16 Feb 1827 Place Tychow, Pom., Prus.

[Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on family record? Par.Rec.

Genealogical Data for Wife

WIFE ANNA CHRISTINA HASE *

Birth 29 Oct 1799 Place Tychow, Pom., Prus.

*Chr. Place

Death 31 Jan 1884 Place Tychow, Pom., Prus.

Burial Place

Father Christian Hase *- Mother Anna Marie Uunasch

[Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative: Hermann Friedrich A. Haase

Name and address of person submitting this sheet: Friedrich Haase, 216 E 5 Ave., Mesa, Ariz.

Sex M F		CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	List A
F	1	Wilhelmine Charlotte Nemitz	14 Aug 1823	Tychow,	Pom.,	Prus.	21 Jan 1842	Date To
M	2	Johann Michael Friedrich Nemitz	26 Apr 1827	"	"	"	21 Apr 1828	Date To
F	3	Friederike Caroline Nemitz	9 Aug 1829	"	"	"		Date To
M	4	Carl Christian August Nemitz	1831	"	"	"	(ae 5½) 13 Jan 1837	Date To
F	5	Louise Henriette Nemitz	15 Sep1834	"	"	"		Date To
M	6	Stillborn son Nemitz	5 Jan 1837	"	"	"		Date To
F	7	Maria Elise Nemitz	28 Oct 1837	"	"	"	29 Oct 1837	Date To
M	8	Martin Hermann Nemitz twins	28 Oct1837	"	"	"	29 Oct 1837	Date To
M	9	Johann Carl Friedrich Nemitz	7 July 1839	"	"	"		Date To
F	10	Marie Auguste Nemitz	29 Mar 1842	"	"	"	30ct 1867	Date To
M	11	Friedrich Ernst Heinrich Nemitz twins	29 Mar 1842					Date To
F	12	Friederike Louise Albertine/ Nemitz	18 Dec 1844	"	"	"		Date To
	13							Date To
	14							Date To
	15							Date To

When applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X"

1796

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Georg Nemitz

Wife Anna Christina Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND

Baptized 8 JUN 1957

Endowed 28 JUN 1957

7 cous.1.1.

(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE

Baptized 20 APR 1957

Endowed 14 MAY 1957

Sealed to Husband 9 JAN 1958 A?

7 cous.

(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Data on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
Tychow,	Pom.,	Prus.	21 Jan 1842	Date To	1 APR 1957	16 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"	21 Apr 1828	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"		Date To	1 APR 1957	16 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"	(ae 5½) 13 Jan 1837	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"		Date To	1 APR 1957	15 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"		Date To	stillborn		do not se
"	"	"	29 Oct 1837	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"	29 Oct 1837	Date To	child	child	9 JAN 1958
"	"	"		Date To	8 JUN 1957	28 JUN 1957	9 JAN 19
"	"	"	30ct 1867	Date To	30 MAR 1957	19 APR 1957	9 JAN 195
				Date To	8 JUN 1957	2 JUL 1957	9 JAN 195
"	"	"		Date To	1 APR 1957	16 APR 1957	9 JAN 1
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			

Husband

Birth 16 Jan 1798 Place Heinrichsfelde, Pom. Prus.
*Chr. Place
Death 23 Dec 1870 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Burial Place
Father Daniel Nemitz Mother‡ Dorothea Maria Wetzel
Married 27 Oct 1820 Place Tychow, Pom.Prus.
‡Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? Par.rec. Tychow

Genealogical Data for Wife

WIFE CHARLOTTE SOPHIE HASE *
Birth 14 Dec 1797 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
*Chr. Place
Death 13 Oct 1850 Place Tychow Pom. Prus.
Burial Place
Father Georg Hase Mother‡ Trine Wetzel
‡Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative: Hermann Friedrich August Hase
Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Friedrich Hase, 12 Temple Ct., Mesa Ariz.

ARCHIVE RECORD

Sex M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	(First List Additional Marriages on Reverse Side of Sheet)
F	1 Anna Wilhelmine Friederike / Nemitz	30 Aug 1820	Tychow Pomerania,	Prus.		Date To
F	2 Charlotte Louise Henriette / Nemitz	6 July 1822	" "	"		Date To
F	3 Johanna Caroline Nemitz	28 Aug 1824	" "	"	18 Feb 1869	Date To Carl
F	4 Stillborn daughter Nemitz	19 Nov 1826	" "	"		Date To
F	5 Auguste Wilhelmine Christine / Nemitz	28 Jan 1830	" "	"		Date To
F	6 Julianna Dorothea Maria Nemitz	12 Jan 1834	" "	"		Date To
	7					Date To
	8					Date To
	9					Date To
	10					Date To
	11					Date To
	12					Date To
	13					Date To
	14					Date To
	15					Date To

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When applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front o

Heinrichsfelde, Pom. Prus.
Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Dorothea Maria Wetzel
Tychow, Pom.Prus.
Tychow, Pom. Prus.
Tychow Pom. Prus.
Trine Wetzel

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? Par.rec. Tychow

Family Representative: Hermann Friedrich August Hase
Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Friedrich Hase, 12 Temple Ct., Mesa Ariz.

1798

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Daniel Nemitz
Wife Charlotte Sophie Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 28 FEB 1957
Endowed 28 JAN 1957
4 cous.i.l.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 23 MAR 1957
Endowed 29 MAR 1957
Sealed to Husband 9 JAN 1958 AZ
4 cous.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

BORN Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
1820	Tychow Pomerania,	Prus.		Date To	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
1822	" "	"		Date To	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 1958
1824	" "	"	18 Feb 1869	Date To Carl Kossanke	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 195
1826	" "	"		Date To	stillborn		do not se
1830	" "	"		Date To	1 DEC 1956	6 FEB 1957	9 JAN 1958
1834	" "	"		Date To	13 APR 1957	29 APR 1957	9 JAN 195
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				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			
				Date To			

HUSBAND DANIEL NEMITZ
Birth 10 Mar 1771 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Michael Nemitz Mother‡ Sophie Wudke
Married 18 Sep 1801 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
†Other Wives (if any)

WIFE DOROTHEA HASE *
Birth 15 Oct 1781 Place Tychow, Pom. Prus.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Joachim Hase * Mother‡ Sophie Wetzel
†Other Hus. (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Par.rec. Tychow

Family Representative:
Hermann Friedrich Aug.Hasse
Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Friedrich Hasse
12 Temple Ct.
Mesa, Ariz.

Sex M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
M	1 Michael Nemitz	15 Oct 1801	Tychow, Pom.	Prus.		Date To	17 JUN 1957	7 SEP 1957	6 MAR 1958
M	2 Joachim Nemitz	15 Aug 1804	" "	"	18 Aug 1804	Date To	child	child	6 MAR 1958
F	3 Hedwig Louise Nemitz	10 Dec1805	"	"	22 June 1806	Date To	child	child	6 MAR 1958
F	4 Wilhelmine Christine Nemitz	16 Apr1808	" "	"	31 Mar 1812	Date To	child	child	6 MAR 1958
M	5 Johann Gottlieb Nemitz	6 June 1811	" "	"		Date To	17 JUN 1957	1 SEP 1957	6 MAR 1958
	6					Date To			
	7					Date To			
	8					Date To			
	9					Date To			
	10					Date To			
	11					Date To			
	12					Date To			
	13					Date To			
	14					Date To			
	15					Date To			

HUSBAND'S 1771
Name (in full) Daniel Nemitz
Wife Dorothea Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 2 FEB 1957
Endowed 2 JUN 1957
2 gg neph.1.1.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 5 Mar 1955
Endowed 16 Mar 1955
Sealed to Husband 6 MAR 1958 A7
2 gg neph.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

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HUSBAND DANIEL NEMITZ

Birth — Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.
*Chr. 21 Sep 1729 — Place
Death — Place
Burial — Place
Father Hans Nemitz — Mother† Marie Kniephoff
Married 10 Feb 1757 — Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.
(Other Wives (if any))

WIFE LIESE HASE *~

Birth — Place Tychow, Pomm., Pruss.
*Chr. 13 Mar 1735 — Place " " "
Death 2 Oct 1804 — Place " " "
Burial — Place
Father Michel Hase * — Mother† Catharina Hase
(Other Hus. (if any))

Where was information shown on this family record obtained? Par Rec. by Robert Scherwinski

Family Representative: Reinhard K.W. Lawrenz

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Mrs. Marie Lawrenz, 1991 Lincoln St., Salt Lake City, Utah

Sex M F	CHILDREN — List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	List Additional Marriages (First Husband or Wife) Reverse
F	1 Anne Nemitz	chr	22 Mar 1758	Tychow,	Pomm.	Pruss.	bur 25 Aug 1758	Date To
F	2 Louise Nemitz	chr	29 Jul 1759	"	"	"	22 Apr 1783	Date To
M	3 Jochim Nemitz *	chr	26 Apr 1761	"	"	"	4 Feb 1790	Date 11 To Anne Zue
M	4 Daniel Nemitz	chr	20 Nov 1763	"	"	"	18 Jul 1812	Date To Maria U
M	5 Hans Nemitz		27 Nov 1766	"	"	"	27 Dec 1766	Date To
F	6 Marie Nemitz *		1 Apr 1768	"	"	"	5 Dec 1819	Date 30 To Jacob H
M	7 son Nemitz (stillborn)		14 Feb 1770	"	"	"		Date To
M	8 Michael Nemitz *~		17 Nov 1771	"	"	"	14 Sep 1849	Date 16 To Maria E
	9							Date To
	10							Date To
	11							Date To
	12							Date To
	13							Date To
	14							Date To
	15							Date To

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Daniel Nemitz 172
Wife Liese Hase

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 APR 1962
Endowed 18 MAY 1962
5 gg neph 11
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 13 APR 1962
Endowed 24 APR 1962
Sealed to Husband 12 MAR 63 LA
5 gg neph
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
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59	"	"	"	22 Apr 1783	Date To	13 APR 1962	21 APR 1962	12 MAR 63 LA
61	"	"	"	4 Feb 1790	Date 11 Jan 1768 To Anne Zuelke	29 Jan 1955	5 Feb 1955	12 MAR 63 LA
63	"	"	"	18 Jul 1812	Date To Maria Unnasch	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	12 MAR 63 LA
66	"	"	"	27 Dec 1766	Date To	child	child	12 MAR 63 LA
68	"	"	"	5 Dec 1819	Date 30 Oct 1789 To Jacob Hase	10 Nov 1956	6 Feb 1957	12 MAR 63 LA
70	"	"	"		Date To	stillborn		do not seal
71	"	"	"	14 Sep 1849	Date 16 May 1794 To Maria Elisabeth Hase	17 APR 1962	10 MAY 1962	12 MAR 63 LA
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					Date To			

Place applicable indicate which child is ancestor to family Representative by placing "A" in front of name — Place Additional Genealogical and Biological Data on Reverse

ARCHIVE RECORD

HUSBAND Mr. NEMITZ
Birth abt 1785 Place of Brunow Stubenberg Westpr. Pruss.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother?
Married Place
(Other Wives (if any))

WIFE HENRIETTE CAROLINE MARQUARDT *
Birth 30 Oct 1790 Place of Brunow Stubenberg Westpr. Pruss.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Christoph Marquardt * Mother? Hedwig Elisabeth Borck
(Other Wives (if any))

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
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Family Representative:
Friedrich C
Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Mrs. Ephrai
Rt. 2 Box 4
Provo, Utah

Sex M F	Children: List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	When Born Day	Mo.	Yr.	Where Born Town	County	State or Country	Died Day	Mo.	Yr.	List Additional Marriages
M	1 Johann Christoph Nemitz (twins)	17 Feb 1807			Brunow Stubenberg /	Westpr.	Pruss.				Date To
F	2 Anna Charlotte Friedericke Nemitz	17 Feb 1807			"	"	"				Date To
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of Brunow Stubenberg Westpr. Pruss.

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Family Representative:
Friedrich Carl Borbe
Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Mrs. Ephraim A. Liechty
Rt. 2 Box 427
Provo, Utah

of Brunow Stubenberg Westpr. Pruss.

Hedwig Elisabeth Borck

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Mr. Nemitz
Wife Henriette Caroline Marquardt

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 9 July 1934
Endowed 15 Dec 1934
rel. i 1
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 10 Dec 1934
Endowed 12 Dec 1934
Sealed to Husband 6 Mar 1935
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

Yr.	Where Born Town	County	State or Country	Died Day	Mo.	Yr.	Married (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	Baptized (Date)	Endowed (Date)	Sealed To Parents Date & Temple
	Brunow Stubenberg /	Westpr.	Pruss.				Date To	9 July 1934	19 Dec 1934	17 MAY 1957
1807	"	"	"				Date To	8 OCT 1955	2 JUL 1956	17 MAY 1957
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[DEW's note] → Search for farm where William Hamity lived in Illinois

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The county atlas: a valuable local resource for the genealogist

ARTHUR LOUIS FINNELL, CGRS

The United States Rectangular Land Survey System, established by the Northwest Ordinance of 1785, introduced an orderly system of laying out the public domain. Survey lines running north and south ("meridians") and east and west ("base lines") were superimposed on the map of the United States. Thirty six square mile townships were laid out parallel to the meridian and base lines and subdivided into 36 "sections" of one mile square. These were numbered consecutively from 1 to 36, beginning in the northeast corner.

As westward expansion took place this land survey system influenced or determined the location of roads, railroad lines, towns and settlements; was followed in establishing property boundaries and in some cases, location of buildings.

Its influence is evident when you look at the county plat books and atlases published the last 100 years and those being published today.

A typical atlas is a bound collection of township maps, each township having its own page or pages, with the names of owners entered on each parcel of land within the township. Roads, railroad lines, villages, cities and physical features of the land are identified. Standardized symbols identify churches, cemeteries, and schools. Farm buildings are occasionally drawn in on individual parcels. Published atlases may be unadorned or elaborately drafted and illustrated, but all contain this basic information.

The book, *Windows to the Past, a Bibliography of Minnesota County Atlases*, by Mai Treude[1], provides a useful guide to these early records. The Minnesota Historical Society has a good collection of early county atlases on microfilm. These are available for viewing at the MHS library, on inter-library loan, or for purchase at reasonable cost. The MHS library also has a smattering of early county atlases from other states.

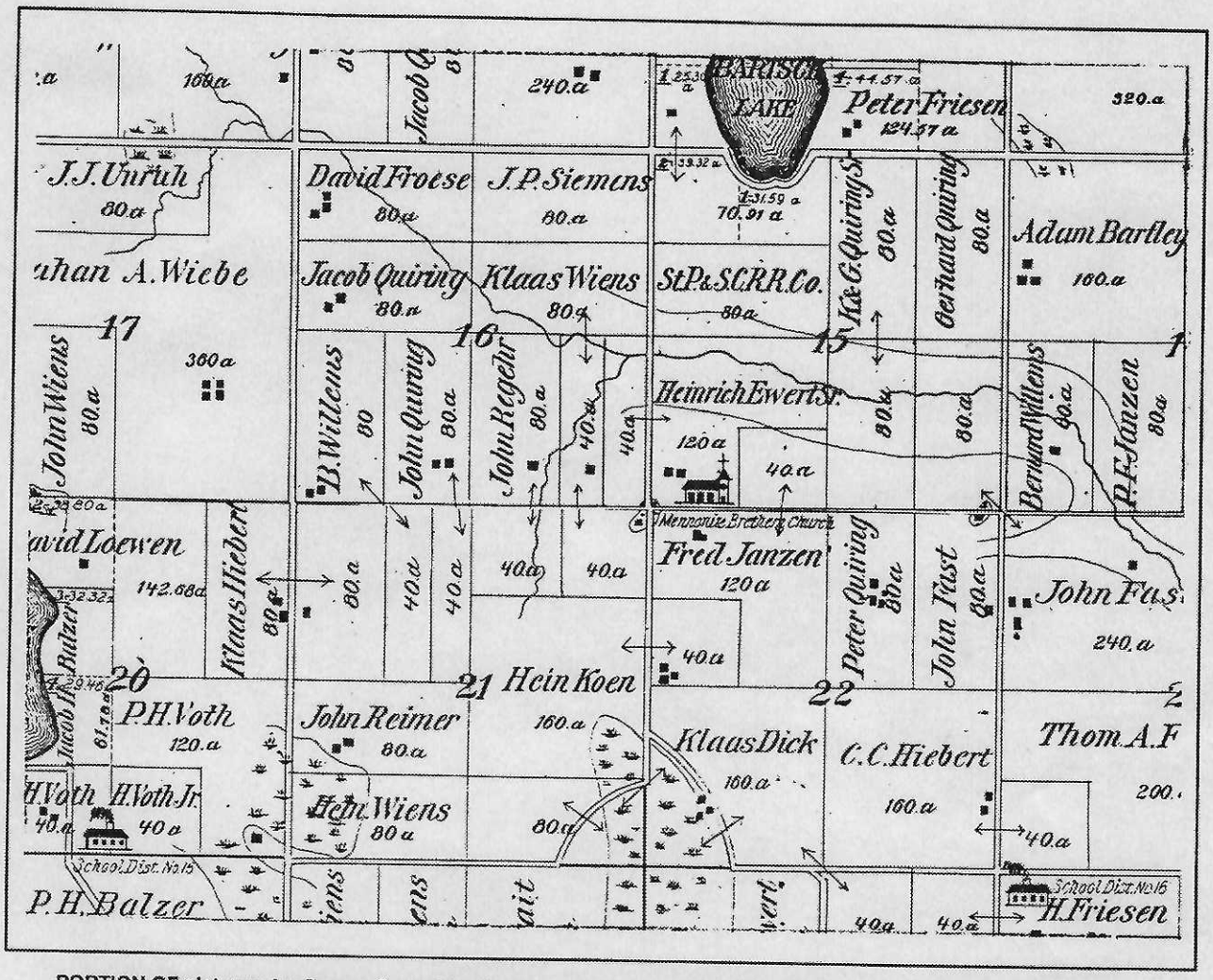
Plat maps and atlases can and should be used by the researcher. Genealogists have always known their value for ferreting out local information. The major problem has been the limited availability of the maps themselves and lack of guides to the information they include - few published atlases contain an every name index of land owners.

Plat maps provide invaluable clues to past settlement and residence. If you know the general area in which your ancestors lived, you may be able to find their exact location on the township map which will provide a number of clues for further research. You may find the church in which they were married or their children baptized. If you don't know the church, one located in the area of their residence will give you a place to start to check cemetery transcriptions and church records[2]. Many of these churches may no longer be in use and you will need to do some digging to find extant records.

SIX SQUARE MILE township with mile-square sections numbered

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

1. Published by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota, 1980: Minneapolis.
2. The *Minnesota Genealogical Periodical Index: a County Guide*, by the author, 1987, reprinted by the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and the indexes to *Minnesota Genealogist* will be useful in locating transcripts of cemetery and church records.



PORTION OF plat map for Carson Township, Cottonwood County. Note the two schools in the lower corners and the Mennonite Brethern Church in the center. The names Voth, Wiens and Friesen are repeated here. Related?

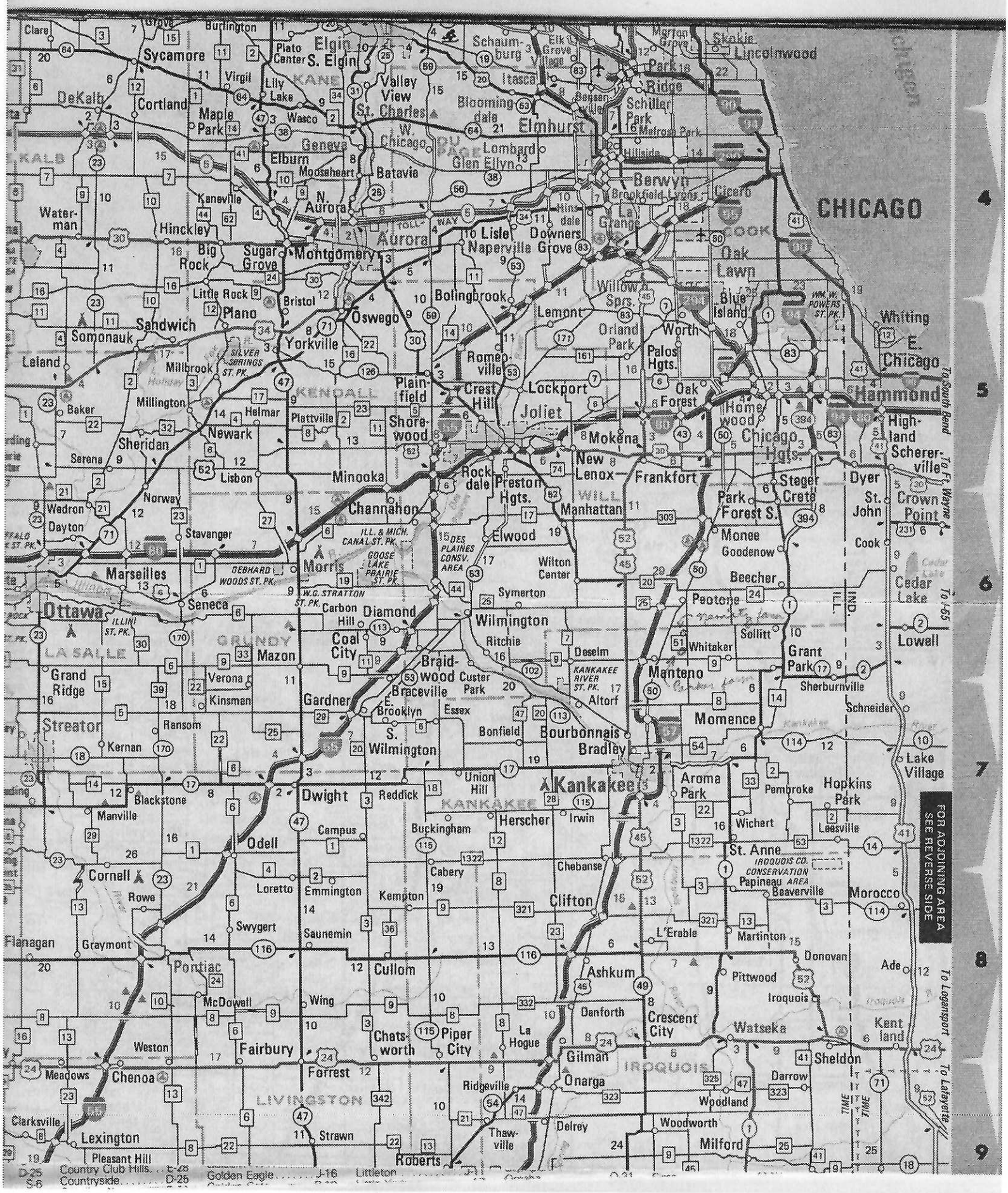
You may find others with the same name nearby, or persons of the same ethnic heritage – giving you a lead to country/area of origin. Since these atlases have been published with varying degreees of frequency over the years, you can trace generations of a family as children take property of their own, or other relatives settle nearby. The family name and names of neighbors can lead you to research in local newspapers for obituaries and news items that will fill in the picture of the neighborhood and your ancestors.

Searching local deed records and tax lists may lead you to yet more records that will be help in your search.

In summary, county maps and atlases give the researcher a real "bird's eye" view of a community over time. They can provide a wealth of information and provide for hours of worthwhile armchair traveling around your ancestor's neighborhood.

Editor's Note: The Minnesota Genealogical Society is currently taking pre-publication orders for the following Every Name Indexes: the 1896 *Plat Map of Cottonwood County*, 1886 *Plat Map of Faribault County*, 1887 *Plat Map of Jackson County*, 1902 *Plat Map of Lyon County* and 1886 *Plat Map of Rock County*, Minnesota. Each volume includes reprints of selected maps. Publications are $10.00 each until April 1, and $12.00 thereafter. Orders may be picked up at the June 1990 membership meeting in Bemidji, or will be mailed shortly thereafter.

[Locations of Nemitz and Parker farms between Manteno and Peotone, south of Chicago and north of Kankakee]*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Translation by the editor, using Google resources: "group of songs for Sunday schools and youth clubs"

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für

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und

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1897

[apparently]
Edith S.
Nemits [DEW's
mother]
Green Garden
[township],*
Illinois
1897

* Will County, Illinois,
now part of
Peotone Community School
District 207-U.

Editor's Note

The next seven pages (50-56) appear to contain handouts Dad received when attending one or more meetings for interested family history researchers — most likely the Pomeranian Interest Group of the Minnesota Genealogical Society (in which he was particularly active) but possibly the Germanic Genealogy Society (also located in Minnesota; see https://ggsmn.org/index.php, which I accessed today). The individual who presented these materials is unknown to me.

I was especially interested in Dad's use of the sample family group sheet to create his own records for Heinrich Nemitz and Wilhelm Friedrich Nemitz (see pp. 56-57). He certainly was a teacher's dream of a model student!

Tom Witheridge
December 10, 2022

[See editor's note on previous page]

Pomerania

Time Line of Pomerania area

In 104-44 B.C., Pomerania area called "Germania."
This was time of the Roman Republic.

In 120 A.D., Pomerania area called "Germany."
This was time of the Roman Empire

In 1140, Pomerania area was partly in "German-Roman" or "Holy Roman Empire" and partly in "Kingdom of Poland."
This was time of the Crusades.

In 1360, Pomerania area was partly in "Holy Roman Empire." (and partly (east) in "Teutonic Knights"?)

In 1560, Pomerania area was in "Holy Roman Empire." (and partly (east) in "Kingdom of Poland"?)

In 1648, Pomerania area was in "Holy Roman Empire."

In 1721, Pomerania area was in "Brandenburg," (possession of the King of Prussia)

* In 1810, Pomerania area was in "Prussia."

* In 1815, Pomerania area was in "Prussia."

* In 1871, Pomerania area was in "Kingdom of Prussia."

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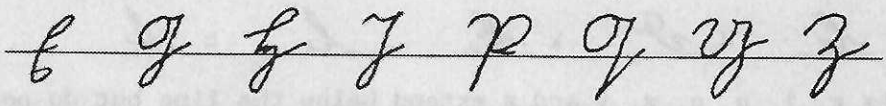

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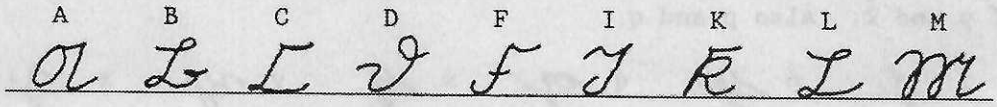
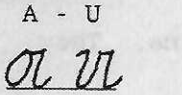


N O R S T U V W X

The letters L, O, R, X and Z are similar to Latin characters. The letter E looks a lot like the Latin letter C.

Look for similarities and differences in the following letters.

A - U



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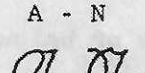

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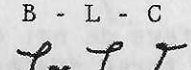

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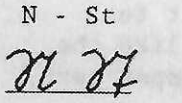

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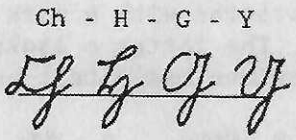

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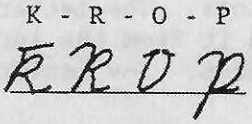

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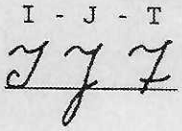

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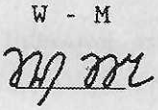


LOWERCASE GOTHIC LETTERS

The consonants b, d, k, l and t extend high above the line and do not go below the line. The are commonly occurring consonants. The letters b, d, k and l are similar to Latin characters and are usually easier to spot.

b d k l t

The consonants g, j, p, q, x, y and z extend below the line but do not extend high above the line. Most of these (other than q and x) are also commonly occurring consonants. Be careful with g, p and y. Also be careful of p and x. Also p and q.

g j p q x y z

The consonants f, h and s extend high above and below the line. These are all very common consonants and are all very similar. Sometimes they are easy to tell apart, sometimes almost impossible.

f h s

The letter s is a special letter in Gothic script, in that it has two forms. One form tends to be found in the middle of words, while the other tends to be at the end of words (or at the end of word parts which make up composite words).

s (middle) s (end) incl. end of parts of compound words

The rest of the letters do not extend high above or below the line. They can be divided into three groups.

Letters c, e, i, m, n and u in the first group are made up of straight lines. The letter u is written with a mark over it to distinguish it from the letter n. The letter e looks much like the Latin letter n. The letter c sometimes has a tail on its upper part.

c e i m n u

The letters a and o in the second group have rounded parts.

a o

The letters r, v and w in the third group are consonants with similarities.

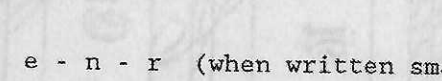
r v w

The s-tset (sz) looks like English B. It is now used to indicate a double s.

ss

Look for similarities and differences in the following letters.

a - c - e - i - m - n - u



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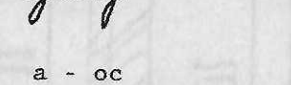

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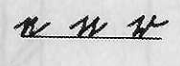

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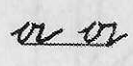

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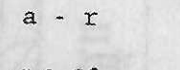

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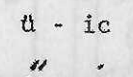

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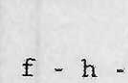

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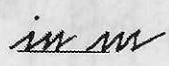

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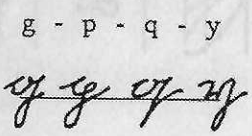

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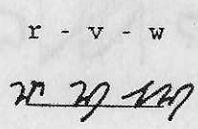
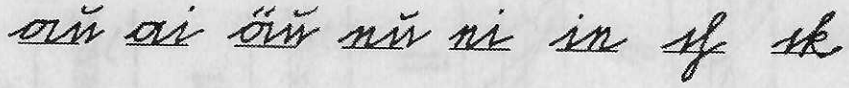


The following are commonly occurring letter combinations in German.

au ai äu eu ei ie ch ck



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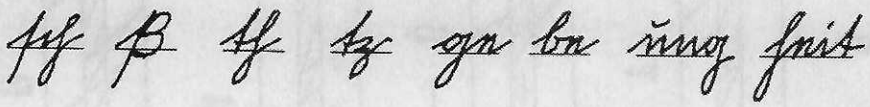
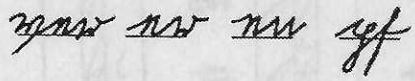
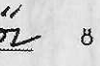
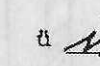


ver er en pf



The sounds of the German vowels a, o and u are modified by putting an umlaut over the vowel (i.e. ä, ö and ü). Use of the umlaut is equivalent in German to putting an e after the affected vowel, i.e. ae, oe and ue. In fact, some German dictionaries alphabetize umlauted vowels as if the vowel was followed by an e.

ä  ö ü 

Das kleine Alphabet.

a b c d e f g h i j

k l m n o p q r s ſ

t u v w x y z — ß ß

ä ö ü au äu eu

ei ai ch sch st qu

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Das große Alphabet.

A B C D E F G H

I J K L M N O P

Q R S T U V W

X Y Z — Ä Ö Ü

Au Äu Eu Ei

Ch Sch St Qu

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Ehemann Heinrich NEMITZ

	Tag Monat Jahr	Stadt / Kreis / Staat oder Land
Geburt	ca. 1800	Ort Deutschland
Sterbe		Ort
Beerdigung		Ort
Heiratsdatum		Ort

Vater / Mutter

Ehefrau Henriette ——

	Tag Monat Jahr	Stadt / Kreis / Staat oder Land
Geburt	23 - 2 - 1800	Ort Deutschland
Sterbe	22 - 11 - 1888	Ort Bay County, Michigan, U.S.A.
Beerdigung		Ort

Religion Evangelisch

Vater / Mutter

Kinder (Geben Sie alle Kinder an in der Reihenfolge ihrer Geburt (ob lebend oder verstorben))	Geburtsdatum Tag Monat Jahr	Geburtsort Stadt / Kreis / Staat oder Land	Heirats der 1 Ehe	Sterbedatum Tag Monat Jahr	Beerdigungs Ort Stadt / Kreis / Staat oder Land
1 Johanna	9 - 8 - 1833	Deutschland	datum	30 - 8 - 1894	Bay Co., Michigan, U.S.A.
Ehe. Johann Friedrich TOMKE	? - 10 - 1829	Deutschland	Ort Deutschland	24 - 5 - 1897	Bay Co., Michigan, U.S.A.
2 Wilhelm Friedrich	3 - 8 - 1835	Dammen, Stolp, Pommer	1856	3 - 1 - 1921	Beecher, Illinois, U.S.A.
Ehe. Theresa JACOBS	20 - 7 - 1843	Dammen, Stolp, Pommer	Deutschland	24 - 12 - 1885	Illinois, U.S.A.
3 Ferdinand		Deutschland		nach 1925	Deutschland
Ehe.					
4 [Sohn]		Deutschland		nach 1921	Deutschland
Ehe.					
5 Ernst	1 - 12 - 1848	Deutschland		20 - 4 - 1901	Crawford Co, Iowa, U.S.A.
Ehe. Wilhelmina KNUTH	26 - 12 - 1841	Deutschland		17 - 11 - 1899	Crawford Co., Iowa, U.S.A.
6 Wilhelmina	17 - 3 - 1851	Stolp, Stolp, Pommer		2 - 7 - 1925	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.
Ehe. Karl SCHROEDER		Deutschland	Stolp, Stolp, Pommer	23 - 3 - 1893	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.
7					
Ehe.					
8					
Ehe.					
9					
Ehe.					
10					
Ehe.					

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Ehemann Wilhelm Friedrich NEMITZ			Ehefrau Theresa JACOBS		
Tag Monat Jahr	Stadt Kreis Staat oder Land		Tag Monat Jahr	Stadt Kreis Staat oder Land	
Geburt 3 - 8 - 1835	Ort Dammen, Stolp, Pommer		Geburt 20 - 7 - 1843	Ort Dammen, Stolp, Pommer	
Sterbe 3 - 1 - 1921	Ort Beecher, Illinois, U.S.A.		Sterbe 24 - 12 - 1885	Ort Illinois, U.S.A.	
Beerdigung	Ort Peotone, Illinois, U.S.A.		Beerdigung	Ort	
Heiratsdatum 1856	Ort Deutschland			Religion Evangelisch	

Vater Heinrich NEMITZ / Mutter Henriette ——— | Vater ——— / Mutter Augusta ———

Kinder (Geben Sie alle Kinder an in der Reihenfolge ihrer Geburt (ob lebend oder verstorben))	Geburtsdatum Tag Monat Jahr	Geburtsort Stadt Kreis Staat oder Land	Heirats der 1 Ehe	Sterbedatum Tag Monat Jahr	Beerdigungs Ort Stadt Kreis Staat oder Land
1 Bertha Theresa	9-7-1866	Stolp, Stolp, Pommer	datum 31-12-1889	14-2-1951	Saskatchewan, Canada
Ehe. Herman Martin TOMKE	26-11-1866	Stolp, Stolp, Pommer	Ort Crown Point, Ind., U.S.A.	3-11-1916	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.
2 Emma	6-6-1869	Deutschland	vor 1893	7-9-1901	Peotone, Illinois, U.S.A.
Ehe. Wilhelm SCHROEDER					
3 Mary Augusta	19-4-1875	Peotone, Illinois, U.S.A.	1893	28-12-1921	Saskatchewan, Canada
Ehe. John Stephen REID	24-1-1875	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.	Bay City, Mich., U.S.A.	5-4-1947	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.
4 Louise Theresa	13-4-1877	Manteno, Illinois, U.S.A.	24-6-1902	15-9-1959	Joliet, Illinois, U.S.A.
Ehe. John STORCH	11-11-1878	Peotone, Illinois, U.S.A.	Bay City, Mich., U.S.A.	14-7-1956	Joliet, Illinois, U.S.A.
5 William John Ernest	29-3-1880	Manteno, Illinois, U.S.A.	3-9-1903	6-7-1959	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
Ehe. Edith ZAMZOW					
6 Edith Sophia	16-10-1883	Peotone, Illinois, U.S.A.	16-6-1909	3-4-1961	Saginaw, Michigan, U.S.A.
Ehe. William Allen WITHERIDGE	23-1-1881	Porth, Glamorgan, Wales	Bay City, Mich., U.S.A.	25-5-1963	Saginaw, Michigan, U.S.A.
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2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
January 4, 1964

Will County Clerk
Joliet, Illinois

N.U.

Dear Sir:

According to information I have, my mother, Edith Sophia Nemitz, was born in Peotone, Illinois, on Oct. 16, 1883.

I do not have much information about her parents, and I hope your records will give this.

Please send me a birth certificate for my mother, including whatever you have about her mother and father.

I am not sure what the fee is, but I am enclosing a check for $1.00

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

Dear Rev. Witheridge:

Sorry to inform you a search was made of the Will County Birth Files and NO RECORD WAS FOUND.

Returning herewith your check no. 1846, in the amount of $1.00.

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2225 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 1, 1964

Clara Hartley Woodard
Will County Clerk
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Miss Woodard:

According to information I have, my grandfather, William Frederick Kenitz, died in Beecher, Illinois, on January 3, 1921, or in March of 1921.

Would you be able to find the correct information in your records? If so, please send me a complete death certificate.

I am enclosing a check for $1.00 to cover the cost.

Yours truly,

David G. Kitnerdge

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August 1, 1964

Kankakee County Clerk
Kankakee, Illinois

Dear Sir:

According to information I have, my mother, Edith Sophia Nemitz, was born on a farm near Manteno, Illinois, on October 16, 1883.

I hope you will be able to locate the record in your files. If so, please send me a complete birth certificate, including any information you have about her mother and father.

Enclosed is a check for $1.00 to cover the cost.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

August 3, 1964

Dear Rev. Witheridge:

We have checked our files and do not find any record of you mother's birth. Prior to 1917 it was not required by law that such records be kept, therefore many were not recorded.

If we can be of further service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Dennis V. Marshall

Dennis V. Marshall
County Clerk

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St. Paul Couple to Give Reception for 26 Germans on Study Mission

THE ST. PAUL SCENE
By Margaret Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Mohr, 1772 Highland Pkwy., are giving a reception Tuesday for the 26 Germans arriving in The Twin Cities Monday on a study mission.

The visitors, business professional people affiliated with the Political Club of the Evangelical Academy at Tutzing, will spend five days in the state.

The St. Paul couple, leaders of the German American community, have invited Twin Citizens of German extraction and also ranking political officials to meet the group. If the weather permits, Mrs. Mohr said the party will be moved outdoors into the Mohr garden where they entertained last June for Prince Constantine of Bavaria when he came to address the German Volksfest celebration.

Mohr is founder and president of the 3,000-member German American Society.

Four women are in the group, including wives of the two tour leaders, Mrs. Gerhard Hildmann and Mrs. Roland-Friedrich Messner. Hildmann is president of the academy at Tutzing and Messner is president of the club. The members meet in an old castle at Tutzing for their seminars on government.

Among others in the contingent are Balthasar von Campenhausen, assistant to the president for the Krupp steel manufacturing firm, and Manfred Semmer, Berlin architect.

Gov. and Mrs. Karl Rolvaag have been invited to greet the visitors and also Walter Hauser, honorary consul for the Federal Republic of Germany, and Mrs. Hauser, Mayor and Mrs. George Vavoulis and Mayor and Mrs. Arthur Naftalin.

Among others invited are Otto Winzen, astronautical research industrialist, and his wife, Maryann; Mr. and Mrs. James Lombard; Robert Forsythe, Minnesota state Republican chairman, and George Farr, state DFL chairman, and their wives; Franz Podner of the Berlitz School of Languages; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gluek and the Rev. Walter Peters, College of St. Thomas professor.

[DEW also participated in this event (see p. 62), and he received potentially useful information from one of the guests (see pp. 63-64).]

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE
Sun., May 2, 1965

Germans to Visit Area This Week

A group of 26 West Germans — including public officials, economists, journalists, church officials and businessmen — will arrive in the Twin Cities Monday for a five-day visit to this area.

They are members of the political wing of the Evangelical Academy, a private organization established after World War II to promote understanding among the principal segments of West German society — labor, business, government, religion, press, military and universities.

The group's Minnesota itinerary includes visits with Minneapolis city officials and university students as well as tours of several companies, New Ulm, and St. John's Abbey, Collegeville.

See also p. 63 → Rev. Gerhard Hildebrandt

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Consulate
f the Federal Republic of Germany
Minneapolis

EVANGELICAL ACADEMY POLITICAL CLUB
Tutzing, Germany
at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A 26 member delegation of the Political Club of the Evangelical Academy Tutzing will arrive in Minneapolis Monday evening May 3, 1965. Their program in Minneapolis and St.Paul follows:

PROGRAM

Monday, May 3, in the evening arrive at Airport, 7:52 PM, NW 715

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 AM Information talk with German Consul, Walter U. Hauser.

10:30AM Visit with Mayor Arthur Naftalin at Court House and with other city and county officials. Mayor Arthur Naftalin of Minneapolis

12:00 Luncheon at Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, 90 So. 6th Street, where film, "Minnesota Story", will be shown. (10th floor, East Room)

2:00 PM Visits in private cars to churches, religious organizations and labor centers. Return to hotel by 4:30PM.

5:30 PM Cars will call for the group to be driven to the home of Mr. Alfred Mohr, President of the Minnesota Volksfest Ass'n, 1772 Highland Parkway, St.Paul.

6:00 PM Reception at the Mohr home.

Wednesday, May 5

8:30 ~~xxxx~~ ~~9:30~~ AM Drive to St.John's Abbey, Collegeville, by bus. Luncheon at the College.

3:30 PM Return by bus to Minneapolis.

6:30 PM Bus will call at hotel for group, to be driven to Midland Hills Country Club.

7:00 PM Cocktails and dinner at the club. Return by bus.

Thursday, May 6.

9:15 AM Bus will take visitors from hotel to Minnesota State Capitol in St.Paul for 10:00 AM appointment with Governor Karl Rolvaag. Later, meeting with members of the State Senate, also meeting with members of the State Supreme Court.

12:30PM Luncheon at Diamond Jim's in Mendota. Following luncheon, visits to industries in Twin Cities area - Brown and Bigelow, Control Data, Minn. Mining & Manufacturing (3M), DeVac Inc, and Ford Motor Co. Return to Hotel by 5:00PM.

6:30PM Your hosts for dinner in families will call for you and take you to their homes for 7:00 PM dinner.

Friday, May 7.

8:30 ~~9:15~~ AM Drive to New Ulm, Minnesota, by bus. Visits to small town businesses, farms, etc., in New Ulm area. Return to Minneapolis hotel in time for rest before dinner.

6:30 PM Reception with a group of University of Minnesota students at the Leamington Hotel, President Roosevelt Room, 10th Street and 3rd Ave.S, Minneapolis.

7:00 PM Informal dinner with the group.

Program arranged by German Consul Walter U. Hauser, assisted by George Brabeck, Michael Ettel and Alfred Mohr.

April 30, 1965

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DEW's role

Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 AM - Mayor Naftalin at City Hall

George Martens, President of the City Council, Liberal
Will include Frank Moulton, Conservative (in City Clerk's office)

Glen Wallace, Executive Director, Capital Long Range Improvement Committee (CLIC)

Robert P. Janes, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Wallace Doerr, Executive Director, Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund

Hon. John Weeks, Senior District Judge, Hennepin County District Court

Hon. Lindsay Arthur, Juvenile Judge

Ed Ryan, Sheriff, Hennepin County

Dr. C.A. Smith, Health Commissioner, Health Center

Tuesday, May 4, 2:00 PM

Protestant Center - 122 West Franklin Avenue. Headquarters for most Protestant church organizations, in modern building erected for the purpose. Rev. David E. Witheridge, Executive Secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, will receive the group and describe the activities of the Center.

Christ Lutheran Church - 3244 34th Avenue South. The building is the last work of the great Finnish architect, the elder Saarinen.

Basilica of St.Mary - 17th Street and Hennepin Ave. So.

Boys Club of Minneapolis - 2322 Blaisdell Avenue. Member of the Boys' Club of America. 1200 boys, ages 7 to 18. Director: Page Graves.

University of Minnesota - Campus religious foundations. Some of them will be visited. They are a meaningful part of campus life.

Associated Industries - National Building. Labor relations organization on behalf of employers. Mr. A. Bertram Locke, Executive vice-president and director of labor relations.

Central Labor Union, AFL-CIO - 117 Southeast 4th Street. Richard Springer, assistant to the president, Mr. Froelich, Head of the Bakers' union, and other representatives will be available for discussion.

[DEW wrote this note to himself on the back side of the fact sheet on the next page.]

EVANG. DEKANAT

STOLP DAMMER

EASTERN GERMANY

Gerhard Hildman, Evang. Acad. Bavaria

[Rev.] Gerhard Hildman, Evang. Academy, Bavaria

See DEW's July 13, 1965 typed letter following up on this lead, pp. 70-73 in this section (both English and German versions).

[DEW apparently handed this out to the guests.] (64)

[See note on previous page.]

Religious Affiliation in the United States - 1962

	Members Reported by Denomination		Census Study*
20% → 20% Protestants:			
Baptists (28 bodies)	21,643,490	11.6%	19.7%
Methodists (21)	12,739,925	6.9%	14.0%
Lutherans (11)	8,356,656	4.5%	7.1%
38% → 38% Presbyterians (10)	4,361,344	2.3%	5.6%
Disciples & Churches of Christ (2)	4,029,046		
Episcopal	3,317,870		
United Church of Christ	2,056,696	9.6%	19.8%
Other "Protestants"	8,424,914		
	64,929,941	34.9%	66.2%
35% → 35% Roman Catholics	43,847,938	23.6%	25.7%
1½% → 1½% Jews	5,509,000	3.0%	3.2%
2% → 2% Eastern Orthodox	3,001,751	1.6%	
Others	657,372	0.3%	1.3%
	117,946,002	63.4%	96.4%
No religion reported	67,990,998	36.6%	3.6%
Total population	185,937,000	100.00%	100.0%

* Religion Reported by the Civilian Population of the United States (14 years old and over): March, 1957. Bureau of the Census, Series P-20, No. 79.

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West Germany Eager to Unite Europe, City Visitors Report

By WILLMAR THORKELSON
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Leaders of a unique church-sponsored German institution reported here Tuesday that West Germany is so enthusiastic about the success of the Common Market it is now ready for a political federation of Europe.

The institution they represent is the Evangelical Academy of Tutzing, in Bavaria. Twenty-six members of its political club are in the Twin Cities on a five-day study visit sponsored by the State Department.

Gerhard Hildmann, president of the academy, and Roland-Friedrich Messner, president of its political club, explained that the Tutzing Academy is one of a dozen such academies which sprang up in East and West Germany after World War II.

The academies are a result of the conviction that Germany might have been spared the Hitler era if churches had concerned themselves with political and social developments as well as souls, they said.

Operated by Protestant church bodies, the Evangelical Academies bring together people from various professions and interests for conferences to consider what the Christian faith has to say about problems of the nation and world and of the various professions.

"We meet not only for talk, but for changing the reality," Hildmann explained.

Members Vary

The makeup of the delegation visiting here shows the variety of occupations attracted by Tutzing political club.

They include an official of the European Economic Community, a city manager, an economist, army officers, judges, a lawyer, a merchant, a librarian, an engineer of the Krupp firm in Essen-Haarzopf, government and church officials, journalists and housewives.

Maj. Heinz von zur Gathen, one of the army officers, said an object of the political club is to promote democracy in West Germany.

"We attempt to educate adults in their political responsibilities," said the major, a Roman Catholic.

Messner said the academies are an effort of the church to interpret the Gospel in a modern way to reach people who might not have any connection with the church.

Top political figures from all German political parties are invited to the conferences of the political club, he explained. A conference next July will hear senators from the United States, a minister of the French government, as well as top leaders of the German government, Messner reported.

The conferences discuss a variety of topics such as whether the prosecution of Nazis in Germany should be stopped, the war in Viet Nam, reunification of Germany, the problem of Berlin, whether wages should be increased.

Support U.S.

Hildmann said while West Germans want European federation and close relations with France, they want to do nothing that will impair their country's relations with the United States.

"Sometimes we are afraid that the United States will withdraw its troops from Europe," he said. "We hope the United States will always keep an army in Western Europe."

Members of the delegation were guests at a luncheon Tuesday given by the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank in its executive dining room. There they heard Mayor Arthur Naftalin say that the conflict between freedom and planning is the "eternal problem" facing leaders of government. After the luncheon, the group saw a film, "Minnesota Story," produced for the bank.

Later, the visitors toured churches and religious and labor centers and today were to go to St. John's Abbey at Collegeville. On Thursday, they will visit the state capitol and local industries.

Drink, Drink, Drink

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — (Reuters) — Some 500 Canterbury University students, including 20 women, drank a tavern dry here Tuesday to celebrate their graduation. They drank 615 gallons of beer in less than three hours.

Thorkelson and DEW were longtime professional acquaintances (each was a useful informant for the other). —TFW Dec. 11, 2022

[See also next 2 pages]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 8, 1965

Bay City Times
Bay City
Michigan

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to secure some information from your files in regard to my family history. I hope you can help me.

My mother, Edith Sophia Hemitz, and my father, William Allen Witheridge, were married in Bay City on June 16, 1909. I wonder if there would have been an account of this wedding in the paper soon after this date. If so, I should like very much to have a photostatic copy of the article, and would be glad to pay the cost involved.

Secondly, my grandfather had a sister who died in Bay City on July 2, 1926. Her name was Mrs. Carl Schroeder, nee Wilhelmina Hemitz. I feel sure an obituary would have appeared in the paper at that time. Here, again, I should like to receive a photostatic copy, if possible.

no article found, but date checked with County clerk

I am enclosing a check for $2.00 toward the cost of looking for these articles and producing the copies. If there is any additional cost, I shall be glad to pay the difference on receipt of a bill.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge
Executive Secretary

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Memo from:

EDITORIAL LIBRARY
THE BAY CITY TIMES

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

May 12, 1965

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

Dear Sir:

We have checked our film files for the two items you requested but could only find the wedding of June ~~January~~ 16 in our paper of June ~~January~~ 19, 1909, per the enclosed copies.

F.E.N.

We also checked the death date with our County Clerk and found it to be correct.

June

Wed. (Perpet. Calendar)

Very truly yours,

THE BAY CITY TIMES

M. Baker

Mrs. M. Baker, Lib'n.

operation.

It is a mighty ice of consolation to know that regardless of what Senator Aldrich thinks about it the June weather is going ahead with its business of making bread.

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The only way we can tie Castro up in chain oblivion is to elect him to the federal congress as a member of the minority party.—Washington Post.

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Announcement that cigars may be made from alfalfa does not surprise any man who has ever tried to smoke one of the campaign tar tope variety.—Lansing State Republican.

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LaFollette was declared to be out of order when arraigning Aldrich. But the thoroughness of his Penrose job shows that he was in excellent working condition at that time.—Philadelphia North American.

A LAUGH OR TWO.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

"Why did you leave your last place?" asked the boss.

"I got six months off for good behavior," answered the job seeker.

If you have your last place, or want the boss.

"I get six months off for good behavior," answered the job seeker.

CHILLY.

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For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Witheridge-Nemitz.

A very pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, 512 Howard street, when Miss Edith Nemitz was married to William A. Witheridge, of Saginaw. A grouping of palms and ferns, together with dainty white blossoms formed a pretty background for the service which was performed by the Rev. W. O. Wallace, of the Memorial Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock, in the presence of about forty relatives and friends. The bride was gowned in pale blue messaline with a bodice of lace and carried white roses. She was attended by Miss Nina Shannon, who wore a frock of pink silk mull. Her flowers were pink rosebuds. Edward Witheridge served his brother as best man. Oliver Wallace played the wedding march for the entrance of the bridal party.

Following the ceremony a delicious wedding supper was served, the bridal table being prettily decorated in pink roses and ferns, while tall vases holding pink roses formed centerpieces for the smaller tables. The favors were pink carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Witheridge left for a trip to Flint and Chicago and on their return will reside in Saginaw.

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Wyzgowsky-Betkier.

Quantities of lillies of the valley and ferns were employed in beautifying St. Stanislaus church for the wedding of Miss Martha Betkier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Betkier, and Frank Wyzgowsky, which was celebrated Monday morning, June 7, at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Gatzke, in the presence of relatives and very close friends, a number of whom were present from Toledo. The bride was gowned in white organdie over taffeta trimmed in baby Irish and valenciennes lace. She wore a veil caught with lillies of the valley and carried a shower of the same flower. Her bridesmaids were gowned in white princess dresses, while a wreath of roses adorned her hair. After the ceremony a reception took place at the bride's home. $10 their daughter, Coral Ethel was united in marriage to William H. Farnum, of Detroit, only the immediate families being present at the ceremony which was read by Rev. W. O. Wallace.

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Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Rusielewski announce the engagement of their daughter, Eva C., to Frank S. Musial, the wedding to take place soon.

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Invitations Out.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ballamy have issued invitations for the marriage of their eldest daughter, Blanche, to Archibald E. McMillan, which will take place on the evening of June 30, at 8 o'clock.

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Informal Dance.

Among the informal functions which are scheduled to be given for the pleasure of Mrs. William Bishop, of Billings, Mont., is an informal dance at the Boat club Wednesday evening given by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker.

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Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. James Craves will spend Sunday in Lansing.

E. V. Ingersoll was in Flint Thursday on business.

Miss Love Emery has been spending the past week in Detroit.

Misses Eleanor Gillett and Betty Clements are in Detroit for a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Watkins spent the forepart of the past week in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy, of Park avenue, have left for a short trip to Chicago.

Messrs. John Sinclair and Arthur Sinclair, of Buffalo, are the guests of Bay City friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Edgar are here from Clarkson to spend a few days with Mrs. J. F. Bromfield, of Sheridan street.

Misses Rosa Thibedeau and Carrie Spinner will leave in a few days for Mt. Clemens, where they expect to spend the summer.

Wilder Baker left the first of the week for Annapolis, where he will take the final examination for his entrance to the naval academy.

Miss Grace Scott is home from Olivet college to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, of North Farragut street.

Walter Frost, Harold Browne, Norman Miller, Charles Porter, Harold Wentworth and Carlton Lewis are among the Ann Arbor students home for their summer vacation.

HINTS FROM PARIS.

Bay City Times
June ~~Jan.~~ 19, 1909

[See footnote "c," p. 2 of this folder.]

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2435 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 8, 1966

Beecher Herald
Beecher
Illinois

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to see if you can help me with some information about my grandfather, William Remitz.

According to information I have, he died on January 3, 1921, in Beecher and was buried in Peotone. I would assume that an obituary appeared in the paper at that time.

I do not know if your files go back that far, but if so, I should appreciate it greatly if you could look for such an obituary and send me a copy, either photostatic or typewritten.

Enclosed is a check for $1.00 to cover the cost. If there is additional expense, I shall be glad to pay it on receipt of a bill.

Yours sincerely,

David F. Witheridge

Hack's Funeral Director (?)
Beecher, Ill.

Beecher Herald (?)

[See the German translation, next page.] (70)

July 13, 1966

Evang. Dekanat
Stolp
Eastern Germany

Dear Sir:

See the index entry for Rev. Gerhard Hildman

At the suggestion of a recent visitor to Minneapolis, Rev. Gerhard Hildman of the Evangelical Academy of Bavaria, I am writing to ask if you can help me in my search for my ancestors in Germany. Mr. Hildman said that records of births, marriages, and deaths in Germany at the middle of the last century were kept in the parish churches. He said that you would probably be able to direct me to the proper church records.

Let me tell you what I know about my grandfather and his family. His name was William (Wilhelm) Nemitz. His middle name has been given as either Frederick or Johann. We understand that he was born in Demmer on August 3, 1835. He had at least two brothers, Ernest and Ferdinand; and a sister, Wilhelmina, but their dates and places of birth are not known. His sister Wilhelmina is supposed to have been married in Stolp to Carl Schroeder, but we do not know the date.

Wilhelm Nemitz was married to Theresa Jacobs, who is also listed as having been born in Demmer, her date of birth being given as July 20, 1843. They were married in Germany, but the date and town are not known. Before coming to the United States about 1870, they had two children: Bertha Theresa, born July 9, 1866; and Emma, born June 6, 1869.

We also know that Carl Schroeder and Wilhelmina Nemitz had three children in Germany before coming to the United States. Presumably these were born in or near Stolp. They were Bertha Schroeder, birth date unknown; Otto Schroeder, born March 25, 1874; and Mathilda Schroeder, born November 5, 1875.

I wonder if any of these persons, events, or dates can be verified in the church records in or near Stolp or Demmer. Any birth records would give us the names of parents to follow up. If we could just make a small beginning, we could then branch out to discover other genealogical records.

Another possibility would be to secure the names and addresses of some persons by the name of Nemitz still living in the vicinity of Stolp or Demmer and enlist their help in tracing my ancestors. If you could give me any such addresses, I should be very grateful. I understand, for example, that my grandfather's brother, Ernest Nemitz, stayed in Germany and was a mail carrier. One of my mother's cousins used to correspond with another cousin in Germany by the name of Ida Nemitz, but we do not have her address. That must have been fifty years ago.

Please let me know what cost may be involved, and I shall be glad to reimburse you.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

[See previous page. The translator for this page is unknown.]

July 13, 1965

Evang. Dekanat
Stolp
Ost Deutschland

Geehrter Herr Dekan:

Herr David E Witheridge interesiert sich sehr in seinem Stammbaum. Pastor Gerhard Hildman von der Evangelischen Akademie in Bayer, der kuerzlich hier auf Besuch war, sagte Sie koennten ihm Auskunft geben. Selbstverstaendlich, Ausgaben oder besondere Arbeit damit wird gerne bezahlt.

Hier sind die bekannte Einzelheiten:

Grossvater: Wilhelm (Friedrich oder Johann) Nemitz, geboren in Dammer, August 3 1835.

Zwei Brueder: Ernst und Ferdinand.
Eine Schwester: Wilhelmina, heiratete Karl Schroeder.

Wilhelm Nemitz heiratete Theresa Jacobs (g.Juli 20,1843).

Kinder dieser Ehe (vor Auswandering circa 1870):

Bertha Theresa, g. July 9, 1866
Emma, g. June 6 1869.

Karl und Wilhelmina Schröder, vor Auswanderung, hatten folgende Kinder:

Bertha
Otto g.Maerz 23, 1874
Mathilda, g. Nov 5,1875

Auskunft irgend einer Art wuerde diesen Herrn sehr interesieren.

Kosten werden gerne bezahlt.

Rev. David E. Witheridge
122 W. Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404
U.S.A.

From either the Minneapolis Tribune or the Minneapolis Star (DEW took both papers).

May, 1970

Poland's Claim Strong Upon Ex-German Lands

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since last February the Poles and the West Germans have been holding political talks dealing with the Oder-Neisse line, Poland's western frontier since World War II. The next session is due Monday in Bonn. What the frontier area, once German, is like now is described in the following dispatch by a correspondent of the New York Times who was permitted to make an extensive trip through what is still considered a politically sensitive region.

By DAVID BINDER
New York Times Service

SIEKIERKI, Poland — Row on row of crosses mark the graves of 2,000 Polish soldiers who lost their lives here during their army's march to Berlin to join in the final defeat of Nazi Germany.

The national monument of Siekierki, a tiny town on a gentle bluff less than 40 miles east-northeast of Berlin, is the site where the first units of the Polish Army of Liberation succeeded in crossing the river that was to become their nation's new frontier. In so doing they sealed with blood Poland's claim to the Oder and Neisse rivers as the country's western boundaries.

At the same time those soldiers reestablished their nation's hold on 39,000 square miles of territory that had been part of the first Polish state under the Piast dynasty in the 10th and 11th centuries and that had been under German control since the 18th century.

What has grown up east of the frontier in the last quarter of a century is a new Poland, with new industries, universities, theaters, writers, painters, forests and farms.

In a 700-mile trip along the Oder-Neisse frontier and through the rivers' Eastern watersheds, a Western traveler encountered no one who had any doubts about his right to be where he was, for these are regarded as "the recovered lands."

Until recently trips along the western frontier by Western reporters were discouraged. This reporter was told by Polish officials that he was the first to make such an extensive journey through the region, which borders on East Germany. It is a region where the bulk of Poland's army of more than 400,000 men is garrisoned, even though the nearest potentially hostile Western forces are 200 miles away in West Germany, on the other side of the Elbe River.

The trip started, by Polish government request, at Zgorzelec, 20 miles north of where the Neisse frontier begins at the edge of Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

Across the river from Zgorzelec is its East German twin city, Gorlitz. Before the war the two were one community, as were Gubin (Polish) and Guben to the north, near the point where the northward-flowing Neisse enters the Oder. The third pair of twin cities consists of Frankfurt and Slubice, which face each other across the Oder east of Berlin.

The division came in 1945 when Poland's western frontier was moved westward to the Oder and the Neisse to compensate for eastern lands seized by Stalin and for suffering under Hitler's Germany. In each municipal split the Poles received the suburban sections while the East Germans retained the larger and older sections, including the medieval city centers.

A former German museum in Zgorze received the suburban sections while the East Germans retained the larger and older sections, including the medieval city centers.

A former German museum in Zgorzelec was the scene in 1950 of a ceremony at which East Germany signed a treaty, concluded with Poland at Soviet Behest, recognizing the Oder-Neisse frontier as final. For two decades West Germany — backed by the U.S. and Britain — refused to do the same, but the Social Democratic government of Chancellor Willy Brandt is now making an effort to grant some form of acknowledgment of the Oder-Neisse line as part of a move toward normalizing relations.

For the 9 million Poles living in the recovered lands—roughly the equivalent of the prewar population under German rule—the lack of total recognition of the frontier is of relatively little import.

Their sense of confidence is fairly recent, according to many Poles, and a historian said that more than half the present population has been born since the war.

Memories of the brutal years are receding, but Poland acknowledges that more than 5 million Germans were driven out of the region from 1945 onward and replaced by 4 million Poles.

Recalling problems created by the splitting of the river cities, Mayor Marian Harlukowicz of Zgorzelec said, "When I came here in 1946 there was no slaughterhouse, no bakery, no hotel, no power plant and no waterworks on our side. Not even a movie theater. We still get water and gas from Gorlitz under a pact that ends this year."

Zgorzelec now gets its power from a huge new thermal plant upriver at Turoszow and is completing its own waterworks and sewer system. Where 9,000 Germans lived before the war there are 30,000 Poles, many of them employed in the coal mine-power plant complex.

About 1,000 Polish women cross a bridge each week from Zgorzelec to Gorlitz's electronics factory. They get 30 percent of their pay in East German marks and use it to buy food and clothing on the other side. Polish is taught in Gorlitz primary schools and German in Zgorzelec schools.

Similar exchanges occur at Guben-Gubin and Frankfurt-Slubice. In both places Polish women work in factories across the river.

Some ethnic Germans still remain in the recovered lands, but they are being repatriated at a rate of several thousand a year. Estimates of the number of Germans still in Poland vary from 50,-

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000 to 200,000, in official Warsaw and Bonn accounts, and more than a million, in the view of West German nationalists.

Five miles north of Zgorzelec is the factory town of Piensk, which, as the German Penzig, was internationally known before the war for fine glass products.

Penzig changed hands seven times in March and April 1945, in fighting between the Russians and the Germans, and by the time the front had moved on little was left. The Poles who went in found the ruined glass factory stripped of machinery.

Today a new factory, built under Polish direction, has an international reputation for its efficient manufacture of light bulbs and preserve jars, using new processes.

A sleepy market center known as Grunberg in German times, Zielona Gora, with a population of 80,000, is almost bursting with cultural activities now. It boasts a museum that is crammed with locally discovered artifacts — remnants of 9th century foundation of the city of Gubin, rich Slavonic church and monastery frescoes, and other treasures.

Poles who maintain that they make better use of the recovered lands than did the German "colonists" before them point especially to Szczecin, the booming port city in the far north where the Oder widens into an estuary before entering the Baltic.

As Stettin, the prewar port had a home-based shipping tonnage of 100,000. Szczelin has 1.7 million. It handles 14 million tons of cargo a year, more than twice the highest prewar volume.

Fri., July 18, 1975 THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR * 3A

World disregarded 'Mein Kampf' omen

By WILLIAM RYAN
Associated Press

Behind the Day's News

A book by a former house painter and army corporal, published 50 years ago today, proved to be the herald of the global tragedy that in turn would generate much of the world's current woes.

When the first of two volumes of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf"—My Battle—appeared July 18, 1925, it got almost no attention outside Germany. But it eventually circulated in 597 editions in Germany—about 30 million copies—and in millions more abroad.

The West German government today doesn't allow reprints.

In 1933 Houghton Mifflin Co. brought out the first U.S. edition, the same abridged version as published in London. Full editions appeared in the United States later and even today there is a brisk market for it in hard cover and paperback, mostly, say the publishers, among scholars.

HAD AMERICANS, British and French read "Mein Kampf" more attentively in the 1930s when Hitler's National Socialists pushed toward power, 20th-century history could have been greatly different.

"Mein Kampf" spelled out the race superiority theory by which Hitler expected Germany to conquer Europe and dominate the world. When Volume I appeared, Hitler, a war veteran of the Kaiser's imperial German army, had been out of Landsberg prison for six months. He had served less than a year of a five-year sentence for treason in the Nazi attempt to seize power in the Munich "beer-hall putsch" of November 1923.

Hitler completed plans for the book in prison and later was to boast that Landsberg was "my college at state expense."

U.S. journalist William Shirer, describing Hitler's rise in "Berlin Diary," wrote from Berlin in the 1930s that "much of what is going on and will go on could be learned by the outside world from 'Mein Kampf.'"

"How many visiting butter-and-egg men have I told that the Nazi goal is domination," Shirer wrote. "They laughed, but Hitler frankly admits it. He said in 'Mein Kampf': 'A state which in an age of racial pollution devotes itself to cultivation of its best racial elements must some day become master of the earth.'"

DER FUEHRER fanatically hated those who "stabbed Germany in the back" by accepting the 1918 armistice and the subsequent Versailles treaty. He blamed the leaders of the postwar Weimar Republic and all Jews.

Eight years after "Mein Kampf" appeared, Hitler was chancellor and immediately began entrenching a savage dictatorship that brought the holocaust in which 6 million Jews perished. He also launched World War II, which brought his Third Reich to a fiery end.

"In the battle of ideas in the world and in life, brutal force, applied ruthlessly and with determination, may produce decisive results," Hitler had written in 'Mein Kampf.'"

The West wasn't listening then.

Chicago Public Library - 5/9/74

1863 Chicago City Directory (Microfilm)
No Nemitz

1865 CCD - No Nemitz

1866-7 CCD - No Nemitz

1868 CCD.
Nemetto, John, tailor, r. 120 Mayberry (also 1869 etc. other addresses)

1869 CCD
Nemitz, James, cat. r. rear 302 21st
Nemitz, Adolph, cat. E.H. & J.S. Turner, r. 137 Johnson

1870 CCD
Nemitz, August, cat. r. 137 Johnson

1871 CCD
Nemetz, August, filer, r. 189 Augusta
Nemetz, F., tailor, rear 453 S. Union, r. 207 De Koven
Nemetz, Joseph, tailor, rear 453 S. Union
Nemitz, Christ, tailor, r. 207 De Koven
Nemitz, Frank, tailor, r. 207 De Koven

1872 CCD (Vol. 15)
(Deemed worthless. The entire city being thoroughly canvassed by 150 competent men, to correct it monthly will cost thousands of dollars.)
Nemetz, Frank, tailor, bds 148 Burton
Nemetz, Michael, cat. r. 58 Cornelia ave.
Nemetz, Wenzel, cooper, Munch Bros. r. 124 Wright
Nemitz, August, sailor, r. s.w. Jane bet. Wood & Newton

1873 CCD (Vol. 16) [Edwards - Richard Edwards, Publisher]
Nemetz, Augustus, sailor, r. Jane bet. Newton & Wood
Nemetz, Matthias, r. 58 Cornelia ave.
Nemitz, Samuel, cat. bds 104 Hawthorne
Nemitz, Frank, cigar mnfr, r. 182 W Jackson
Nemitz, Joseph, tailor, r. 453 S. Union

Chicago Public Library - 5/7/74

Lakeside Directory of the City of Chicago

1874-5 ~~Chicago City Directory~~ (Microfilm)

Nametz, Frank, tailor, r. 681 S. Morgan

Nametz, Mishack, lab. r. 22 C

Nametz, August, lab. r. 134 Augusta

→ Nametz, William, lab. r. N.S. 20th bet. Hoyne av. & Robey

[Hoyne av. S. (W.D.) fr. 233 Paulina av. S. to DeKalb and fr. W. Twelfth S. to Twenty-sixth] (3 east of Western)

[Robey, S. (W.D.) fr. 771 W. Lake S. to Blue Island av] (4 east of Western)

[Twentieth, W. (W.D.) fr. Blair av. to Western av.] (next division)

1875-6 Lakeside ~~Chicago~~ Directory of the City of Chicago [Donnelley, Lang & Co.]

Nametz, Frank, tailor r. 707 S. Morgan

Nametz, James, lab. r. 135 W. 19th

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Editor's Note

This folder continues where folder 2.1 left off, but I am starting fresh with a new p. 1, p. 2, etc. (That is, p. 1 here — following this one, which is unnumbered — would be p. 77 if it were in folder 2.1.)

Like the preceding folder, this one amalgamates four separate files with similar vague labels that were located at or near the beginning of Dad's box of documents on his maternal ancestors from Germany. See the editor's note at the beginning of folder 2.1 for a more complete description.

Tom Witheridge
December 13, 2022

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DEW's brother, John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922), and his wife, Janice

1973

July 12, 1973

DEW's sister, Louise, and her husband

Dear John and Janice:

We arrived home Sunday evening after a pleasant trip across Lake Michigan and a hot ride through Wisconsin. On Saturday we leave again for a week at Lake Vermilion. Then we're going to drive over to the Soo via the "Circle Route" across Canada, where Jim Mark will meet us to pick Louise up.

DEW's son

Jim (Witheridge) and I found your boat with no trouble and found, as you probably knew by now, that the work was all done, except some of the painting. We got aboard and poked around for a few minutes, and we think you have a very good boat.

See pp. 4-6 below

Charles (Carl) Schroeder (b. 1845) and Wilhelmina Nemitz (b. 1851)

Then we went to Oak Ridge Cemetery and asked the manager where Carl Schroeder and his wife Wilhelmina were buried. He directed us to the lot where Carl was buried, but there was no card in the file for Wilhelmina. However, there was no grave stone with dates for Carl, so that was no help.

From there we went to the library and had at least some success. I spent most of the time with old Bay City directories, and found some very interesting things.

Having been told that Carl Schroeder had died about 1892, I looked for him in the 1891-2 directory and found him listed there. Then I looked in the 1893-4 directory and found an entry: "Schroeder, Carl, died Mar. 23, 1893."

That was the first entry I had ever seen in a city directory that gave the exact date of death of someone who had died since the previous issue. Usually, they just leave the person out, but add or substitute the name of the widow, if there was one. In this case they also added this entry: "Schroeder, Minnie (wid Carl) res 106 1st."

So I now had both dates of death (Wilhelmina died July 2, 1925), and I asked the librarian for old newspapers that might have obituaries. He found the one for Wilhelmina on microfilm, and I am sending you a copy. The one for Carl was not on microfilm, but he located the original bound volume, and I found a short death notice, which I am also enclosing.

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1881) ("Mrs. Laderach")

The one about Wilhelmina confirmed that she was born in Stolp, Germany, in 1881. Mrs. Laderach had already said her birthday was March 16, though she wasn't sure of the year. The obituary also said they were married in Stolp, which we hadn't known before. (My notes say that Stolp ((in Pomerania)) is about 12 miles from the Baltic Sea between Danzig and Kolberg and is now in Poland and is called Slupsk.)

Stolp (Stupsk), Pomerania

Carl Schroeder's death notice gave very little information, but it did say that he was a member of the Arbeiter Society, and Wilhelmina's obituary said that she was a member, too. My guess

Arbeiter Society

is that their records would give more information. Perhaps there was an obituary in some publication of the Arbeiter Society. I asked the librarian if the Arbeiter was still in existence, and he looked in a card catalog of clubs, but couldn't find it.

However, I believe this should be tracked down. Somewhere the old files of the Arbeiter Society probably still exist, or possibly a German language newspaper. Maybe Fred Schroeder could help, or the Bay County Historical Society, or somebody at the Germania in Saginaw. You two are closer than I am, so I'll count on you to pursue this.

Fred Schroeder (b. 1889)

Another thing I found in the Bay City Directories was information about the Reids. In the 1902 directory George L. Reid was listed as foreman of the McGraw Farm, and the McGraw Farm was listed at the corner of the P&MR and McGraw Ave. In the 1906-7 directory the C. B. Curtiss Farm is shown at that address, and George L. Reid is still the foreman.

George L. and Sarah Reid

Pere Marquette Railway (PMRR)

McGraw Farm

C.B. Curtiss Farm

In the 1908 directory George L. Reid is still listed at the farm, but there is also this entry: "Reid, Sarah A. (wid George) grocer 512 Howard, res same." That entry on Sarah Reid is not in the earlier directories, and the entry for George L. Reid never appears again. So I believe they got George's in the 1908 directory before he died and added Sarah's after he died.

Tracking down Henry Williams, I found that he was listed in the 1906-7 directory as a minor residing at 204½ Chestnut Ave., W.S. However, in the 1903 and 1909 directories he is listed as a minor living at 512 Howard, the address of Sarah A. Reid, but she is no longer listed in the 1909 directory. She had apparently married Henry Williams, and he had gone to live with her, or else he moved into her boarding house and then married her.

Henry and Sarah Williams

Interestingly enough, there is also this entry in the 1909 directory: "Nemitz, Edith S., bkkpr, C. J. Franz, res 512 Howard." So I checked back in the 1906-7 directory and found that she was bookkeeper at Dialy Hardware & Supply Co. and lived at the C. B. Curtiss Farm. That year she was probably living with the George Reids, because in the 1903 and 1905 directories she was listed as a student boarding with W. F. Nemitz. The entry for Wm. F. Nemitz said "lab., res C. B. Curtiss Farm." The obituary said he moved from Bay City to Canada in 1905.

Edith S. Nemitz (DEW's mother)

I also found some Nemitz entries that don't tie into our family, as far as I know. In the 1881-2 directory are these entries:

Nemitz, Caroline (wid Wm) res NE cor 30th & Howard
Nemitz, Herman, laborer, res, NE cor 30th & Howard

It looks as though Herman was the son of William and Caroline. In the 1881 directory Caroline was still listed at 701 30th, possibly the same address as before, but Herman was not listed. Perhaps one or the other would show up in the cemetery or death or probate records in Bay City.

Fred Schroeder and his daughter, Wilhelmina Oglestone

I forgot how much I told you about my conversations with Fred Schroeder (752-2098), with his daughter, Wilhelmina Oglestone (753-2812), and with the Kennedys--Ralph (792-0439) and Florence (799-6605). I know you will want to get in touch with them and get any further information they are able to give.

Ralph and Florence Kennedy

Florence Kennedy (continued)

The only new information I got was that Florence Kennedy's mother was a half-sister of Carl Schroeder. When Florence's grandmother, Johanna Polles, married John (Johann) Schroeder, he already had five or six children, one of whom was Carl.

Florence also reports that her mother used to write to a cousin by marriage, who still lived in Germany. His name was Franz Pomplum, and he lived in Oberheldrungen, Province of Thüringen, Provence Sachsen. I'm not sure this all fits together, but that's the way I got it from Florence over the phone.

I'm sending you several sheets I have compiled on the Benitze. I'm sorry the copy machine at the library didn't work too well on these, but they're better than nothing.

In return I'd appreciate your sending me anything else you have on the Benitz line. In particular you said you had some additional notes Mother had written down preparatory to writing her book.

We were glad to find you at home in Saginaw, Michigan this time and to be able to see your new house. We hope to see you over here some day.

Sincerely,

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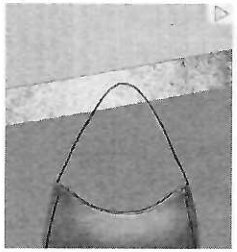

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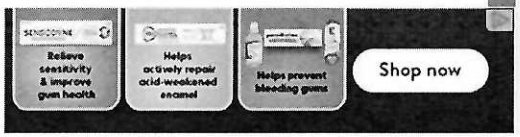

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Editor's Note

The next three pages (8-10) contain three versions of the same summary, written by Dad, two of which are dated April 7, 1976.

I am starting with the undated version (p. 8), which is darker and easier to read than the two revisions (pp. 9 and 10).

These summaries are followed by ten pages (11-20) containing maps that show the various Dammers described on pp. 8-10. (Note that p. 12 is an enlargement of p. 11, with an arrow pointing to the town of Oels, which is referred to by Dad in the last sentence of the summary). I am including them here in the same order in which I found them in Dad's file. Unfortunately, I don't know his source(s) for these maps.

Tom Witheridge
December 16, 2022

[See editor's note, previous page.]

Nemitz Ancestors of David E. Witheridge

The only clues I have to the ancestry of my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, are as follows:

He (Wilhelm Nemitz) was born ~~xxxxxxx~~ August 3, 1835, in Dammer, Germany. His parents' names are unknown.

One of his sisters, Wilhelmina, was born March 16, 1851, in Stolp, Germany (now Slupsk, Poland).

Another sister, Johanna, was married to John Tomke, and one of their children, Herman Martin Tomke, was born November 26, 1866 in Stolp. (Perhaps they were married there.)

Wilhelm Nemitz in 1856 married Theresa Jacobs, who had also been born in Dammer--on July 20, 1843. One of their children, Bertha, was born in Stolp on July 9, 1866.

Wilhelm and Theresa Nemitz came to the United States about 1870 and settled in Chicago.

The identity of this town of Dammer is uncertain, as there were four towns by that name in Germany, all in Silesia, now part of Poland.

The largest Dammer (Map 451b) ~~is~~ between Namslau and Carlsruhe (Kr. Namslau) near Breslau. The Evangelical parish was Hönigern.

Another Dammer (Map 400a) ~~is~~ just north of Kraschnitz (Kr. Militsch), ~~which is~~ northwest of Festenberg. The Evangelical parish was ~~xx~~ Wirschkowitz.

A third Dammer (Map 372d) was halfway between Polkwitz and Pilgramsdorf (Kr. Glogau). The Evangelical parish was Pilgramsdorf.

The fourth Dammer (Map 425a) was just north of Oels, but not as far as Bogschütz.

[Approximate date: April 7, 1976]

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Another Demmer (Map 400a) was just north of Kreschnitz (Kr. Militsch), a city northwest of Festenberg. The Evangelical parish was Kirschkowitz.

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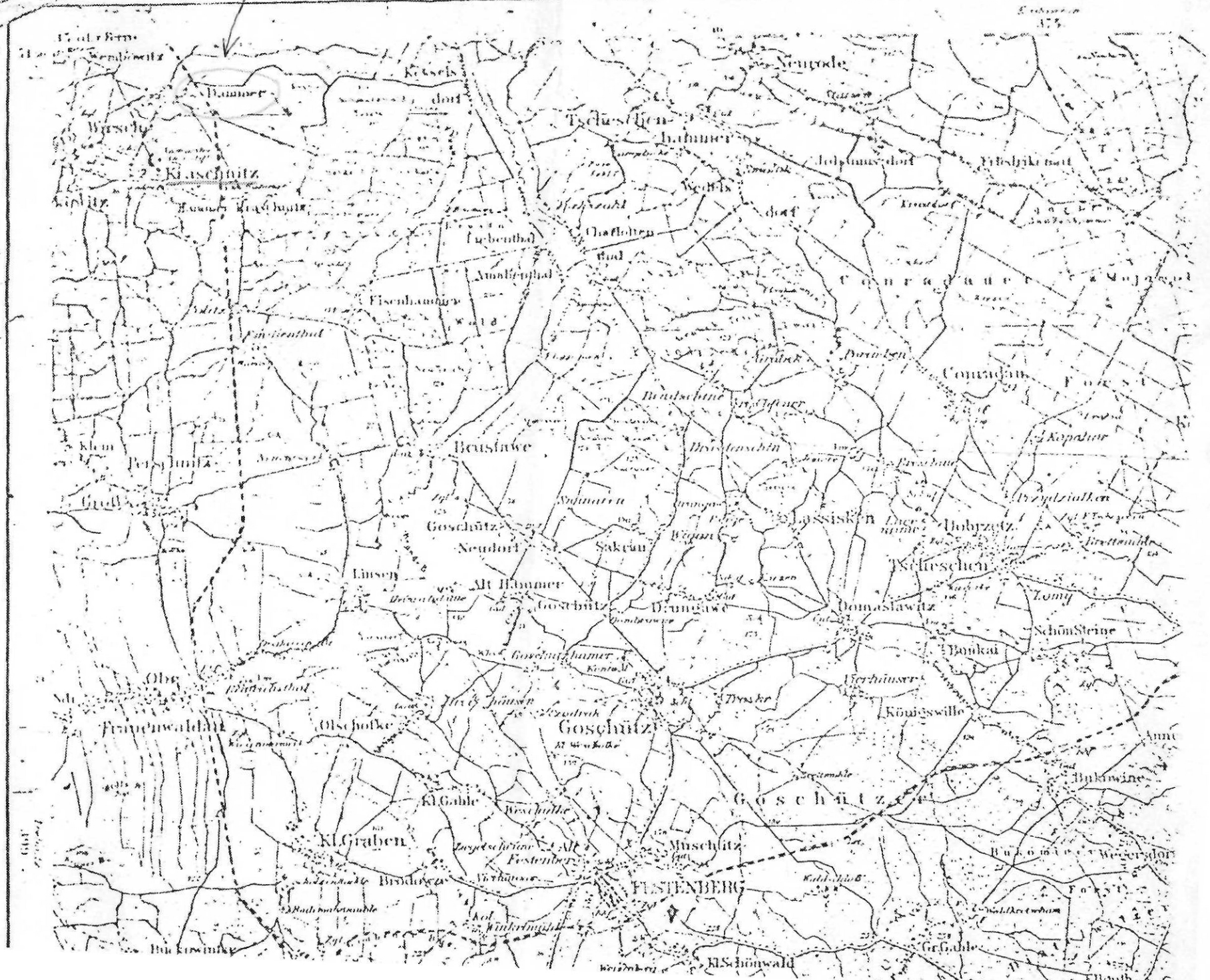

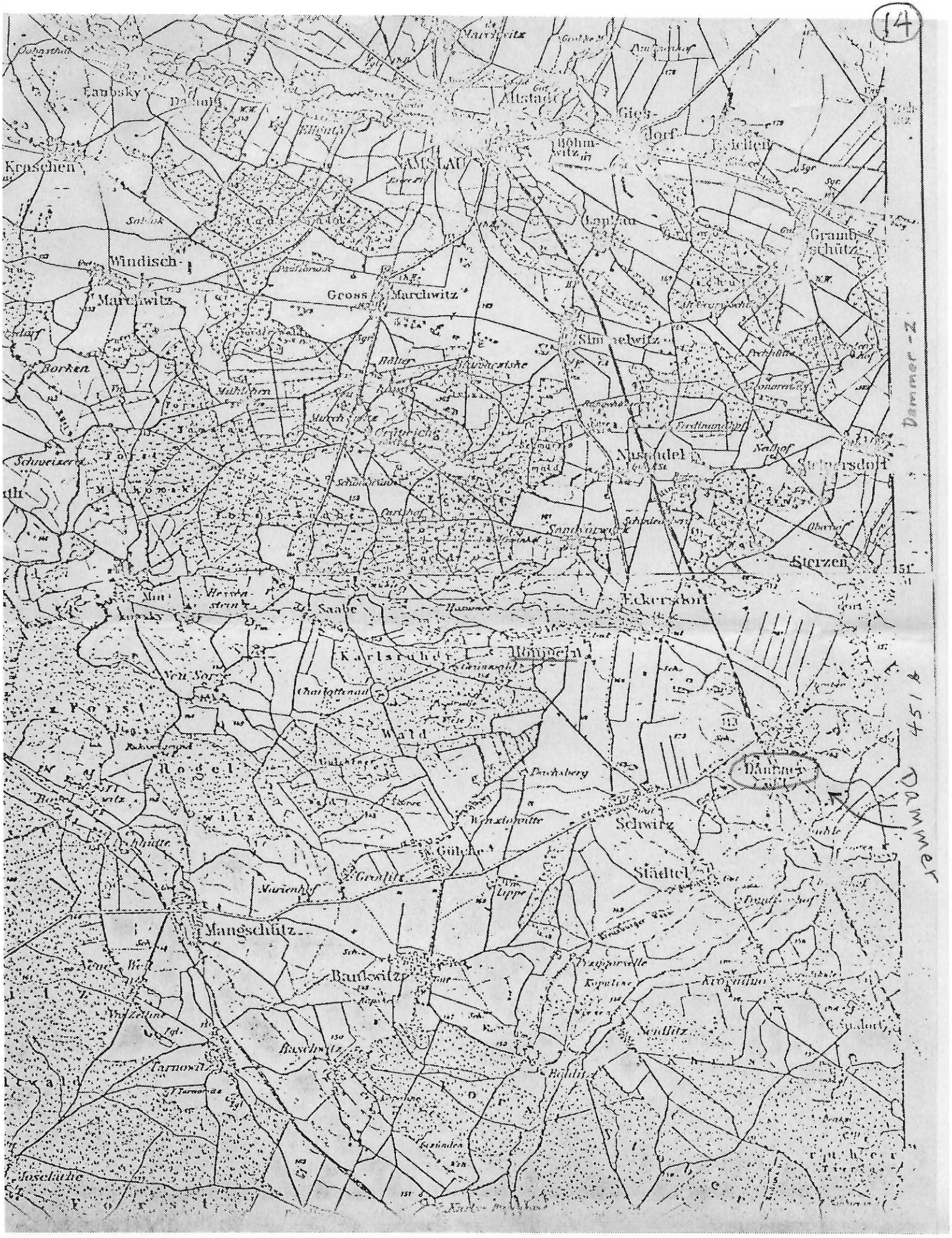
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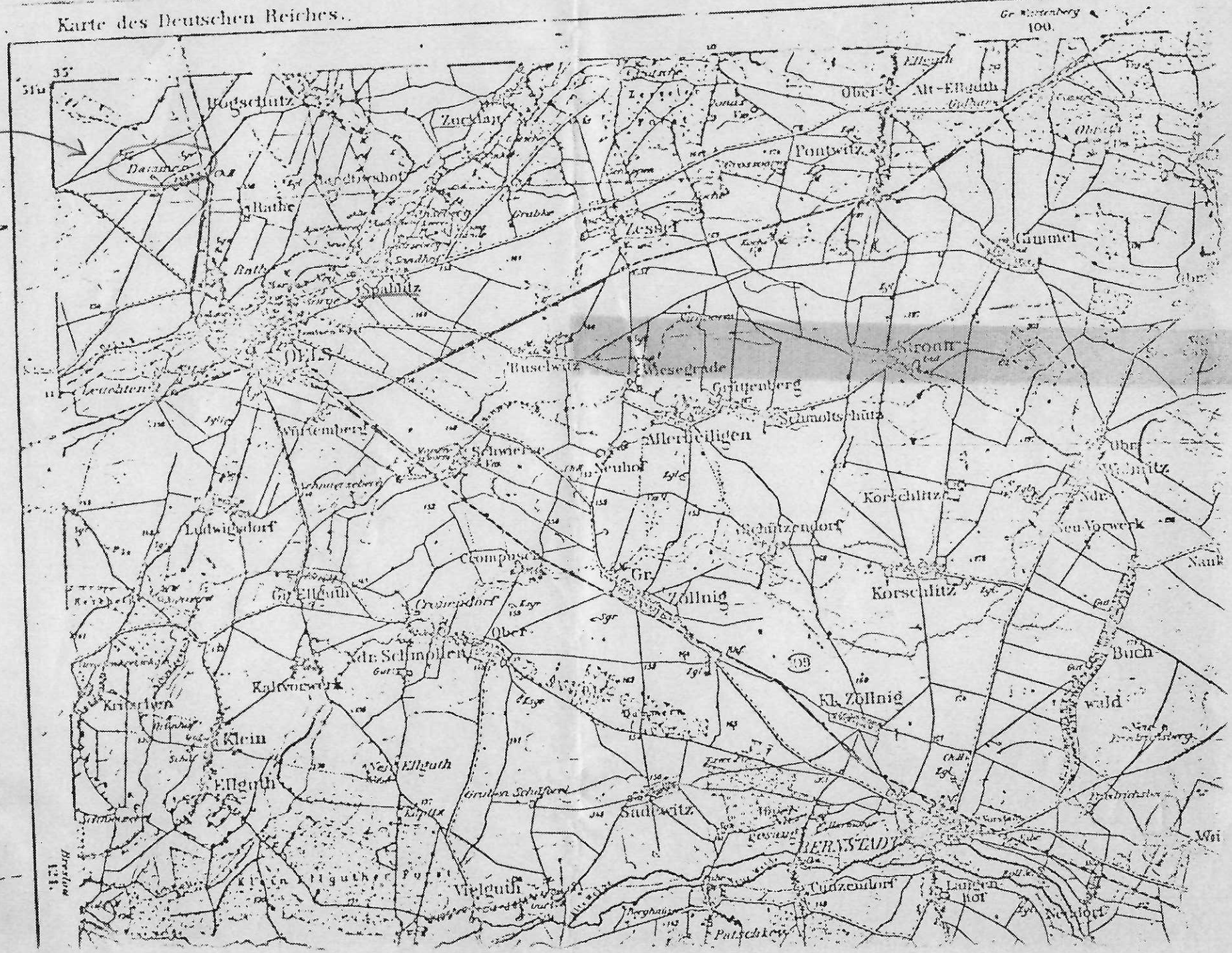

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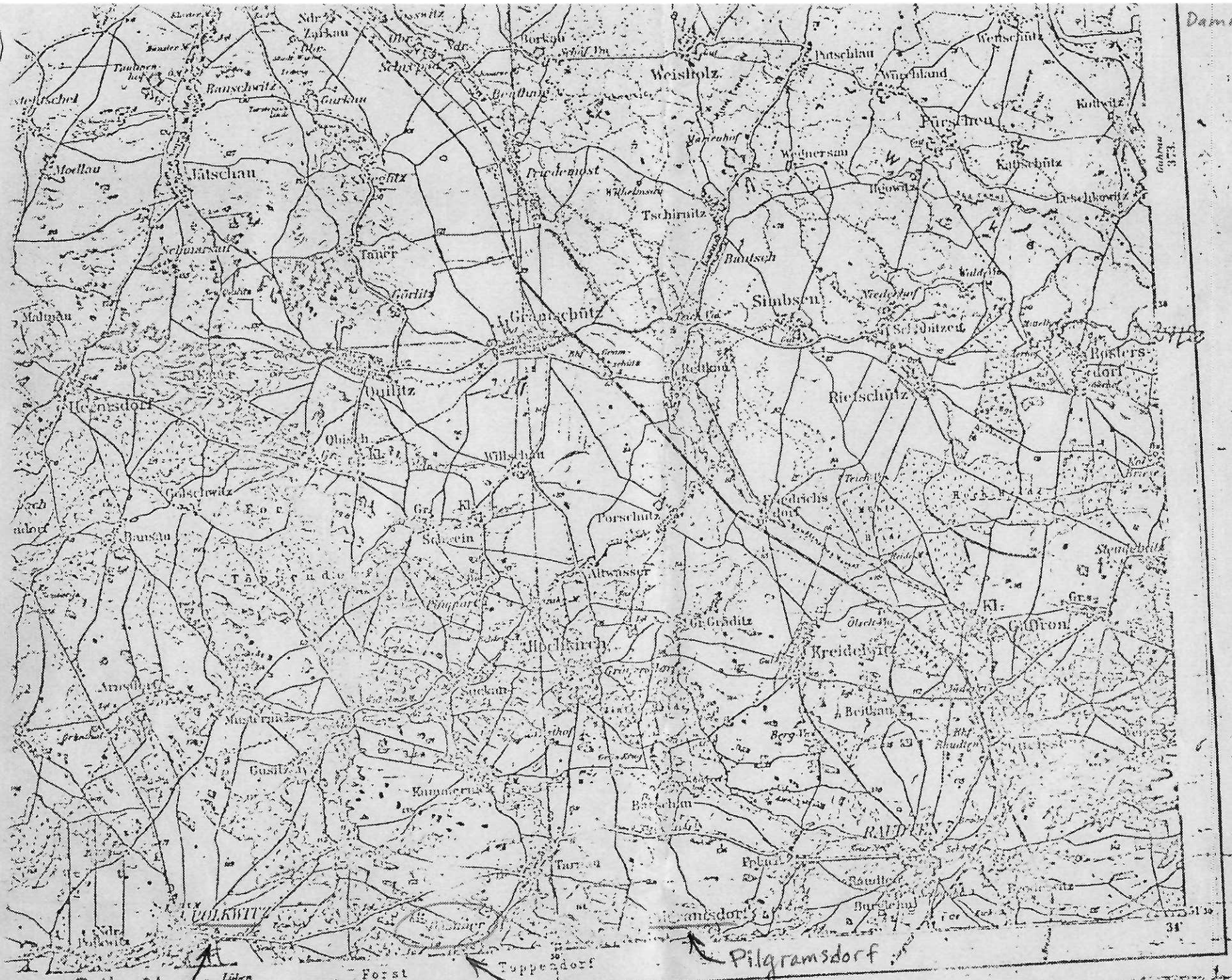

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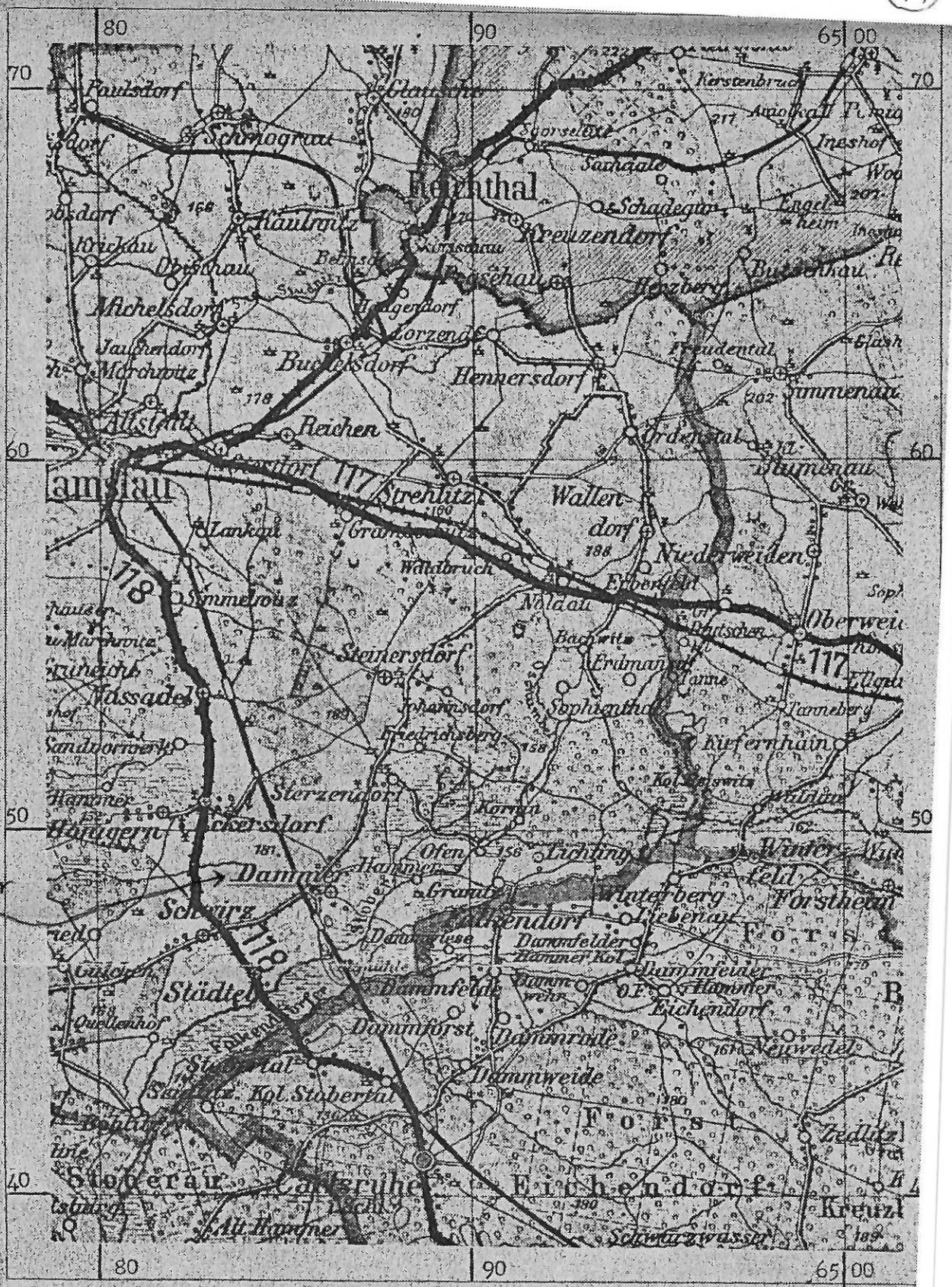
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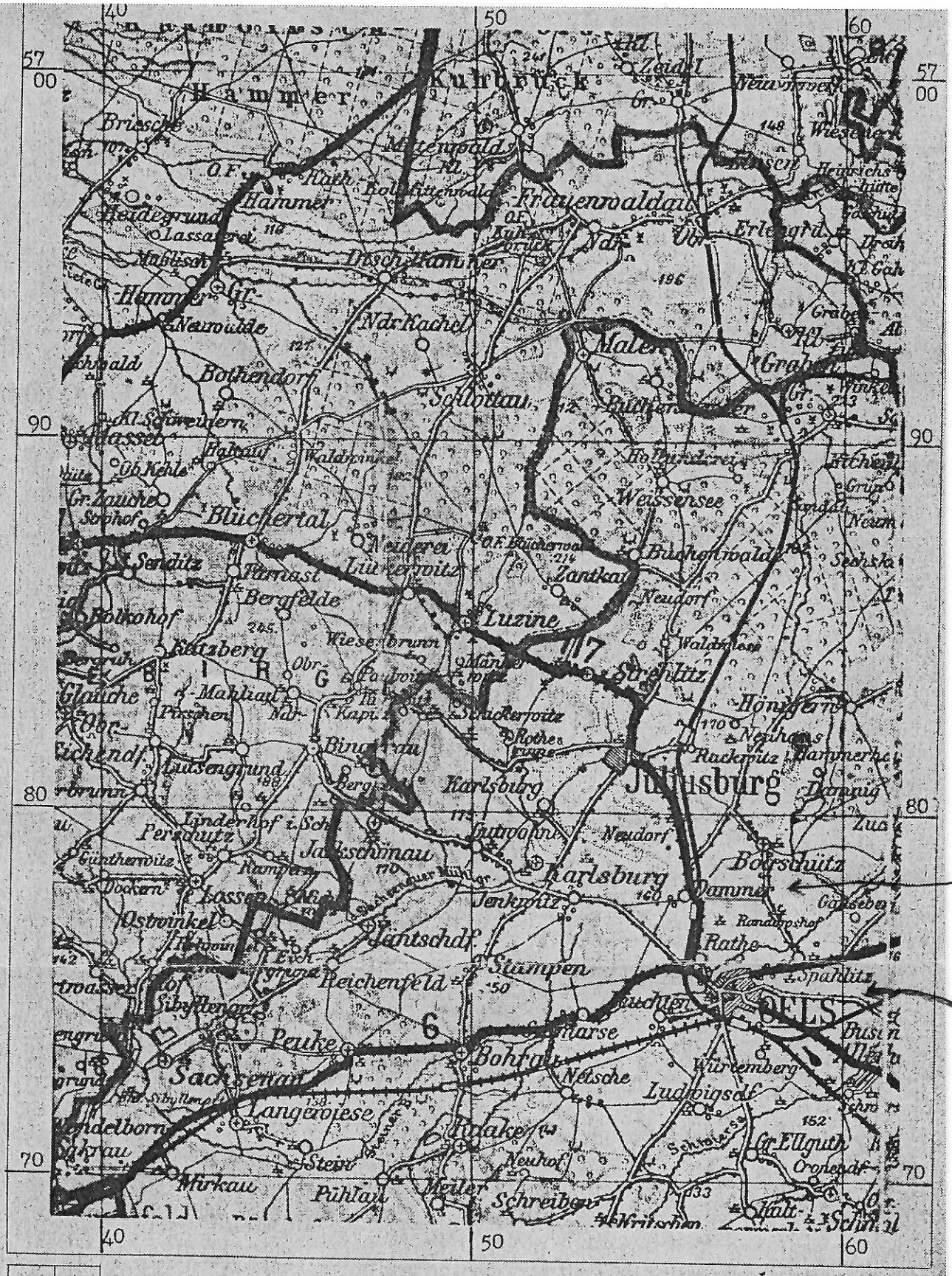
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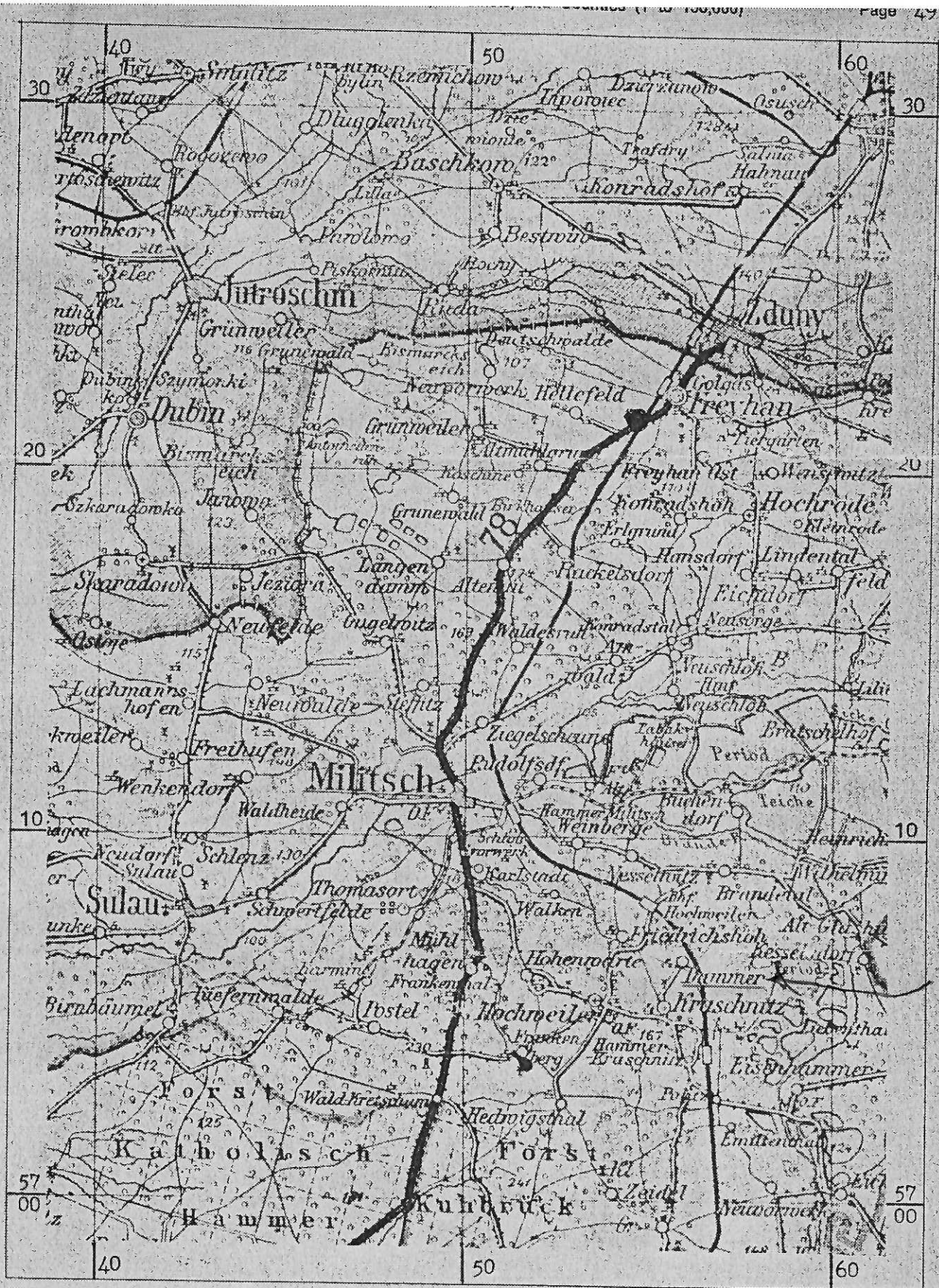

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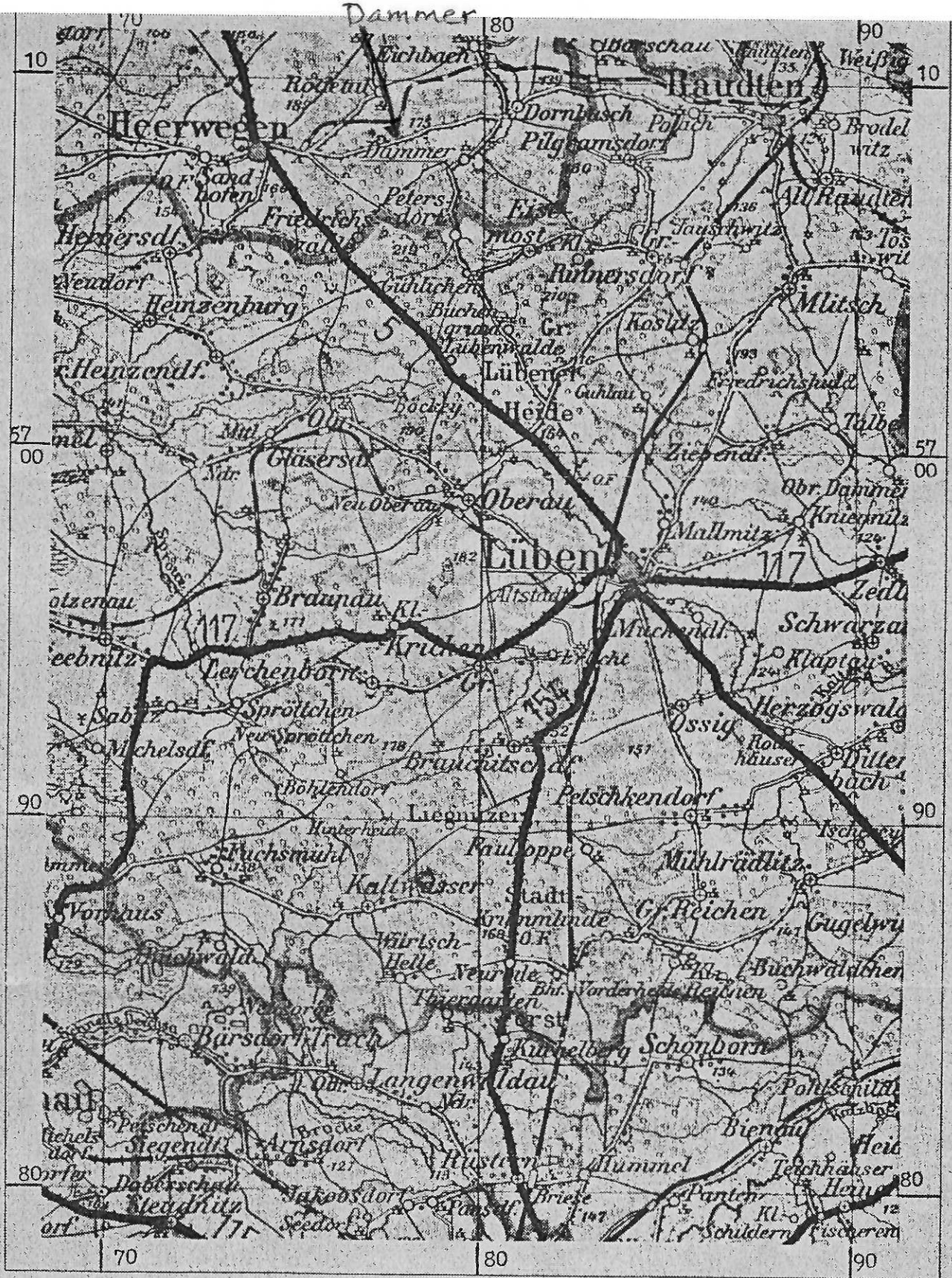
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[Duplicate of a document in the Kim Cook section at the beginning of folder 1.630]

October 29, 1977

See Kim Cook in index

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason + Adam:

You would never know how often we think and talk about you by the frequency of our letters! We've decided to send a couple of pages now and a couple of pages later — and so on — rather than trying to do it all at once, which we never have time for. Elizabeth will write some family news, so I'll concentrate on genealogical matters.

After our summer vacation trip went, I decided I simply had to get back to all the family data we compiled last year in Britain. That's right — much of it had just been sitting all that time because of my being so busy! So for several weeks I had books and papers spread out on a card table in the living room. Elizabeth was very tolerant and patient.

I was working mainly on Withbridge records from Devon and Allen and Richards records from Cornwall. Later I got into Elizabeth's Dove line and my Nemitz line.

What happened was that in August we took two long weekends (I had some extra vacation days coming) and made trips into two parts of Iowa (the state just south of us). The first was to Dubuque where a distant cousin of Elizabeth lives. She is the author of a book on her branch of the Dove family, and she has a lot of information we had never seen before. We spent two full days there and had a marvelous time. Then, of course, I had a lot of work to do on this material when we got home.

"Long lost" cousins in Iowa (Nemitz family)

The other trip to Iowa was to meet some "long lost" cousins of mine. As I have I had known that my grandfather Nemitz had a brother who settled on a farm in Iowa, but we had lost all contact with that part of the family. A couple of years ago I learned on our trip out west, where

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I met some other cousins for the first time, that the town where they lived in Iowa was Charter Oak. Then a little later we were in Des Moines, the capital of Iowa, and went to the State Archives Building, where we found the telephone directory of Charter Oak. We copied the page with various Nemitz entries and wrote to one of the families.

The information they sent confirmed that we are related, but I couldn't tell exactly how, because there seemed to be some discrepancies. We determined to visit them sometime, but due to our trip to England, we weren't able to go until this summer.

DEW and EPW spent 2 days in Charter Oak, Iowa with the Nemitz family

We spent a little over two days there and had a most interesting time meeting many, many relatives and digging information out of the church register and out of the scrap-books and memories of several relatives. When we came home, I was able to trace direct practically all the descendants of my grandfather's brother Ernst — two of my one family record sheets. It was an inspiring accomplishment for me, as well.

I guess I'm telling you all this just to explain why I haven't had time to correlate and comment on the genealogical information in your letters of several months ago. All my work has been on things begun when we were in Britain or before that.

The only thing I will mention from your letter, Tim, is your very astute comment about the Mormon records. Those archive record sheets were compiled by individuals with varied abilities and we filed just as submitted with apparently no expert checking. So they can be used only as clues or secondary information. I have a book written by one of the Mormon experts, and he says: "information on file in the church Records Archives is not always genealogically correct nor complete. Its value is directly related to the competency and efforts of the compiler of the record."

That's all for now. More next time.

Love, Dave

[DEW's relationship, if any, to these Nemitzes is unknown.]

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Minneapolis Star
Thur., Dec. 28, 1978

OBITUARIES AND FUNERALS

5 Obituaries and Funerals

Nemitz

Clifford M., age 65 of 3801 Sheridan Ave. N. Survived by wife Lucile; son, Clifford J.; daughters, Mrs. Howard (Janice) Luick; Mrs. Gene (Sandra) Sondag; 4 grandchildren; brother, Nathan; sisters, Mrs. Louis (Janet) Zerby; Mrs. Paul (Betty) McLane; Mrs. Allan (Pat) Burke; Mrs. Pete (Virginia) Arett. Member of Minnesota Sportsman Club. Services Sat. 11 A.M. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 38th & Sheridan Ave. N. Interment Crystal Lake Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 P.M. Fri. at the Washburn McReavy-Swanson Chapel, Lowry at Irving Ave. N. and at church 1 hour before time of service. Memorials preferred to the church.

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People in business/

Robert Mueller

Nancy Nemitz

Alberto Quintela

■ **Robert Mueller** has been elected president, chief executive officer and a director of **Sterling Products Corp.**, West St. Paul. For the past several years, he has been working in Washington with the Small Business Administration and Department of Commerce as a consultant to small businesses. He had been president of Atlas International Manufacturing Corp. and president of the automotive and leisure-products divisions of Ero industries.

■ **Thomas Hartman** has been promoted to executive vice president of **Carter-Day Co.**, Fridley. He had been vice president of manufacturing and marketing operations for the firm's air-pollution-control systems and materials-handling division. **Robert Pavola**, director of administration and finance, has been named a vice president.

■ **Nancy Nemitz** has been promoted to vice president and manager of the bank card center of **First System Services, Inc.**, a subsidiary of First Bank System, Inc. She had been assistant vice president of product management and development in the marketing division.

Editor's Note

The next ten pages (25-34) contain Dad's notes from a September 1984 meeting of the German Interest Group of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and his follow-up with the meeting's leader, Steven D. Koehler of Minneapolis.

Tom Witheridge
December 17, 2022

Steve Koehler | Roman Street Drop 9/22/84 | Steven H. Koehler
3813 E. 41st Street
Mpls, MN 55406

(Verlag Degener + Co. (Main office Berlin) Catalog for $2.00
← 8530 Neustadt / Aisch
W. Germany (best publisher for entire country)

"Doing research in ___
What material would you have?"

Norman family archives - at major libraries only
Master Index [Steve has this]

Local Histories - sometimes chapters on every town, even the small ones
Get them even if in German.
Focus on the Kreis

AGoFF
Many publications
Ostdeutsche Familienkunde - a quarterly - Reviewed Rev. 1970-90
Has been from 1976 on. With them W. St. Mi. indexed
archive - little bits + pieces submitted by members. not available locally.

Membership list - in depth

[MPL will translate German letter to Eng + mail back.]

Get 10 + 20 weeks at bank (about 3 weeks / letter)

famous gazetteer from 1895 - Kettens

R.L.I.N - Research Library Information Network
(U of M.) Terminal of Wilson, 1st Fl.
Obtain through Interlibrary Loan.
the name of Kreis

Send all the info. you have compiled

East German

East German materials
Wilson Library good place -

Hans Bahlow - Deutsches Namen Lexikon paperback
Book on Pomeranian Names - Lexicon
also Silesia "

Jen Buchmann
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
They can get any German book in print

Also Books abroad - local bookstore

"Ask me" (Steve)

Familienkundliche
Nachrichten

Queries can be placed in this

Directory of Protestant Archives

Handbuch des kirchlichen Archivwesens

German Americana, a bibliography [In English]

[Consult him on spending of $600 for library]

Ritter, Hagstein, 1895

Joachim Mulbeck → Wachberin
11418 - 70th St.
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T5B 1T4

East Germany, Pomerania, Silesia, etc.

Index - Localities and surnames (Steve)

German Interest Group, 4/22/84

Address Bk. for German Genealo., 2nd Ed. 1980 by
Ernst Thode

Pomerania

Pommersche Evangelische Kirche
Evangelisches Konsistorium
Bahnhofstrasse 35/36
DDR - 2200 Greifswald
~~Deutsche Demokratische Republik~~
German Democratic Republic
(archive of Evangelical [Lutheran] Church of Pomerania)

Genealogical Societies

Pommersche Vereinigung für
Stamm- und Wappenkunde
Ladenbergstrasse 1
D-1000 Berlin 33 (Dahlem)
Federal Republic of Germany

* Forschungsstelle Pommern der AGoFF
Ollsemer Strasse 24
D-2116 Hanstedt/Nordheide
Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Federal Republic of Germany

Page Denton
thinks this
would be
good

Call Page Denton to X-ref 2 sheets on German general - (AGoFF)
[If she hasn't sent them]

Steve Kocher; Damm Dist. Ko. 9/22/84

Verzeichnis der Mitglieder
AGOPE 1982

Stolp - 4, 41, 78, 130, 153, 241, 288, 461, 543, 667, 726 [People who are searching in Stolp]

Ritter, Ergotzen, 1895:
Damm, (Ko. Stolp). Df. u. Gutsbz., in Pommern, Prov. Pommern, Rgt., Köslin, Ko. u. AG. Stolp, 160m 297E, RT.

Procedures for Nemitz research in Stolp + Damnen

1. Write to Harold Williamson, Iowa City (German Genealogical Index) - researching Nemitz in Cotzenitz, Kr. Dreifandsberg, Pommern

2. Write to Joachim O.R. Nuthock, Edmonton (AGoFF member) - interested in Stolp. [Compiler (?) of Wagbeisen (?)]

✓ 3. Check at LDS for all available info on Stolp + Damnen

✓ 4. Write to Horst F. Eggert, Waltham, MN, born + raised in Kr. Stolp

✓ 5. Write to person who listed ancestors in Bay City, Mich., in "Die Pommerschen Leute" (Ronald Putz)

6. Send query to Sedina-Archiv (Elmar Bruhn, Hanstedt/Nordheide)

7. Write to Heimatortskartei Nordostemsja for addresses of Schroeder + Domke descendants from Stolp

✓ 8. Send genealogical data to "Die Pommerschen Leute"

9. Send data to German Genealogical Index (Steve Kochler)

10. Write or call John W. Peterson, New Brighton, whose maternal grandparents were from Stojentin + Wollin, NE of Damnen

11. Write to genealogical societies for Pomerania for possible location of records for Stolp + Damnen: church, census, directory, land records, etc.
   a. Forschungstelle Pommern der AGoFF
   b. Pommersche Vereinigung für Stammb. und Wappenkunde
   c. Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ostdeutsche Familienforscher (Lex 1130)

12. Consult German American (at Wilson, Concordia, or Inter. Lit. Fam) [a bibliography, in English]

13. Read or Xerox section on Pomerania and general material, in AGoFF - Wegweiser (now in English), 2nd Wilson + Concordia

14. Send query to Familienkundliche Nachrichten (Check with Steve Kochler) - "Die Pommerschen Leute", Band 5, Nummer 4, p. 30

15. Send for material to help with research on Dr. Stolp to Verlag Degener + Co., publishers, W. Germany ("Doing research in Dr. Stolp genealogy. What materials would you have?")

16. Check Hans Bahlow, Deutsches Namen Lexikon (paperback). Also similar lexicon of Pomeranian names. Check Nemitz, Jomke, + Schroeder.

17. Check indexes of Ostdeutsche Familienkunde at Wilson Periodical Room. (They have 1950-1970. Steve Koehler has from 1976 on. Dry absentee for 1971-1975)

18. Check RLIN [Research Library Information Network] - Terminal at Wilson Lib, 1st Floor, [Use Dr. Stolp], Obtain books on Interlib. Loan.

19. Look for records of Nemitz family in Illinois: church, civil, newspaper, burial

20. Go through all papers in "Genealogy-Nemitz" folder. Put in log and record on Fam. Gr. Sheets

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Steven D. Koehler
3813 East 41st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

~~724-0285~~
535-7397

1- Copy inf. on AGOFF members working on Stolp - suggestions for writing (history of a family in Germany)

2- Ask how he is working on Stolp

3- Where see Eng. ed. of AGOFF-Nogmann?

Please

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2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

German Interest Group - 9/22/84

Address Bk for German Genealog, 2nd Ed. 1980, by Ernest Thode

Heimatortskartein

These are files registering over 18 million people from former German-speaking territory filed by Kreis ("County") of residence as of 1 Sept. 1939, with the latest known addresses. These may be useful, especially for unusual surnames, if the Kreis is known but not the village or town. They were originally set up by German churches and the German Red Cross to help reunite dislocated families, friends, and neighbors after World War II. There have been over 11 million inquiries, of which over 8 million have been successful. Please note that these files do not cover persons deceased by 1939 and are not primarily genealogical; however, they may be helpful in locating family members. Many files give birth dates and places of individuals.

Zentralstelle der Heimatortskartei
Lessingstrasse 1
D-8000 Muenchen 2/Munich
Federal Republic of Germany
(central headquarters of this homeland card-file system)

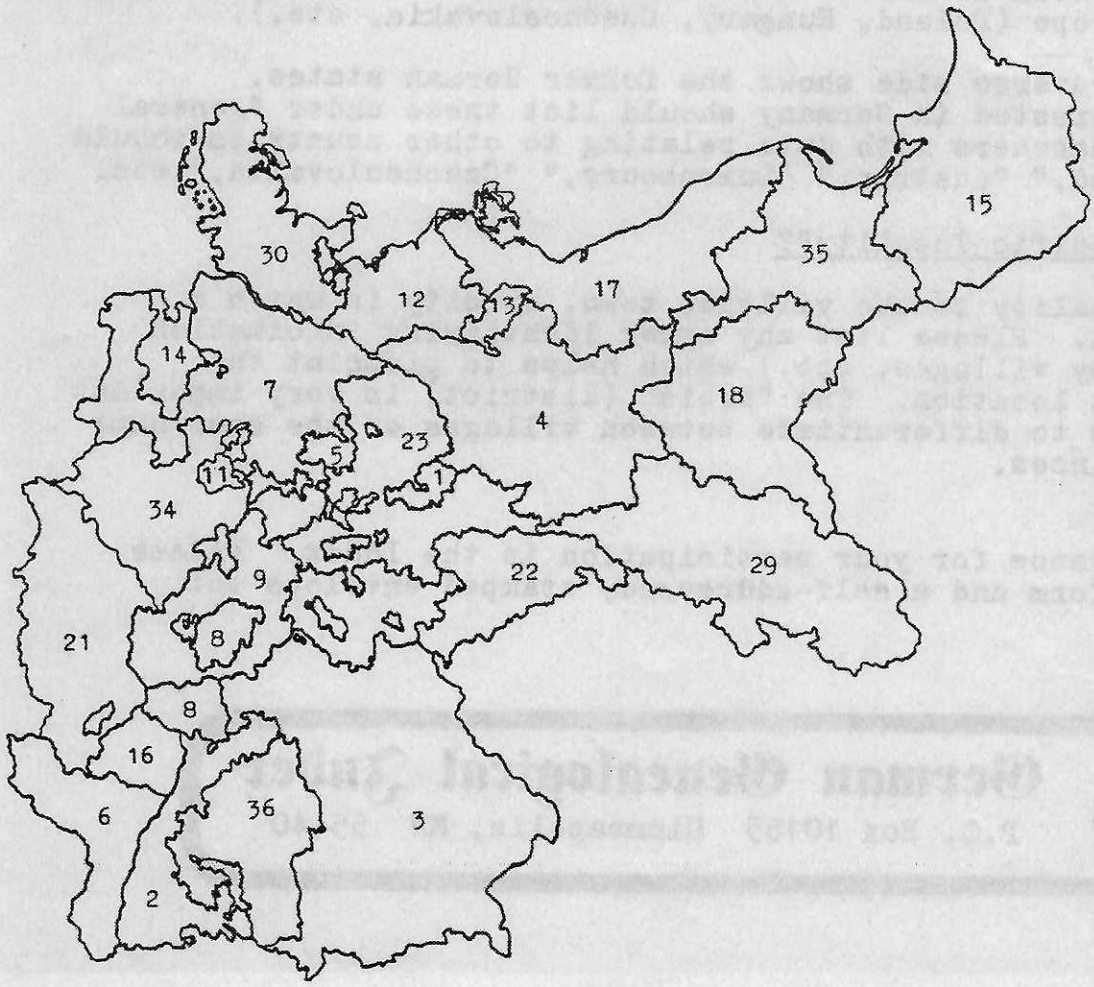
→ Heimatortskartei fuer Nordosteuropa
Moesseering 18
D-2400 Luebeck
Federal Republic of Germany
(for East Prussia, Memelland, Danzig, West Prussia, and Pomerania)

German Genealogical Index

What is the "German Genealogical Index"?

The German Genealogical Index is a project to enable genealogists and local historians to find others researching the same surnames and/or localities in all areas of German-speaking Europe. Because genealogical and historical research can be time-consuming as well as costly, it is imperative that the researcher be aware of other individuals who are interested in the same surnames and/or localities. By pooling resources and sharing data the researcher is able to benefit from the experience of others, thus avoiding duplication of effort and expense.

All data received for the Index is indexed by both surname and locality. This enables the researcher to quickly determine who is interested in a specific surname, village, district, province, etc. Remember that researchers interested in the same village or district may be able to offer you data from published histories, or may be able to guide you in your research in that particular area. Thus, the locality index can be as important as the surname index.



Germany circa 1900

1. Anhalt
2. Baden
3. Bayern (Bavaria)
4. Brandenburg
5. Braunschweig (Brunswick)
6. Elsaß-Lothringen (Alsace-Lorraine)
7. Hannover
8. Hessen
9. Hessen-Nassau
10. Hohenzollern*
11. Lippe
12. Mecklenburg-Schwerin
13. Mecklenburg-Strelitz
14. Oldenburg
15. Ostpreußen (East Prussia)
16. Pfalz (Bavarian Palatinate)
17. Pommern (Pomerania)
18. Posen
19. Reuss-Gera* (Thüringen)
20. Reuss-Greiz* (Thüringen)
21. Rheinland
22. Sachsen (Saxony) /kingdom/
23. Sachsen (Saxony) /province/
24. Sachsen-Altenburg* (Thüringen)
25. Sachsen-Coburg-Gotha* (Thüringen)
26. Sachsen-Meiningen* (Thüringen)
27. Sachsen-Weimar* (Thüringen)
28. Schaumburg-Lippe*
29. Schlesien (Silesia)
30. Schleswig-Holstein
31. Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt* (Thüringen)
32. Schwarzburg-Sondershausen* (Thüringen)
33. Waldeck*
34. Westfalen (Westphalia)
35. Westpreußen (West Prussia)
36. Württemberg

* not identified on this map

Another important function of the Index is to preserve valuable genealogical data which otherwise might not be published. Many Americans have genealogical data gleaned from German documents brought to the United States by their immigrant ancestors. Baptismal, confirmation, and marriage certificates, military certificates, family Bibles, etc. offer a wealth of useful information, especially if they list the village of origin across the Atlantic. It is precisely this type of data which can be published and preserved in the German Genealogical Index.

How do I participate?

Participation is open, free of charge, to anyone who has data for the Index. This nationwide project involves individuals from a wide variety of genealogical and historical societies throughout the United States. Simply fill out the attached entry form, following the instructions as outlined below. Your data will be cross-indexed and published in the current volume of the Index (published annually).

What is meant by "general locality"?

The general locality refers to the country, German state, province, principality, etc. in which a specific village, town, or city is located. The Index contains data on surnames and localities in East and West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg, and The Netherlands, as well as former German settlements in eastern and southeastern Europe (Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, etc.).

The map on the reverse side shows the former German states. Researchers interested in Germany should list these under "general locality." Researchers with data relating to other countries should list "Switzerland," "Austria," "Luxembourg," "Czechoslovakia," etc.

What is the "specific locality"?

The specific locality is the village, town, or city in which a surname is found. Please list any other identifying information (district, nearby villages, etc.) which helps to pinpoint the locality's exact location. The "Kreis" (district) is very important because it helps to differentiate between villages of the same name in various provinces.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the Index. Please mail completed form and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

German Genealogical Index
P.O. Box 10155 Minneapolis, MN 55440

Name of submitter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone ( ) _____

Historical or Genealogical Society affiliation _____

_____

SURNAME (only one per line)	GENERAL LOCALITY (German state, province, etc.)	SPECIFIC LOCALITY (village, town, city, etc.)	TIME PERIOD
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SURNAME	GENERAL LOCALITY	SPECIFIC LOCALITY	TIME PERIOD

Remarks _____

Please mail completed form and SASE to: German Genealogical Index
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Minneapolis, MN 55440

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HEIMATORTSKARTEI NORDOSTEUROPA

Deutsch-Balten - Pommern - Danzig-Westpreußen - Ostpreußen
Kirchlicher Suchdienst - Amtlich anerkannte Auskunftsstelle

Editor's note:
The only words I can read in this document (pp. 35-37) are my dad's name and address.
Hope you can do better!
—TFW, Dec. 18, 2022

Herrn
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

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Frau Ilse Babiel

Unter den hier gemeldeten Namensträgern Nemitz aus Stolp, konnten wir Frau Ilse Babiel, geb. Nemitz, Buchhalterin, als gebürtige Stolperin feststellen, die in 2070 Ahrensburg/Holst., Gerhard-Hauptmann-Str. 12, wohnt.
Vielleicht kann Frau B. Ihnen behilflich sein.

[This paragraph is translated on p. 44 below.]

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[German Interest Group]

German Interest Group
Karen B. Whitmer
7627 Blaisdell Ave.
Richfield, Mn 55423

Frederic Baraga, Michigan, 1835

David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
Mpls. Mn. 55405

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10-25-84

David,

I am going over the G&G questionnaire from our Sept. Sharing meeting. You asked about a town called Dammer in Pomerania. Did you know there is a town DAMMEN, located north/east of Stolpe - only a short ways? Believe it is now called DAMNO. I have 1820 maps that show this and can be copied if interested. The reason I looked near Stolpe is because you also mentioned it on the questionnaire.

If you want to talk about this further, don't hesitate to call me at 869-1759. Just thought I'd let you know - could there have been a mispelling on an "r" and "n"? Sincerely,

Karen Whitmer
616

Dammen
vs.
Damno
vs.
Dammer

(39)

535-7397 disconnected (call Mary R.)

[Edward] Mother's place 724-3069

Steven D. Koehler
P.O. Box 10155
Minneapolis, MN 55440

588-3069 (8/29/87)

7 November 1984

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Rev. Witheridge:

Please excuse the delay in sending this data to you. I have been quite busy with the Index and other projects so have had little free time.

Enclosed is a list of AGoFF members who are interested in Kr. Stolp or the city of Stolp. Although they probably will not undertake research per se, they might be willing to offer advice, refer you to published histories, genealogies, etc.

Also, you might be interested in contacting the following participants in the German Genealogical Index who are researching the Nemitz surname (or variant spellings):

1.) Harold Williamson
131 South Mt. Vernon Dr.
Iowa City, IA 52240
(Nemitz in Batzwitz, Kr. Greifenberg, Pommern)

2.) Hermann E. Nimtz
An der Eick 3
5608 Radevormwald
West Germany
(Nimtz in Jannewitz, Kr. Schlawe, Pommern)

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Steven D. Koehler

Steven D. Koehler

p.s. Per your request, I have placed your name on a list of individuals interested in purchasing a copy of the English edition of the AGoFF-Wegweiser.

Members of the "Arbeitsgemeinschaft ostdeutscher Familienforscher" (AGoFF) interested in either the city of Stolp or Kr. Stolp:

1. Karl-Eberhard Albinus*
   Podbilskistr. 99
   D-3000 Hannover 1
   West Germany

2. Dr. Robert von Blumenthal*
   Pestalozzistr. 18
   D-6953 Gundelsheim
   West Germany

3. Dr. Heinz Czaya
   Richard-Strauss-Str. 109
   D-8000 München 80
   West Germany

4. Paul Franckenstein
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   West Germany

5. Erna Gehlaar
   Im langen Feld 37
   D-3014 Laatzen 1
   West Germany

6. Hermann Hinz
   Amsterdamer Str. 213
   D-5000 Köln 60
   West Germany

7. Herbert Kautz
   Escheberger Str. 23
   D-3549 Breuna
   West Germany

8. Joachim O. R. Nuthack
   11418 70th Street
   Edmonton, Alberta T5B 1T4
   Canada

9. Prof. Fritz Rexilius
   Geibelstr. 4c
   D-4902 Bad Salzuflen
   West Germany

10. Herbert Sylvester
    Nachtigallenweg 14, Godorf
    D-5000 Köln 50
    West Germany

11. Rektor Gerhard Wilke
    Forstweg 68
    D-1000 Berlin 28
    West Germany

* = Mitgliederverzeichnis lists only Stolp. All others list "Kr. Stolp."

[The document on pp. 35-37 is a duplicate of this one; this may be easier to read.]

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Herrn
David E. Witheridge
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405
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Write about Jonke + Schroeder 75
Adolf

← DEW's note

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See p. 44

Can you give information about your grandfather's family (relatives)?
Names of brothers and sisters or other relatives?

Among those reported here from Stolp by the name of Nanitz, we find Frau Ilse Gabriel, nee Nanitz, recorded as born in Stolp, who lives at 2070 Ahrensburg/Holst, Gerhard-Hauptmann-Str. 12. Perhaps Frau B. can help you.

[This is a translation of the last paragraph on p. 43. The translator is unknown, although DEW might have done it himself; he knew some German from high school and graduate school.]

Meeting Notes - February 2, 1985 - "Researching the German East"

More than 125 people came in from the cold weather to join us at the Apache Plaza Community Room. Warmed by the doughnuts, coffee and cider provided by Laurie Hess, we sat back to enjoy Fay Dearden, Luke Lukaszewski and Steve Koehler giving us as much information on the German East as we could absorb: History, complete with maps on the overhead projector, of Pomerania, Silesia, Posen, East & West Prussia and Brandenburg, all now under Polish jurisdiction.

Steven D. Koehler (also see below)

Fay Dearden enlightened us with source materials at the LDS library (2801 Douglas Drive N. in Crystal near Golden Valley where she presides every Thursday), including more than 15000 rolls of microfilm, to which about 150 are added each month. She discussed civil registration in these areas, indicating that many records have ended up in unlikely places in East or West Germany. Hamburg Passenger Lists are available through the library, as well as Temple University films of ships' manifests (names indexed alphabetically by surname with ship, village of origin, destination, dates and occupation). She alluded to the IGI (genealogical index) of 82 million names recording births, marriages, deaths; use of the Meyers-Orts to find parish names, and research papers such as number C-31 on Poland for $2.00.

LDS resources

Luke Lukaszewski mentioned the good maps in the 1911 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica (maps of Poland) and the address of the Polish Consulate at 1530 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago IL 60605. He also delighted us with tales of his adventures travelling in Poland, and being a translator for Polish visitors in Minnesota. How wonderful to be fluent in Polish when searching for your ancestors in Poland! (He is available for translation jobs!)

Karen Whitmer

During our brief lunch period, everyone crowded around Karen Whitmer's well organized sharing table, with notebooks for each of the areas of research in the Germanies and German East, and some incredibly detailed copies of maps from an 1820 atlas. There were other things on the table, but I was so busy looking for a tiny Pomeranian town called Klein Benz that I shall have to examine the other resources at our April Meeting! (P. S. I did find Klein Benz!)

After lunch Steve Koehler had just launched into a discussion of immigration and settlement patterns from the 14th to the 18th centuries when I had to leave. Did you pick up copies of his handouts on areas settled by Germans in Eastern Europe?

See you at the April workshop. Your peripatetic observer,
Joan Rupp

Steve Koehler again

In the afternoon session on the German East, Steve Koehler presented many ideas of how to find more information about ancestors in the German East, i.e. what today lies in Poland and Russia east of the Oder River. (Silesia, Posen, Pommerania, East and West Prussia, Sudetenland and parts of Brandenburg.)

He gave specific examples of reference materials and societies that could help you find your roots. Some of the references included:

1. Bibliographies listing histories of specific regions, e.g. BIBLIOGRAPHIE DER GESCHICHTE VON OST-UND WEST PREUSSEN (Bibliography of East and West Prussian histories.) LANDES-UND FAMILIENGESCHICHTLICHE BIBLIOGRAPHIE FÜR POMMERN (Historical and Genealogical Bibliography for Pommerania). Similar types of reference works are available at Wilson Library or interlibrary loan.

2. Library for the German East - BÜCHEREI DES DEUTSCHEN OSTENS-HERNE (West Germany) has published their card catalog in 2 extensive volumes which lists villages and surnames for East and West Prussia, Danzig, Posen, Pommerania, Mecklenburg, and Sudetenland.
3. There are historical societies for former German Provinces in West Germany. These are called "LANDSMANNSCHAFTEN" and should be contacted.
4. There are many genealogical societies that can be helpful.
   AGoFF - Arbeitsgemeinschaft ostdeutscher Familienforscher (Genealogical Society for the German East.)

   Verein für Familienforschung in Ost-und Westpreussen (Genealogical Society for East and West Prussia)

   AGfmFF - Arbeitsgemeinschaft für mitteldeutsche Familienforschung (Genealogical Society for present day East Germany).

   These are but a few of the genealogical societies you can contact. AGoFF published two excellent periodicals: OSTDEUTSCHE FAMILIENKUNDE, (Family studies of the German East) which contains a surname and locality index in each volume, and ARCHIV OSTDEUTSCHER FAMILIENFORSCHER (Archive of German East genealogists) lists actual family lineages.
5. Glenzdorfs Internationales Genealogen-Lexikon (Glenzdorf's International dictionary of genealogists) - a three volume set listing genealogists and the surnames and localities they are researching - nearly 100,000 surnames listed. (GERMAN INTEREST GROUP has ordered Glenzdorf for our library.)

Kent Cutkomp

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1985

Deloris Mellon

The meeting was called to order by our president, Deloris Mellon.
COMMUNICATIONS: Reports were given by Deloris Mellon & Winnie Fernstrom.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Balance at the end of the year is $485.64.
We reviewed the plans for the Feb 2nd meeting. Ancestor charts in Polish will be handed out. Ancestor charts in German will be sold for 10¢ apiece.
We discussed the April 13th workshop. The workshop will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 39th and Chicago in So. Mpls. Members must have reservations. We will close the reservations at 200. This will be announced in the Newsletter. Kent & Debbie Cutkomp have offered their home to Mr. Hall for lodging. We selected Best, Inc. to cater the lunch.
OLD BUSINESS: Gerianne Dodge reported that the German Study Groups are now up to 5, 3 of which are active. One person of each group to reply to queries.
LIBRARY: Mary Bellingham reported that space has been given to us at Concordia College for our German research materials.
Shirley Dunwiddie made a motion that any items of research purpose purchased by the group should be presented as recommendation to the Library Committee for purchase. This motion was passed.
Winnie Fernstrom made a motion that we buy the Index to Pennslyvania Germans. This motion was passed.
NEW BUSINESS: Joan Rupp reported for the publicity Committee. Shirley Dunwiddie reported for the membership committee. Winnie Fernstrom and Mary Bellingham reported for the Publications Committee. The deadline for handing in materials will be six weeks before the next meeting. The next deadline will be Feb. 22. They will need a synopsis of the minutes and need comments from the committee heads for the Newsletter.
We discussed the need for membership cards. Kent Cutkomp made the motion to table it for furthur discussion. The motion was seconded and passed.
Regarding the GERMAN INTEREST GROUP ad in GENEALOGY HELPER - Winnie made the motion, Dale seconded that we send $13.00 to them for an ad in the summer issue.
Joan Rupp made a motion that we pay Charles Hall, the speaker at our April workshop $150.00. Winnie seconded this and it was passed.
Sincerely,
Betty Schoon, Secretary.

LDS 5/8/86

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"Pommern Emigration and Emigration", Larry O. Jensen, pp. 15-17

Religious Reasons

The third and largest movement out of Pommern began in 1837, as a result of the union by Friedrich Wilhelm III of the Lutheran and Calvinist churches as the state religion, restricting the religious freedom of the people. This religious movement to North America was in three parts: 1837, 1839, and 1843.

Emigration in the 1860's

The year 1868 was the year of the highest immigration to America with 11,265 immigrants. Between 1844 and 1871 91,289 people left Pommern and emigrated to America.

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"German Emigration Sources in the Salt Lake Genealogical Library"

POMMERN

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"Die Pommerschen Leute" Feb, Mar, Apr. 1991

Die Forschung — Pommern- die Geschichte

Ill. German Genealogy

For our friends and members in Illinois (and whomever else might have use of such), I have received word from Ron Otto (#226) of a new publication from the Illinois Chapter of Palatines to America.

It is a 90-100 page source book of Illinois German-American genealogy. It will highlight the sources of about a dozen Illinois counties, such as: Champaign, Macon, Peoria, Kankakee, Adams, and others basically in central Illinois. Subsequent booklets will be issued on the Chicago area and southern Illinois. Besides the county information, there will be articles on subjects such as churches, cemetaries, and newspapers. It will also contain articles about the Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Libraries, and Illinois sources available in a Family History Center.

More information can be received by sending a SASE, after February 1, 1991, to : Illinois Chapter, Palatines to America, P.O. Box 3884, Quincy, IL 62305. Sent 2/6/91

Our Very Own

Carol Hesselgesser (354) has responded to our query of how our ancestors traveled to their final destination after they had reached a particular seaport to disembark. Her contribution is several pages from a book, 'The History of Saline County', the county being in Nebraska. (Not intended as criticism, but wouldn't you worry a little bit about going to a county called 'of salt'?) The particular details are as follows:

'Among the early pioneers were Mr. and Mrs. Fred ZABEL. Mr. Zabel's parents left Prussia April 18, 1866 and landed in NYC. The father and mother were detained, the youngest child having smallpox. The remainder of the family, ranging from 3 to 12 years of age, came on west with the uncle. They came as far as St. Joseph by rail, then 2 days on a steamboat up the Missouri River as far as Brownsville, then by team to what was called Muddy Creek, In Johnson County, where they stayed two weeks. Then they went up to Swan Creek and spent their first Fourth of July in 1866.

Mrs. Zabel, who was born in Wisconsin in 1857, came to Nebraska even earlier than her husband. At the age of three, she located with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.F. WITT, on the farm 3 miles northeast of Western, now occupied by her youngest son. Four families - GUTZMER, FENNE, WAHL, and WITT - came together from Wisconsin to Nebraska by ox teams, arriving at Muddy Creek in the fall of 1860. Here the families remained for the winter, the men walking to Saline County, where they located their farms on Swan Creek. . . . The families lived in their covered wagons until the first log house on the J. G. Wahl farm was finished, then the Wahl and Witt families lived in the one house while the Witt house was built. The frame house built later still stands on the original Witt farm . . . . It was all put together with wood pegs, no nails used.'

I just love to share all this kind of information, particularly because I know nothing of the travels and first buildings of the Gorges and Grünwald families. I know why each of the families went to lower Waupaca County in WI - because they had relatives there and many of the same families I have found in the same neighborhood are in the same church records from Pommern. But I still need a few details. Particularly, how did they make the trip from Quebec to Wisconsin.

Sailing to America

Ellen Piehl, (279) has sent me a copy of pages 130 to 132 of 'A Chronology & Fact Book' entitled *The Germans in America 1607-1970*, compiled and edited by Howard B. Furer. It was published in 1973 by Oceana Publications, Inc., Dobbs Ferry, NY. It gives a description of what might be considered the among the worst of conditions that an ancestor might have encountered in a sailing ship.

The pages are a record of a ship, the Leibnitz, which traveled from Hamburg to Quebec, which was to leave on 2 November, 1867, but was held up at Cuxhaven until the 11th.* and arrived after 70 days. Her 544 passengers, 395 adults, 103 children, and 46 infants, came principally from Mecklenburg, 40 Prussians from Pomerania and Posen, and a few Saxons and Thuringians. Of these 544 German passengers, 105 died in passage and 3 in port - leaving 436 to survive.

During the voyage, which had taken the southern route for the winds and found temperatures up to 94 degrees, some families had died out entirely and others were missing parents, or spouses, or children.

When the Boarding Officer arrived, 'he hardly discovered a clean spot on the ladder, or on the ropes, where he could put his hands and feet.' Except for 2 hatchways, the lower part of the steerage, which had been constructed under the normal steerage floors which were built into other ships to accomodate these passengers on supply ships, had no ventilation and was 'a perfect pesthole, calculated to kill the healthiest man.' With these hatches open, as they were in port, one could only see into the hold 2 or 3 feet. It was located, as stated, below the 'normal' steerage planking, 'and was immediately over the keel, where the bilgewater collects, and the adjoining part of the cargo, which consisted of wool and hides.'

120 passengers were crowded into this area, with scanty rations, some of which were rotten, and a very inadequate supply of water. They never received more than half a pint of water a day, whereas U.S. law required 3 quarts. 'As the main deck was very difficult of access . . . the inmates often failed to go on deck even to attend to the calls of nature. There were only 6 waterclosets for the accomodation of all the passengers.' The sick received the same rations as the well, with high prices extracted for all extras and comforts.

The corpses were frequently allowed to remain below fro over 24 hours, and frequently were covered with vermin. 'Instead of compelling them, from the first, to come on deck and remove their dirt, (the captain) allowed them to remain below, and to perish among their own excerements.'

Fortunately, this seems to be an exception, worthy to be noted, of the general rules of good ventilation, cleanliness, suitable medical care, sufficient water, and wholesome food which was normal. One would assume that the earlier years of emigration (1839 - 1860's) were more difficult until ships were beginning to be constructed for passenger service and not doubling as cargo carriers. The voyages were far shortened, despite individual ship's condition, when steam took over from sail in the 1870's. The people who came through Ellis Island had traveling conditions far superior to those of our Pomeranian ancestors, most of whom were here before the opening of Ellis Island.

The accounts that history presents have to be paid. Past has to be reconciled with present in the life of a nation. History is an insistent force: the past is what put us where we are. The past can not be put aside until it is settled with.

The force of the past is commonly underestimated, even denied, in American discussion. It has been characteristic of American culture to think history mostly bunk, and certainly to act as though it were - possibly because the United States has enjoyed a relative happy history.

William Pfaff in his book *Barbarian Sentiments: How the American Century Ends*

2425 Irving Ave. So.
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February 6, 1991

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Dear Sirs:

Please send me information about your new source book on Illinois German-American genealogy in the enclosed envelope.

Yours very truly,
David E. Witheridge

[Notes by DEW; source(s) unknown]

Charles August Zomke
(brother of Herman)
born Dec. 16, 1862 in Grangin, Germany

- son of Johann Zomke
+ Johanna Nemitz

Grangin is 5 mi. from Stolp on the way (ENE) to Damman, which is 12 mi. from Stolp

Note A

Note B

Wilhelm Nemitz was born Aug. 3, 1835, in Damman.

Theresa Jacobs also reported to have been born in Damman on July 20, 1843, but only by her daughter Edith, who was only 2 yrs. old when her mother died.

Wilhelmina Nemitz (Schroeder)
born Mar. 19, 1851, in Stolp
+ married in Stolp

Bertha Nemitz (Zomke)
born July 9, 1866, in Stolp

Herman Zomke born Nov. 26, 1866, in Stolp

Note C

[These undated notes must have been written by DEW after spring 1992, when the editor started a job in Dakota Co., MN, because the were written on the back of this note paper.]

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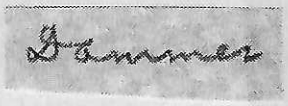
Editor's Note

On October 25,1984, Karen B. Whitmer of the German Interest Group of the Minnesota Genealogical Society sent Dad a post card (see p. 38 earlier in this folder), following up on a meeting of the interest group. She helpfully pointed out that there is a town called "Dammen," spelled with an "n" (and now ~~perhaps~~ called "Damno"), located near Stolp. Perchance was Dad confusing Dammer and Dammen by mistake?

Now, after seeing Dad's use of both place names — Dammer and Dammen — in the same group of notes on the previous page (p. 50), I'm genuinely confused myself: Did he buy Karen Whitmer's hypothyesis about an accidental misspelling, or was he actually using both place names intentionally and correctly in his work after reading Karen's 1984 post card?

Here is how Dad writes the word Dammen:

And the word Dammer: 

Both place names were used by him in note C on the previous page (for Wilhelm and Theresa's birth towns, respectively), which he gave simply as Dammer for both husband and wife in everything I've read before now. So you see why I'm confused.

If I get a better feel for this issue as I read more documents, I'll I'll write an update at the index entry for Dammer, Germany (now Poland). Stay tuned!

Tom Witheridge
December 18, 2022

See the maps showing Dammen on the next page.

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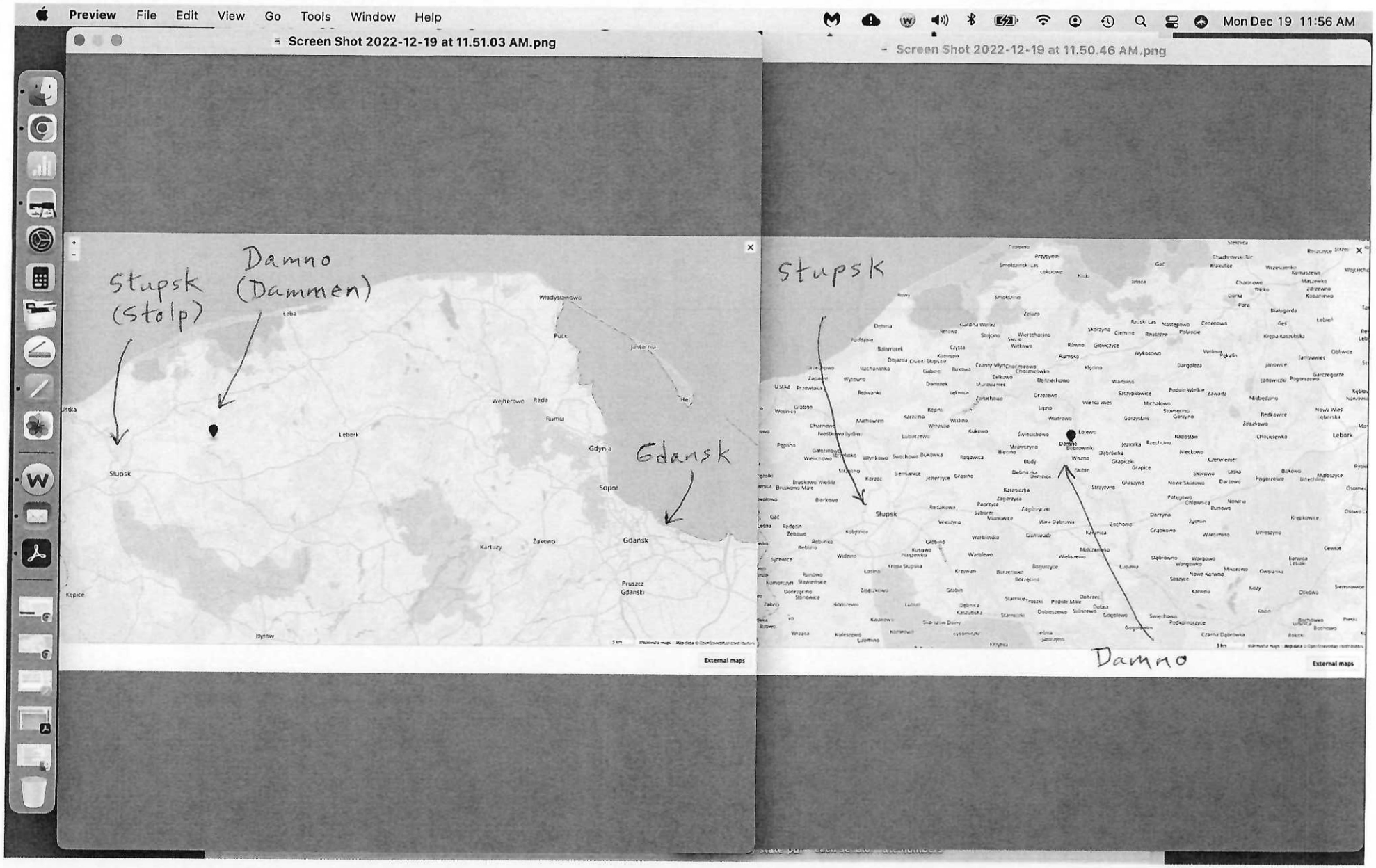
[Maps from Wikimedia Maps, accessed Dec. 19, 2022]

[Screen shots by the editor showing Damno, Poland]



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Ship: Friedrandel
From: Bremen
To: New York
Arrived 20 July 1872

Passenger	Age	Sex	Occupation	Prov.	Villag (unknown)	Destination
Nemitz, Wilhelm	36	M	Lab.	Prussia	?	N.Y.
Therese	29	F	Unknown	"	"	"
Bertha	6	F	Child	"	"	"
Emma	3	F	Child	"	"	"
Augusta	.04	F	Infant	"	"	"

Ship: Augusta
From: Bremen
To: Baltimore
Arrived: 11 June 1872

Nemitz, Ernst	24	M	Farmer	Germany	?	Chicago

Ship: Berlin
From: Bremen
To: Baltimore
Arrived 21 May 1872

Nemitz, Heinr	41	M	Farmer	Germany	?	U.S.A.
Wilhelmine	36	F	Unknown	"	"	"
Friedr.	7	M	Child	"	"	"
Albert	5	M	Child	"	"	"
Wilhm.	6	F	Child	"	"	"
Bertha	4	F	Child	"	"	"
Heinrich	.09	M	Infant	"	"	"

Ship: Holsatia
From: Hamburg + Havre
To: New York
Arrived: 5 June 1872

Nemitz, Anna	27	F	Single	"	"	U.S.A.

Cont.

Ship: Silesia
From: Hamburg + Havre
To: New York
Arrived: 2 July 1872

Nanitz, Edward	34	M	Farmer	Germany	?	U.S.A.
Wilke	35	F	Wife	"	"	"
Hedwig	6	F	Child	"	"	"
Louise	.08	F	Infant	"	"	"

Ship: Bladworth
From: Swinemunde, Copenhagen + Christiansand
To: New York
Arrived: 5 June 1872

Nanitz, Johanne	23	F	Farmer	Germany	?	N.Y.

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Ship: Koln
From: Bremen
To: New York
Arrived: 29 August 1872

Tomke, Johann	30	M	Farmer	Germany	?	U.S.A.

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Pomerania - Fred Burkhe

Oder River dividing line between E. + W. Pomerania (Oder + Zone a Writer)
He + son went over in 1994
Stopped at Frankfurt-on-Oder
Bre Pomerian Lante
Many old Pommeranian names end in -ke
Considerable war damage by Russians + French + taken during occupation
135 mi. wide
Jane Rejas, author of a book about Von Thiers family (Kate von Klaist 1867-1945)
Matriarch of Conspiracy. Jane Rejas Yearbook Publishing
Bonhoeffer was from Pomerania
She is writing a book about the Pomeranian church of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Originally the Pomeranian people were Slavic.

Locating Your Town's Records, Geri Dodge (by Mike House)
Germania General.
LDS Church Lit. - Research Outline for Germany
The German Researcher - Fay Jeardon

Writing to churches, archives, etc.
Microfilm at LDS
Eccles., civil registrations + court records (many kinds)

Court records may be on LDS microfilm
Church record inventory -
Listed in locality section of LDS catalog
Germany - ~~Church~~ church records - inventories -
registers, catalogs
Germany - (State) - Church records - etc.

Then try archives in Germany -

Duplicate records for some churches are in
the state archives
Try to find central church archive of the Lutheran

Address Book for Germanic Denom. - Thode

Archives contents books:

Secondary sources
Ortssippen book or Familien books

Now appearing on Internet

[Notes by DEW for a letter to Una Parsons, a distant cousin in his Witheridge and Ley lines, This document is also the second to last in Una's section of folder 1.63u.]

April 11, 1997

Dear Una,

I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to answer your letter, but I had been in touch with Kim and knew she was working with you in scheduling a trip to Combe Martin on Monday after our Witheridge gathering in Tiverton. I didn't want to write to you until I got her letter with the details, and that didn't come until about the end of March. I'm glad that everything has now been worked out to everyone's satisfaction, and I can hardly wait to see you all again. However, it sounds as though it will be a big undertaking for you, and I am sorry about that, but I really do appreciate it.

I'm especially busy right now, because I not only have much to do in preparation for coming to England, but I have an amazing development in the discovery of a second cousin in Germany — a member of my mother's family. I had been working on my German ancestry for many years, as I had earlier worked on my English ancestry, but to no avail. The part of Germany they came from, Pomerania, is now in Poland, and the records were impossible to find. But then along came Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist, out of the blue. He's coming to this country in June for a Pomeranian gathering in Milwaukee, and I'm going there to meet him. We've also been trying to find other relatives who could go to Milwaukee (as of now, there will be seven besides me), and I've been taking a German course so we can communicate at least a little. So you can see, my thoughts have been torn between England and Germany for many months.

But England comes first, and on April 30th I set forth for London and a wonderful 17 days! I hope everything goes well for all of us, and I thank you especially for all your loving kindness. See you soon!

Love,
David

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz

[DEW's 1998 Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis]

[Mar. 18, 1999]

Subj: **Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/18/99 4:38:45 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Chesnutmor

Dear Jill, ← Jill Pierson (b. 1977)

I'm sure you thought I had fallen off the face of the earth, but I think of you often. I've been busy about many things, including genealogy, but mostly in connection with my German line--Nemitz--my mother's side.

Last summer I spent a tremendous amount of time preparing for and running a small reunion of Nemitz relatives in this country (about 25) to meet with four of our newly-found cousins from Germany. They spent about a week in Minneapolis, and we had a great time, but it was exhausting.

Now I have some exciting news for you. Kathy Witheridge has finally been able to plan a Witheridge Reunion for August. It's going to be held in Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday, August 21. I'm sorry the reunion we talked of last year never took place, but for several reasons Kathy just couldn't work it out. I know you were thinking of coming, and now I hope you'll start planning for this summer, and maybe your sister and others in your family can also come.

It will be held in Lansing, because there are so many Witheridge descendants within 100 miles of Lansing. But there will be people there from many parts of the U.S. and Canada--possibly from as far west as British Columbia and as far south as Arkansas. There will probably be between 25 and 50 people there, so you will be able to meet a great many other Witheridge descendants. I have to advise you that I won't be there myself, because at my age (84) I've had to give up traveling, but you will meet many other wonderful people, and they'll all be thrilled to meet you.

I can't tell you yet what hotel or motel the reunion will be held at, but Kathy will keep you informed as soon as that is determined.

Well, that's all for now. I'll be looking forward to your response.

David

[DEW purchased this book by a Nemitz, set on an Iowa farm. See also next two pages.]

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Editor's Note

This folder contains one-family records (all of them hand-written by my dad) and associated documents pertaining to the Nemitzes and related German lines.

A few of the married couples presented here are redundant — you've already seen them at the beginning of folder 2.1 — but the records in this folder appear to have been updated, or created from scratch, later in dad's genealogical career. They benefited from information he obtained from such invaluable sources as Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), whom he didn't "discover" until the late 1990s.

I'm presenting these documents in the order in which I found them in the file. However, when one version of a particular record appears to be more recent than another (because of its added or corrected facts), I'm placing it after the older one.

Hopefully, as I get to the rest of Dad's "German box" (these records were located pretty close to the beginning of it), I will have more to say about the provenance of this material — that is, exactly how and from whom he obtained it. In the meantime, the footnotes will be very helpful.

Tom Witheridge
December 21, 2022
Happy Solstice!

[See later version, p. 3] (2)

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Michael NEMITZ	Maria Louisa REPPEN
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth c. 1785	Birth
Marriage	Death
Death	Other Places of Residence:
Other Places of Residence:	Other Husbands:
Other Wives:	

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Heinrich Ludwig	Birth	Mar. 25, 1810	Philipshoff, Lupow, Kr. Stolp, Pommer
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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[See earlier version, p. 2] (3)

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Michael NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1785	
Marriage	c. 1808	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Maria Louisa REPPEN [Godmother of Frantz Heinrich Erdlmann NEMITZ, 1809]

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Philipshoff - g.p. 1809

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Heinrich Ludwig	Birth	Mar. 25, 1810	Philipshoff, Lupow, Kr. Stolp, Pommer
	Married to Henriette BONKE	Marriage		
		Death		
? 2	Martin	Birth	c. 1815	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname NEMITZ

Family No. JPW20

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Ludwig(z) Heinrich NEMITZ (w)(y) ← The letter "y"	Henriette (w)(y) BONKE (y)[5] ← Number "5"
Father's Name: Michael NEMITZ (z)	Father's Name: ← Letter "y"
Mother's Maiden Name: Maria Louise KEPPEN (z)	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth ~~c. 1800~~ ?, Mar. 25, 1810 - Philipshoff, Lupow, Stolp (z)	Birth Feb. 23, 1800 - Germany (w)
Marriage c. 1832	
Death c. 1852	Death Nov. 22, 1888 - Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (w)
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence: Rambow, 1879
Other Wives:	Other Husbands: [Perhaps the hamlet in Brandenburg, Germany? TFW, Dec. 21, 2022]

Others?

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

	Date / Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1 Johanna (n)(w) Married to Johann Friedrich TOMKE (w)	Birth Aug. 9, 1833 (w) - Germany (j)[6] ← "6" Marriage Germany (o) Death Aug. 30, 1894 (w) - Bay County, Mich. (i)(j)(w)[7]
2 Wilhelm Frederick (g)[1] Married to Theresa JACOBS (c)(f)	Birth Aug. 3, 1835 - ~~Dammer~~ Dammen, Germany (c)(f)[3] Dammen Marriage 1856 - Germany (c)(f) Death Jan. 3, 1921 - Beecher, Ill. [bur. Peotone, Ill.] (c)
3 Ferdinand (c)(d)(y)[2,4] Married to Henriette Friderika SKIBBE (y)	Birth [Bapt. Feb. 11, 1844 - Ratsdamnitz, Stolp, ~~Hinterpommern~~ (Kriwen)] (y)[8] Marriage Mar. 12, 1869 - Dammen, Stolp (y) Death 1932 - Koberg, Pommern (y) Kolberg
4 s. Karl (?) (c) Married to	Birth c. 1840? Germany (c) Marriage Death After 1921 - Germany (c)
5 Ernst (a)(p) Married to Wilhelmina KNUTH (k)(r)	Birth Dec. 1, 1848 (q) - Germany (m) Marriage Death Apr. 20, 1901 - Hanover Twp., Crawford Co, Iowa (p)
6 Wilhelmina (a) Married to Charles (e) [Carl (h)] SCHROEDER (e)	Birth Mar. 17, 1851 (b) - Stolp (d), Germany (b) Marriage Stolp, Germany (d) Death July 2, 1925 - Bay City, Mich. (a)(b)
7 Married to	Birth Marriage Death
8 Married to	Birth Marriage Death
9 Married to	Birth Marriage Death
10 Married to	Birth Marriage Death

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach

(b) Death records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House, Bk. I, p. 29

(c) Obit. of William Nemitz in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(d) Obit. of Wilhelmina Schroeder in Bay City (Mich.) Times Tribune, July 3, 1925

(e) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, Mar. 24, 1893

(f) Inf. from Edith Witheridge

(g) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge

(h) Bay City Directory, 1893-4

(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(j) Inf. from Edward Tomke

(k) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"

(m) Inf. from Elaine Nemitz (Mrs. LeRoy)

(n) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw

(o) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke

(p) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.

(q) Grave stone in St. Paul's Luth. Ch. cem., Hanover Twp.

(r) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953

(s) Bay City Directory, 1903 + 1905

(t) 1900 Census of Bay City, Mich.; Doc. N13-Log 371

(u) 1880 Census - Nat. Archives: E.D. 16, Sup. Dist. 4, p. 11 (Micro.), Sumner Township, Kankakee, Ill.; Doc. N101-Log 987

(v) Inf. from Esther Plamp; Doc. N59-Log 924

(w) Gravestone inscription, cemetery of Zion Lutheran Church, Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (v)

(x) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N88-Log 966

(y) Inf. from Friedrich Nemitz ← [Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (b. 1934)]

(z) Lupow Church Book

1- Given as Wilhelm Johann Nemitz by (f) and William F. Nemitz in (s)

2- Mail carrier in Stolp, Germany (?) (a); had a dau. Ida, a nurse (a)

3- Given as Aug., 1836, in 1900 Census (t); 1837 in 1880 Census (u). Probably Dammen near Stolp.-D.E.W.

4- Probably Ferdinand. Wilhelmina Laderach said he was Ernest and the brother in Iowa was Ferdinand; but the brother in Iowa actually was Ernst. - D.E.W.

5- Church records of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich., list Henriette in communicant roster of 1887 and state that she died in 1888. (x)

6- Given as May 9, 1829, in (x).

7- Given as Aug. 10, 1894 in (x).

8- Born Feb. 9, 1844, birthplace unknown (y)

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. JPW20-3

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

[Day laborer]

Ferdinand NEMITZ (a)(b)

Father's Name:
Heinrich NEMITZ (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Henriette BONKE (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	[Bapt. Feb. 11, 1844	Ratsdamnitz, Stolp, Hinterpommern](a)'
Marriage	Mar. 12, 1869	Dammen, Stolp (a)
Death	1932	Koberg, Pommern (a)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Henriette (a) Friderika (a)(b) SKIBBE (a)(b)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

See the corrected version on p. 49 of this folder.

[Grandfather of Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (b. 1934)]

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Wilhelm (a)[2]	Birth ~~1864~~	Aug. 27, 1865 - Labehn, Stolp, Pommern
	Married to (Austria)	Marriage ~~1896~~	April 28, 1896 - Sillingsdorf, Regenwalde
	Emilie OESTERREICH (a)	Death ~~1936~~	Mar. 8, 1936 - Daber, Naugard
2	Hermann (a)	Birth	1875
	Married to	Marriage	
	Hedwig PRIEBE	Death	1957
3	Ferdinand (a)(b)	Birth	May. 9, 1869 - Alt Darsin, Lupow, Stolp (b)
	Married to	Marriage	
	Luise STRESE	Death	1948
4	Ida (a)	Birth	1879
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	1968
5	Berta (a)	Birth	1873
	Married to	Marriage	
	Franz MANSKE	Death	1956
6	Anna (a)	Birth	1884
	Married to	Marriage	
	Johann OSTENDORF	Death	1951
7	~~[Dau.]~~ ~~(a)~~ Emma	Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
	Erich WASKO	Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a). Inf. from Friedrich Nemitz
(b) Lupow Church Book

1- Born Feb. 9, 1844, birthplace unknown (a)
2- Moved west to Daber in the district of Naugard (a)

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Ehemann Wilhelm, Heinrich, Julius Nemitz				Ehefrau Emilie Oestreich			
Tag Monat Jahr	Stadt	Kreis	Staat oder Land	Tag Monat Jahr	Stadt	Kreis	Staat oder Land
Geburt 27.08.1865	Ort Labehn	Stolp	Deutschland	Geburt 11.06.1874	Ort Rechow	Regenwalde	Deutschland
Sterbe 03.03.1936	Ort Daber	Naugard	-"-	Sterbe 25.01.1946	Ort Göritz	Prenzlau	-"-
Beerdigung	Ort			Beerdigung	Ort		
Heirat 28.04.1896	Ort Sillingsdorf	Kr. Regenwalde			Religion evang.		

Vater	Mutter	Vater	Mutter

Kinder	Geburtsdatum (Tag Monat Jahr)	Geburtsort (Stadt, Kreis, Staat oder Land)	Heirat	Sterbedatum (Tag Monat Jahr)	Beerdigungsort (Stadt, Kreis, Staat oder Land)
1 Franz Nemitz	24.02.1897	Schwerin Regenwalde	datum	06.1945	Charzow, SU
Ehe.			ort		
2 Berta Nemitz	04.02.1899	Schwerin Regenwalde		18.12.1980	Herten / Westfalen
Ehe.					
3 Ida Nemitz	12.05.1901	Schwerin Regenwalde		05.10.1945	Prenzlau
Ehe.					
4 Herman Nemitz	13.08.1902	Klein Borkenhagen -"-		23.05.1985	Issum
Ehe.					
5 Wilhelm Nemitz	30.06.1904	Klein Borkenhagen -"-	05.09.1933	30.06.1978	Loitz, Demmin
Ehe. Auguste Arndt	22.12.1910	Klonn Konitz	Göritz / Prenzlau	24.07.1994	Loitz Demmin
6 Emma Nemitz	08.11.1905	Groß Borkenhagen -"-			
Ehe.					
7 Marie Nemitz	03.07.1908	Groß Borkenhagen -"-			
Ehe.					
8 Emilie Nemitz	30.06.1910	Groß Borkenhagen -"-		08.03.1973	Hannover
Ehe.					
9 Anna Nemitz	28.12.1912	Groß Borkenhagen -"-		02.1917	Daber, Naugard
Ehe.					
10 Erich Nemitz	09.1914	Groß Borkenhagen -"-		12.1914	Groß Borkenhagen
Ehe.					

Name und Addresse des Einsenders des Bogens

11 Johannes Nemitz 05.10.1917 Daber Kr. Naugard

[This and the next page were attached by DEW to pp. 6-8. For better copies, see pp. 11-12.]

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(My translation)

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Zahnarzt
Goethestrasse 37
17121 Loitz

Nov. 24, 1996

Dear David,

Without a doubt, we have common ancestral roots, so I am addressing you informally.

I greatly enjoyed your letter; I read it all with interest.

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(11)

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Editor's Note

The article by Dad on the next three pages (14-16) is actually out of place, but I'm locating it here because of its connection to Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), whose initial correspondence you have just seen (pp. 9-12).

Dad wrote this ecstatic article to share the remarkable story of his "discovery" of this second cousin once removed in Germany, the first living relative he had managed to locate in the old country. It was the lucky break he badly needed in his frustrating Nemitz research effort.

See the index entry for Germanic Genealogy Society.

Tom Witheridge
December 23, 2022

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- Linda Gaede-Nazer for *County Courthouse Book*, published by Ancestry. This is a valuable tool for researching county records.
- Professor La Vern J. Rippley for *Noble Women, Restless Men*. This book is the family history of the **Rippley (Rieple, Ripley, Ripli, Rippli)** Family of Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.
- Beverly Ewing for donating a *Familienbuch* by Karl-Josef Tonner and Peter Bauer. This German family history includes the villages of Retterath, Arbach and Mannebach, Germany. We also want to thank Lois Edwards for her generous time in printing this lengthy book. At least two regions in Minnesota have roots to these areas of Germany.
- Myron Falck for *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Morrison Township, Brown County, WI*. This is a record of 310 deaths recorded from 1873–1924. Many were immigrants from Pommern.
- Fred and Annemarie Arends for their family sheets of the **Arends** family from Beyersdorf and the **Warsitz** family from Schlesien. These will be added to our file of family sheets.

Please call Delphine Thomas at (651) 257-4976 or E-mail: msmedia@gte.net if you would like to have GGS purchase a particular book—or if you would like to donate a book or other genealogy materials. ❦

Miracle after 125 Years

by David E. Witheridge

As I looked through my mail, there was an airmail envelope from Germany with the return address of Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, *Zahnarzt* (dentist). I quickly tore it open and found a short letter in German, which I could skim through and understand. He had received my address from Martha Riggle of Wichita, Kansas, and he was looking for relatives in the United States. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother, Henriette, had emigrated from *Kreis* Stolp in Pomerania to Milwaukee about 1870. Ferdinand had lived in the town of Criewan, but had been married in Dammen, near the city of Stolp. Could I give him any information about the three brothers?

I immediately figured we must be related somehow, because my grandfather, William Nemitz, was born in Dammen and came to this country in 1872. However, there were not three brothers, only two. William and his brother Ernst came to Chicago, not Milwaukee. Their mother didn't come with them, though she came later to be with their two sisters, who had come to Bay County, Michigan. Ernst soon went to a farm in Iowa, and my grandfather went first to a farm in Illinois and then to Bay City, Michigan. None of this seemed to fit the details outlined by Dr. Nemitz. As I thought about it, however, and looked up my records, I realized Grandfather did have a brother Ferdinand who stayed in Germany, and his mother's name was Henriette. Maybe the story passed down through the family from Friedrich's great-grandfather was just a little inaccurate.

I decided to telephone Martha Riggle in Wichita and find out how she got my address. I discovered she had grown up in Germany and, after residing for awhile in England, had been living a long time in America. From time to time, she writes articles for a weekly paper in Germany—*Die Pommersche Zeitung*. This paper is for people with ancestry and roots in Pomerania. In one article, she had said she would be glad to help descendants of Pomeranians find their American relatives. Friedrich Nemitz had read that article

and had sent her the information about his great-grandfather and his three brothers.

Many years ago, I had subscribed to Myron Gruenwald's newsletter, *Die Pommerschen Leute*, and sent him all I knew about my grandfather's origin in Dammen near Stolp, including his parents' names, Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz. Of course, as we always do, I forgot about it and never expected to hear about it again. But, no. That's exactly where Martha Riggle discovered it, and she sent my name to Friedrich, thinking there must be some connection. I told her I thought so too, and asked if she would translate my reply to Friedrich into German. This she agreed to do.

In my letter I told Friedrich I thought we were second cousins once removed, and told about my grandfather, his brother and two sisters, and their mother. Fortunately, I had a way of proving whether we actually were related. Years earlier, after my mother had died and I began to trace her Nemitz ancestry, I talked to one of my mother's first cousins in Bay City. She told me her sister had made a trip to Germany just before World War I and had visited the family in Stolp. She said her uncle who had stayed in Germany was a mail carrier and he had a daughter Eda (Ida in German), who was a nurse. So I asked Friedrich if this was true of his great-grandfather, Ferdinand.

In his reply Friedrich was ecstatic. He said without a doubt we are related, and he told me a lot about his ancestors and family. But the words I was waiting to see were: "Yes, my great-grandfather was a mail carrier, and he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse!" I nearly cried when I realized my long search for my family in Germany was over. Almost as if by a miracle, the descendants of two brothers, Ferdinand and William Nemitz, separated by an ocean and out of contact for 125 years, finally found each other.

But that is not all. Martha Riggle had told me that Friedrich was planning to come to Milwaukee the next June (1997) for *Pommerntag*, the annual gathering of people of Pomeranian origin, put on by *Pommerscher Verein Freistadt*. Martha and her husband Leslie always attend, and Friedrich would be coming with a tour group from Germany. When I heard that, I naturally decided I had to go too, so I could meet my newly found cousin. I contacted other Nemitz relatives to see if we could get a large group to meet Friedrich in Milwaukee. I was surprised to find considerable indifference, or at least not enough interest on the part of most relatives to make the effort to take a trip to Milwaukee. However, in the end I was able to get five other enthusiastic Nemitz relatives to join me at *Pommerntag* to meet Friedrich—three coming all the way from Montana. It was a great pleasure for all of us to be together as a reunited family.

Immediately, Friedrich began planning to come again the following year to America and *Pommerntag*. He was able to include a weeklong trip to Minneapolis, and he brought his wife, a first cousin, and his cousin's wife. This inspired a much larger reunion, with a total of twenty-eight American Nemitz relatives from Minnesota, Iowa, Montana, and Washington (state), many of whom had never met before. On Sunday many of the group, mostly Lutherans, went to the church I attend, Grace-Trinity Community Church, which is Presbyterian and American Baptist. I mention this because someone took a picture of our group standing by the door of the church.

When Friedrich got home, he wrote an article about their wonderful trip to Minneapolis in America to meet all these newly discovered relatives. Of course, he mentioned my name as the host. In the article he told about his ancestors, Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz, all of whose children had emigrated to America, except for his own great-grandfather, Ferdinand. He said that the mother, Henriette, had also gone with her two daughters. This article and the picture of our group by the church door were published in *Die Pommersche Zeitung*.

As we often say, "It's a small world." Not long after Friedrich's article appeared in *Die Pommersche Zeitung*, I got a letter from my neighbor, Jane Pejsa, enclosing a clipping of the article, which had been sent to her by the editor of *Die Pommersche Zeitung*, because it mentioned Minne-

apolis and included my name. I had been a good friend of Jane's parents years ago, but had only met Jane a few times casually. She also told me about the book she had written, which many of you know, *Matriarch of Conspiracy: Ruth von Kleist, 1867–1945*. It's about a woman who had a close association with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and whose granddaughter had been engaged to him at the time he was executed for his involvement in a plot to kill Hitler. It was through Jane's experiences in writing this book that she had become well acquainted with the editor of *Die Pommersche Zeitung*. I got a copy of the book and was so impressed that I bought two copies of the German edition and sent them to Friedrich and his cousin, who were very grateful. They were amazed at how Friedrich's article had found its way all the way to me in Minneapolis.

There was one more interesting genealogical discovery that resulted from Friedrich's article in *Die Pommersche Zeitung*. Not long after it appeared, he got a telephone call from a woman in Germany, who said she had read his article and that her maiden name was Nemitz. Her family had come from Pomerania near Stolp. Her mother had told her that she had had an aunt by the name of Henriette Nemitz who had moved with her daughters to America. She also said she has a sister-in-law who has information about the Nemitz family going back many generations. It sounds as though she is another relative, but we won't know for sure until we get more information from this sister-in-law. We're still waiting!

Fred Burke has subscribed to *Die Pommersche Zeitung*, and plans to donate it to our GGS Library. Who knows what further genealogical discoveries await us through its pages?

In addition, Martha Riggle has said she will be glad to assist people with Pomeranian origins in their search for relatives and roots. You can contact her at 231 South Morningside, Wichita, Kansas 67218-1813, (316) 686-7759, E-mail: mjkpom@juno.com. It was Martha's resourcefulness that resulted in the Nemitz miracle. ❦

Genealogy Research Tips

by Vern Kading

If you have roots in Brunswick (Braunschweig) or the Welf-ruled areas of Hannover, a new book, *A History of Brunswick: Life in a German Duchy from Roman Times through 1990*, by Dan C. Heinemeier, may be of interest. It is published by the author, a GGS member. You can contact him at 3166 Key Blvd, Arlington VA 22201-5037, m-dh@erols.com for a free excerpt.

Information on about 40,000 emigrants from Brandenburg is available on FHL fiche 6,109,219–20. The information is arranged alphabetically by the head of family in a card index. The cards contain such information as name of head of family, age (or date of birth), occupation, residence (or birthplace), destination, emigration consent date, archive number, maiden name of spouse, age of spouse (or date of birth), and names and ages of children (or dates of birth). A cross-reference index is not available for the maiden names of the spouses. I found my **Kading** emigrants in this source and ordered the fiche for the Family History Center in Crystal, Minnesota.

Those who have ancestors near Zempelburg and Vandsburg in West Prussia may be interested in *Die deutsche Bevölkerung in den Herrschaften Zempelburg and Vandsburg 1750–1812*, by Gunter Bleck (FHL film 1,183,661). I found my **Rux** ancestors back to about 1750 by using this book and microfilmed church records for the area.

The reference *Germans to America* is now available on CD-ROM. This fully-searchable version (manufactured by Broderbund) contains information on about 1.5 million immigrants who arrived in the United States between 1875 and 1888 (Volumes 32 through 56 of the series). At this time, the only genealogy bookstore for which we have received information as a source is Appleton's Books at Tower Place Mall, 8700 Pineville-Matthews Rd #610, Charlotte NC 28226, 800-777-3601, http://www.appletons.com. ❦

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz

Family No. JPW20-5

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(2) Ernst Nemitz (b)(j)

Father's Name: Heinrich Nemitz (v)

Mother's Maiden Name: Henriette (v)(x) BONKE (x)

	Date	Place
Birth	Dec. 1, 1848 (p)	Germany (f)
Marriage		
Death	Apr. 20, 1901 (v)	Sioux City, Iowa (w)[3]

Other Places of Residence: Chicago, 1872 (g)(e) Moved to farm in Soldier Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1876 (g) [1877 (k)(r)]

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmine Knuth (a)(d)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	Dec. 26, 1841 (p)	Germany (f)
Death	Nov. 17, 1899	Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa (j)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands: (1) Ernst Rasch (b)(k)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst (t)	Birth	Mar. 27, 1874 - Chicago, Ill. (g)[2]
	Married to Emma Huebner (a)	Marriage	Oct. 13, 1897 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Nov. 21, 1945 (g) - Sioux City, Iowa (o)
2	Johann (a)	Birth	June 14, 1875 - Chicago, Ill. (k)
	Married to Anna Fick (a)	Marriage	Jan. 11, 1900 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	July 8, 1960 - Lake Preston, So. Dak. (u)
3	Wilhelm (a)	Birth	Apr. 22, 1877 - Chicago, Ill. (k)
	Married to Mathilda Schultz (a)	Marriage	Sept. 12, 1901 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Oct. 31, 1909 - Hanover Twp. (j)
4	Wilhelmina Henriette (j)	Birth	Oct. 28, 1879 (j) - Soldier Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa (s)
	Married to Otto Huebner (a)	Marriage	June 14, 1898 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	[Bur. Jan. 16, 1925 - Hanover Twp.] (a)
5	Daniel Friedrich (j)	Birth	Feb. 22, 1881 (j) - Soldier Twp. (s)
	Married to Theresa (s) Ackelbein (a)	Marriage	Oct. 11, 1903 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	June 21, 1966 - Iowa City, Iowa (n)
6	Louisa Maria (j) [Louise Magdalene] (h)	Birth	June 24, 1882 (j) - Soldier Twp. (s)
	Married to (1) Friedrich Schultz (a) (2) Peter Orth (h)	Marriage	(1) June 5, 1904 - Hanover Twp. (a); (2) Nov. 21, 1932 (h)
		Death	[Bur. Tues, Sept. 22, 1953 - Schleswig, Iowa] (c); d. in Ida Grove, Iowa (h)
7	Anna Wilhelmine Bertha (j)	Birth	Nov. 21, 1883 (k) - Soldier Twp. (s)
	Married to Carl J. Schultz (a)	Marriage	June 5, 1904 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Mar. 19, 1961 - Schleswig, Iowa (m)
8	Emma Hermine Mathilde (d)	Birth	July 22, 1885 - Soldier Twp. (d)
	Married to Wilhelm Rothe (a)	Marriage	Feb. 2, 1909 - Hanover Twp. (a)
		Death	Dec. 18, 1953 - Denison, Iowa (d)
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"
(b) 1880 Census, Morgan Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa
(c) Mem. folder of Louise Orth
(d) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953
(e) 1873 Chicago City Directory
(f) Inf. from Elaine Nemitz
(g) Obit. of Fredrick William Nemitz in Denison paper
(h) Obit. of Mrs. Peter Orth, Denison Review
(i) Inf. from William Schultz
(j) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.
(k) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp. [Confirmation Register]
(m) Mem. folder of Anna Schultz
(n) Newspaper obit. of Daniel Nemitz
(o) Mem. folder of Friedrich W. E. Nemitz
(p) Grave stone in St. Paul's Luth. Ch. cem., Hanover Twp.
(q) Baltimore Ships Passenger Lists: Vessel - Auguste, June 11, 1872; Doc. N86 - Log 959
(r) 1877-8 Chicago City Directory
(s) Inf. from Amanda Rabe
(t) Baptismal Cert. of Friedrich W. E. Nemitz
(u) Inf. from Elsie Kohlmeyer
(v) Gravestone of Henrietta Nemitz in Zion Luth. cem., Beavertown, Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N59 - Log 924
(w) Death notice in Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, Apr. 25, 1901
(x) Inf. from Friedrich Nemitz

1 - Not related to three Huebner sisters who married Schultzes (i)
2 - Baptised in Luth. church by Rev. [Henry (t)] Wunder of Chicago (g)
Sponsors: Mathilde Redmann and Friedrich Knuth (t)
3 - Died in the hospital at Sioux City after an operation from which he failed to rally. (w) Buried in Hanover Twp. Cem. (j)(w), Rev. Runge officiating. (w) "The funeral was a very large one, there being 58 teams in the line." (w)

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname SCHROEDER Family No. JPW20-6

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Carl [Charles (e)(f)] SCHROEDER (a)

Father's Name: John SCHROEDER (c)

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		Stolp, Germany (a)(e)
Death	Mar. 23, 1893	Bay City, Mich. (f)(g)

Other Places of Residence: Arrived in Bay City, 1879 (e)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Heinrich NEMITZ (k)

Mother's Maiden Name: Henriette (k)(m) BONKE (m)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 16 (a), 1851 (e)	Stolp (a)(e)
Death	July 2, 1925	Bay City (a)(e)

Other Places of Residence: Wendisch Carstnitz (?) 1870

Other Husbands: [Remmity + Rambow]

A duplicate of this page is on page 43.

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

[1872? — rest was unreadable on original]

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha (a)	Birth	1872? Germany (a)
	Married to George REINHARDT (a)	Marriage	
		Death	
2	Otto (a)	Birth	Mar. 23, 1874	Germany (a)
	Married to Alma LADERACH (a)[2]	Marriage	
		Death	After 1925 (e)
3	Mathilda (a) M. (d)	Birth	Nov. 5, 1875	Germany (a)
	Married to ———	Marriage	———
		Death	Apr. 12, 1963	Bay City (a)
4	Henry (a) H. (h)	Birth	[Born on ocean] (a) [1879]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	[Bur. Feb. 24, 1910 — Bay City] (i)[4]
5	William Ferdinand (a)[5]	Birth	Dec. 9, 1882	Bay City (a)
	Married to Martha LOLL (a)[3]	Marriage	Oct. 6, 1920 (a)[6]
		Death	1971 (?) (b)
6	Matthew (i)	Birth	
	Married to ———	Marriage	———
		Death	[Bur. Dec. 28, 1902 — Bay City] (i)[7]
7	Wilhelmina Maria (a)	Birth	Apr. 15, 1887	Bay City (a)
	Married to Rudolph Karl LADERACH (a)[1]	Marriage	Oct. 6, 1919	Bay City (a)
		Death	
8	Frederick A. (c)[8]	Birth	Dec. 17, 1889	Bay City (a)
	Married to Margret KOLB (a)	Marriage	
		Death	After 1973 (c)
9	Paul (a)[9]	Birth	Feb. 9, 1892	Bay City (a)
	Married to (1) Kathryn BIGLER (a) (2) Belle MARCH (a)	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach
(b) Inf. from Frederick Schroeder
(c) Inf. from Florence Kennedy; Doc. N69-Log 944
(d) Bay City Directory, 1901
(e) Obit. of Wihelmina Schroeder in Bay City Times Tribune, July 3, 1925
(f) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, Mar. 24, 1893
(g) Bay City Directory, 1893-4
(h) Grave marker of Henry H. Schroeder in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City
(i) Cemetery records of Lot 361, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City; Doc. N118-Log 1007
(j) Inf. from Ronald John Putz; Doc. N36-Log 885
(k) Gravestone of Henriette Nemitz in Zion Luth. cem., Beavertown, Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N59-Log 924
(m) Inf. from Friedrich Nemitz

1- Rudolph Laderach was a sailor on the lakes (a)
2- Alma Laderach was a sister of Rudolph (a)
3- Died Sept. 24, 1963 (a). Loll family came from Pomerania (j)
4- Lived near Chicago and died in Chicago (a)
5- Lived in Frankenmuth, Mich. (a)
6- No children (a)
7- "Child" (i)
8- Lived in Frankenmuth (a) and Saginaw (e)
9- Lived in Philadelphia, Pa. (e)

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname TOMKE Family No. JPW20-1

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Johann Friedrich TOMKE (j)[19]	Johanna (f) NEMITZ (b)(f)
Father's Name:	**Father's Name:** Heinrich NEMITZ (j)(q)
Mother's Maiden Name:	**Mother's Maiden Name:** Henriette (j)(q) BONKE (q)
Date / **Place**	**Date** / **Place**
Birth Oct. —, 1829 (j) - Germany (c)[10] c. 1856	**Birth** Aug. 9, 1833 (j) - Germany (c)[12]
Marriage Germany (d) c. 1856	
Death May 24, 1897 - Bay Co., Mich. (b)(j)[7,11]	**Death** Aug. 30, 1894 (j) - Bay Co., Mich. (b)(c)(j)[7,13]
Other Places of Residence: Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (b)[6] 6	**Other Places of Residence:**
Other Wives:	**Other Husbands:**

probably "7, 11"

Order[2] **CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

	Children	Date / Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Albert (b) T. (e)[3] — Married to	Birth c. 1852? c. 1858? Marriage Death
2	Augusta (b)(k)[2] — Married to Henry KOHN (b)(k)	Birth 1860 (k) Marriage 1880 (k) [Rambow in 1879] Death 1947 (k)
3	Charles (b)(k) August (k)[1] — Married to Anna Barbara SPENGLER (k)	Birth Dec. 14, 1862 - Granzen, Germany (k)[16] 16 Marriage May 12, 1889 - Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (k) Death Apr. 19 (k), 1952 (j)(k) - Beaver Twp. (j)
? 4	Herman Martin (b)[5] — Married to Bertha Theresa NEMITZ (b)	Birth Nov. 26, 1866 (b) - Stolp, Germany (d) Marriage Jan. 31, 1889 (b) - Crown Point, Ind. (c) Death Nov. 3, 1916 - Bay City (n)[8]
5	Bertha (k)[9] — Married to (1) (2) Charles POPP (k)[18]	Birth Jan. 27, 1866 (p) Marriage Death Sept. 15, 1901 - Bay City (p)
6	Johanna ["Hannah"] Wilhelmina Carolina (m)[4] — Married to Frederick (a)(m) Henry (m) SHAW (a)(m)	Birth Feb. 15, 1871 (f) - Germany (m)[14] Marriage Death Sept. 14, 1960 - Bloomington, Minn. (f)[15]
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death

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(a) Inf. from William E. Nemits
(b) Inf. from Florence Knuth
(c) Inf. from Edward W. Tomke
(d) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke
(e) Bay City (Mich.) Directory, 1909
(f) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw; Doc. N90-Log 968
(g) Obit. of William Nemitz in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921
(h) Inf. from Ronald Putz; Doc. N36-Log 885; Doc. N130-Log 1021
(i) Inf. from Esther Plamp; Doc. N52-Log 902; Doc. N59-Log 924
(j) Gravestone inscription, cemetery of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (i)
(k) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N88-Log 966; Doc. N111-Log 1001; Doc. N136-Log 1029
(m) Inf. from Carrie Gillooly; Doc. N89-Log 967
(n) Death Record, Bay Co., Mich.; Doc. N103-Log 988
(p) Gravestone inscription, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, Mich. [Ronald Putz]; Doc. N133-Log 1026
(q) Inf. from Friedrich Nemitz

1 - Given as Edward William Charles in (c). Had a farm near Beavertown (b) [Beaver Twp. (k)]
2 - Lived in Beavertown (b) [Beaver Twp., Bay County] (k)
3 - Oldest son (c). Lived between Bay City and Saginaw (a). Went to Detroit (c).
4 - Lived in Masonic Home in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1956 (a). Johanna in (k)
5 - Youngest of the sons (c)
6 - "The Tomkes belonged (to the) Zion Lutheran Cong. in Beaver." (h)
7 - Buried in cemetery of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (i)
8 - Buried in public cemetery next to Zion Luth. cemetery, Beaver Twp. [No gravestone] (i)
9 - First wife of Charles Popp (h)(k)
10 - Given as Oct. 21, 1825, in (k)
11 - Given as Mar. 24, 1889, in (k)
12 - Given as May 9, 1829, in (k)
13 - Given as Aug. 10, 1894, in (k)
14 - Came to America from Germany at the age of four (m). Said to have been born in Salzburg [Bay City], Mich., in (f).
15 - Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Rhineland, Wis. (f)
16 - Bapt. Dec. 16, 1862, in Stolp, Germany, by Pastor Meinkof. Confirmed Sept. 24, 1876, in Dumin, Germany, by Pastor H. Horn (k) ~~Dammen~~ [Dammen]
17 - At Zion Luth. Ch. by Pastor F. Mueller (k)
18 - Charles Popp had three wives, and Bertha was his second. (k) Bertha was his first. (h)
19 - First sexton of Zion Luth. Ch. + Cem. Beaver Twp. (k) [Beaver Twp. (k)]

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname TOMKE Family No. JPW20-13

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Charles(a)(f) August(f) TOMKE(a)(f)[13]

Father's Name: Johann Friedrich TOMKE(e)

Mother's Maiden Name: Johanna(c) NEMITZ(a)(c)

	Date	Place
Birth	Dec. 14, 1862	Granzen, Germany (f)[14]
Marriage	May 12, 1889	Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (f)[15]
Death	Apr. 19 (f), 1952	Beaver Twp. (e)(f)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Anna Barbara SPENGLER(f)

Father's Name: George Johann SPENGLER (f)

Mother's Maiden Name: Margaret GOETZ (f)

	Date	Place
Birth	Oct. 18 (f), 1867 (e)(f)	Frankenlust, Saginaw Co., Mich. (f)
Death	Aug. 18 (f), 1955 (e)(f)	Beaver Twp. (e)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

Arrow from bottom to top of list

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Caroline ["Lena"](a)[2] (d)	Birth Nov. 7, 1891 (d)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death Oct. 13, 1978 (d)[12] (f)	
2	Clara (a)(d) (f) A. (d)[3]	Birth Dec. 11, 1893 (d) (f)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage June 21, 1914 (f)	
	Fred ITTNER (a)(d)[12]	Death Sept. 15, 1955 (d)[12] (f)	
3	Alice Kundi Gunda Wilhelmina (f)[18]	Birth Apr. 4, 1896 (d) (f)	Beaver Twp. (d)[19]
	Married to	Marriage Jan. 1, 1919 (f)	
	Paul SCHROEDER (a)[5,12] (f)	Death Aug. 3, 1966 (d)[12] (f)	
4	John Albert Theodore (f)[6]	Birth Nov. 16, 1898 (e) (f)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage May 14, 1922 (f)	
	Flora RIESS (d)[8] (f)	Death Sept. 16, 1982 (f)	Bay Co. (e)
5	Martin Emil Herman (i)[7] (f)	Birth Jan. 13, 1901 (e) (f)(i)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage Aug. 13, 1933 (f)(i)	Bay City, Mich. (i)
	Laura HOFF (d)[10] (f)	Death June 19, 1979 (e)(i)	Bay City (i)"
6	Paul Carl (h) Edgar (a)(e)(h)	Birth Jan. 1, 1903 (e) (f)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death June ~~16~~ 12, 1916 (f)	Bay Co. (e)(h)[17]
7	Esther Ottelia Loretta (d)	Birth May 5, 1907	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage Oct. 11, 1936 (d)	
	Elmer G. PLAMP (d)	Death Dec. 5, 1992	Troy, Mich. (j)[20]
8	Frances (a)[9] (d) (f) Viola (f)	Birth Oct. 4, 1910 (a)(f)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to (d) Viola (f)	Marriage	
		Death July 15, 1990 (f)	July 15, 1990 (f)
9	Augusta Emma Johanna (e)	Birth Apr. ___, 1890 (e)	Beaver Twp. (d)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death Sept. ___, 1890	Bay Co. (e)
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Florence Knuth, July 9, 1974
(b) Inf. from Ronald Putz; Doc. N36-Log 885
(c) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw
(d) Inf. from Esther L. Plamp; Doc. N52-Log 902; Doc. N59-Log 924
(e) Gravestone inscription, cemetery of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (d)
(f) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N88-Log 966
(g) Inf. from Edward W. Tomke
(h) Death Record, Bay Co., Mich.; Doc. N103-Log 988
(i) Inf. from Laura Tomke; Doc. N110-Log 1000
(j) Memorial folder of Esther L. Plamp

1 - "The Tomkes belonged (to the) Zion Lutheran Cong. in Beaver." (b); charter members (d).
2 - Unmarried. Lived at 206 N. Chilson Ave., Bay City. (a) "Carolina Bertha Louisa" in (f)
3 - Had children; some living in Lodi, Calif. (a)
4 - Had three daughters and other children. (a)
5 - Lived in Old Folks Home, Bay City. (a); b. May 16, 1898, Munson, Pa.; d. June 5, 1976 (d)
6 - Has a family. Lives in Beavertown. (a) "John A." on gravestone (e)
7 - Has a family. Lives in Bay City. (a)
8 - Born June __, 1903; died Sept. __, 1984 (d)
9 - Unmarried. Lives with Caroline at 206 N. Chilson Ave., Bay City. (a)
10 - Born Mar. 12, 1906 (i)
11 - Bur. in Floral Gardens Mausoleum, Bay City (d)
12 - Bur. in Oakwood Mausoleum, Saginaw, Mich. (d)
13 - Given as Edward William Charles in (g). Came to United States at age of 14 in 1876 with sister Augusta. Settled in Kochville, Mich. In 1883 bought farm in Beaver Twp., which has been in Tomke family continually since then. (f)
14 - Bapt. Dec. 16, 1862, in Stolp, Germany, by Pastor Meinkof. Confirmed Sept. 24, 1876, in Dumin, Germany, by Pastor H. Horn (f).
15 - Mar. at Zion Luth. Ch. by Pastor F. Mueller (f)
16 - Kochville Township (f). Bapt. in Frankenlust Nov. 27, 1867, by Pastor Sievers (f).
17 - Died of typhoid fever (h)
18 - "Alice K." in (d)
19 - Given as Apr. 4, 1895, in (f)
20 - Bur. in Floral Gardens Cemetery, Bay City (j)

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname SCHROEDER Family No. JPW10-134

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Paul SCHROEDER (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	May 16, 1898 (a)(b)	Munson, Pa. (b)
Marriage	Jan. 1, 1919 (a)	
Death	June 5, 1976 (a)(b)	

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Alice Kundi Gunda Wilhelmina TOMKE (a)

Father's Name:
Charles August TOMKE (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Anna Barbara SPENGLER (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Apr. 4, 1896	Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (b)[1]
Death	Aug. 3, 1966 (a)(b)[2]	

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Viola (a)	Birth Dec. 13, 1920 (a)	
	Married to George WINGEIER (a)	Marriage May 1, 1943 (a)	
		Death Nov. ___, 1984 (a)	
2	Wilma (a)	Birth Dec. 18, 1922 (a)	
	Married to Richard GEORGE (a)	Marriage July 16, 1949 (a)	
		Death	
3	Helen (a)	Birth Nov. 2, 1924 (a)	
	Married to Robert SCHOENHEIT (a)	Marriage Jan. 20, 1951 (a)	
		Death	
4	Grace (a)	Birth May 22, 1927 (a)	
	Married to Robert GEORGE (a)	Marriage July 16, 1949 (a)	
		Death	
5	Harvey (a)	Birth Sept. 28, 1937 (a)	
	Married to Bonnie ——— (a)	Marriage Sept. 1, 1963 (a)	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N88-Log 966

(b) Inf. from Esther Plamp; Doc. N52-Log 902; Doc. N59-Log 924

1- Given as Apr. 4, 1895, in (a)

2- Buried in Oakwood Mausoleum, Saginaw, Mich. (b)

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname GEORGE Family No. JPW20-1344

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Robert GEORGE (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	May 15, 1927 (a)	
Marriage	July 16, 1949 (a)	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Grace SCHROEDER (a)

Father's Name:
Paul SCHROEDER (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Alice Kundi Gunda Wilhelmina TOMKE (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	May 22, 1927 (a)	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Michael Richard (a)	Birth Oct. 28, 1950 (a)	
	Married to	Marriage July 1, 1972 (a)	
	Katie PAAP (a)	Death	
2	Patricia Ann (a)	Birth June 26, 1952 (a)	
	Married to	Marriage June 12, 1970 (a)	
	Elmer STEELE (a)	Death	
3	Pamela Sue (a)	Birth Nov. 30, 1953 (a)	
	Married to	Marriage Feb. 16, 1975 (a)	
	Gene CAMARATA (a)	Death	
4	Gerald Pawl (a)	Birth June 20, 1955 (a)	
	Married to	Marriage Sept. 23, 1978 (a)	
	Jenny Milbrandt (a)	Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to		
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N88-Log 966

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname TOMKE Family No. JPW10-1 JPW20-14

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(1) Herman Martin TOMKE (a)[1]

Father's Name: Johann Friedrich TOMKE (m)

Mother's Maiden Name: Johanna (h) NEMITZ (a)(h)[5]

	Date	Place
Birth	Nov. 26, 1866 (a)	Stolp, Germay (c)
Marriage	Dec. 31, 1889 (a)	Crown Point, Ind. (e)
Death	Nov. 3, 1916	Bay City, Mich. (g)[3]

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Bertha Theresa NEMITZ (d)

Father's Name: Wilhelm Frederick NEMITZ (f)[5]

Mother's Maiden Name: Theresa JACOBS (i)(j)

	Date	Place
Birth	July 9, 1866 (d)	Stolp (c)
Death	Feb. 14, 1951	Wolseley, Sask. (a)

Other Places of Residence: Ratcliffe, Sask. (a)[2]

Other Husbands: (2) Gilbert LARSON, Feb. 27, 1927 (a)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Florence Johanna Marie (a)	**Birth**	Jan. 5, 1891 - Bay City (a)
	Married to	**Marriage**	Oct. 29, 1913 - Weyburn, Sask. (a)
	Emil Otto KNUTH (a)	**Death**	
2	Edward William (c)	**Birth**	Aug. 29, 1894 - Bay City (c)
	Married to	**Marriage**	Dec. 26, 1928 - Hamiota, Manitoba (e)
	Florence Emily WILTSHIRE (c)	**Death**	
3	Ruby Matilda Louise (b)	**Birth**	Apr. 29, 1894 - Bay City (a)
	Married to	**Marriage**	June 4, 1916 - Tribune, Sask. (a)
	Edward Fred HASS (b)	**Death**	Jan. 2, 1976 - [Bur. Westby, Mont.] (k)
4	Leroy (a) [Le Roy (g)]	**Birth**	Jan. 29, 1896 - Bay City (a)
	Married to	**Marriage**	———
	———	**Death**	Mar. 14, 1901 - Bay City (g)
5	Herman (a)	**Birth**	Feb. 7, 1898 - Bay City (a)(g)
	Married to	**Marriage**	———
	———	**Death**	Feb. 19, 1898 - Bay City (g)
6	Walter (a)	**Birth**	1900 - Bay City (a)
	Married to	**Marriage**	———
	———	**Death**	still born (a)
7	Raymond (a)	**Birth**	Jan. 31, 1902 - Bay City (a)(g)
	Married to	**Marriage**	———
	———	**Death**	Aug. 16, 1904 - Bay City (a)(g)
8	Clarence Arthur (a)	**Birth**	Mar. 28, 1905 - Bay City (a)
	Married to	**Marriage**	———
	——— (a)	**Death**	Mar. 23, 1972 - San Diego, Calif. (a)
9	Fredrick (a) W. (g)	**Birth**	Dec. 6, 1907 - Bay City (a)(g)
	Married to	**Marriage**	———
	———	**Death**	Feb. 6, 1909 - Bay City (a)(g)
10		**Birth**	
	Married to	**Marriage**	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(b) Inf. from Florence Anderson

(c) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke

(d) Inf. from Wayne Storch

(e) Inf. from Edward W. Tomke

(f) Inf. compiled by William N. Witheridge

(g) Death Record, Bay County, Mich.; Doc. N103-Log 988

(h) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw

(i) Inf. from Edith S. Witheridge

(j) Obit. of William Nemits, Sr., in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(k) Memorial folder for Ruby Hass

(m) Inf. from Carrie Gilloolly; Doc. N89-Log 967

(n) Inf. from Esther Plamp; Doc. N52-Log 902

1- Herman Tomke was a cooper (e). He didn't go to Sask. with Bertha and the children. He and Bertha were "parted" (a).

2- Left for Sask. 7/11/10 (e); Florence and Ruby went first, in March, 1910 (a)

3- Buried in public cemetery next to Zion Luth. cemetery, Beaver Twp. (no gravestone) (n).

4- Given as Wilhelm Johann Nemitz in (i)

5- Johanna and Wilhelm were sister and brother (a).

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Hass

Family No. JPW10-13
JPW20-143

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Edward Frederick Hass(g)

Father's Name:
Fredrick Edward Hass(a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Juliana Ernstine Lambrecht*(a)

	Date	Place
Birth	July 25, 1883	Fall Creek, Wis.(a)
Marriage	June 4, 1916	Tribune, Sask.(c)
Death	June 1, 1963	Plentywood, Mont.(a)

July 25, 1883

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke(a)

Father's Name:
Herman Martin Tomke(c)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Bertha Theresa Nemitz(d)

	Date	Place
Birth	Apr. 29, 1894	Bay City, Mich.(e)
Death	Jan. 2, 1976	[bur. Westby, Mont.](f)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Florence Pearl(a)	Birth	Mar. 7, 1917 - Westby, Mont.(a)
	Married to	Marriage	Sept. 24, 1939 - Westby, Mont.(a)
	Adolph Paulford Anderson(a)	Death	
2	Muriel Bertha(g)	Birth	Nov. 2, 1920 - Westby, Mont.(g)
	Married to	Marriage	Mar. 20, 1943 - Havre, Mont.(g)
	William Henry Otto(g)	Death	
3	Dorothy Louise(b)	Birth	Dec. 27, 1925 - Westby, Mont.(b)
	Married to	Marriage	June 4, 1944 - Westby, Mont.(b)
	Edwin Carl Fransen(b)	Death	
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Florence Anderson
(b) Inf. from Dorothy Fransen
(c) Inf. from Florence Knuth
(d) Inf. from Wayne Storch
(e) Inf. from Edward Tomke
(f) Memorial folder for Ruby Hass
(g) Inf. from Muriel Otto

* Florence Anderson said the mothers of Emil Knuth and Ed Hass were sisters. (a) Ed Tomke said Emil Knuth and Ed Hass were cousins. (e)

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Anderson

Family No. JPW10-131
JPW20-1431

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Adolph Paulford Anderson (a)*

Father's Name:
Reinhardt Anderson (b)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Trina Thomte (b)

	Date	Place
Birth	Feb. 18, 1908	Coon Valley, Vernon Co, Wis. (b)
Marriage	Sept. 24, 1939	Westby, Mont. (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Florence Pearl Hass (a)

Father's Name:
Edward Fred Hass (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 7, 1917	Westby, Mont. (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Darrell Weslen (a)	Birth	Apr. 2, 1943 - Plentywood, Mont. (a)
	Married to (1) Sonia Marie Heaton (a); (2) Gloria G. B. Woodson (a)	Marriage	(1) June 15, 1964 - Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii (a);
		Death	
2	Morna Verlee (a)[1] ← footnote 1	Birth	Dec. 9, 1945 - Plentywood, Mont. (a)
	Married to James Lawrence Thane Jr. (a)	Marriage	Dec. 17, 1966 - Missoula, Mont. (a)
		Death	
3	Marlene Joy (a)	Birth	Sept. 6, 1949 - Plentywood, Mont. (a)
	Married to Neil Duane Swant (a)	Marriage	Feb. 17, 1972 - Deer Lodge, Mont. (a)
		Death	
4	Vicki Rae (a)	Birth	Apr. 18, 1954 - Plentywood, Mont. (a)
	Married to Wayne Douglas Koterba (c)	Marriage	May 31, 1975 - Westby, Mont. (c)
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Florence Anderson
(b) Inf. from Adolph Anderson
(c) Inf. from Vicki Koterba

* Adolph's sister: Thresa Anderson; brother: Orris M. Anderson, is Postmaster of Westby

1- Living in Omaha, Neb., in 1986 studying law and working part-time at Northwestern Bell (a)

Editor's Note

The remainder of folder 2.3 (starting with p. 35) is a continuation of Dad's work on the Nemitz and related families from Germany.

This material starts with Dad's notes from his search of Nemitz-related marriages at the LDS Library on February 28, 2000, followed by his list on pp. 39-40 of Nemitzes who participated in baptisms in Kreis Stolp, Pomerania.

Then we move to various one-family records Dad created or updated after accessing the LDS data (including new versions of records seen earlier in this folder).

Clipped to some of these one-family records (and reproduced here) were IGI data printouts from the website FamilySearch.org, showing that Dad had started to use that online resource. The dates on these printouts make it apparent that he did much of this work in March 2001 — after he'd had the benefit of the extremely helpful input of Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934).

Tom Witheridge
December 31, 2022
Happy New Year!

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Cross Dibbsow – Churchbook
Trauungs – Marriages
Trau-Register 1831–1945

1858

No	Ort				Zuna & Zost names and place of the marriage
26.	Klein Crien	August Friedrich Boncke, brickmaker in Kl. Crien, 2nd. son of ~~at Max Bomgin deceased~~ verstorben day laborers George Ernst Boncke ~~Gottlieb August~~ ~~second Marriage~~ ~~fifth the man~~	41 Years old		Jungfrau Johanna Wilhelmina Louisa Kohl in Klein Crien (17 years old)
					The Tailor Karl August Kohl at that place
					Married on 3 December, 1858
6.	Dr. Crien	1863 The day laborer Karl Hermann Bomke at that place son of the day laborer Michael Bomke	26 J.		Jungfrau Ernstain Karoline Bastubbe in Dr. Crien 27 J.
					Mrs in Loharson [Lohmsow?] Noreserk ? deceased day laborer Heinrich Bastubbe
					Married 8 May, 1863

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Banns + Married in
Kr. Dübsow, 1864
(to 1865)
[Gross Dubsow, Pomerania]

1866

22. Labüsaow — Hermann Edward Mehnitz in Labüsaow, — — son of the — — — Friedrich Schulz of that place [considered?] — 26 J. — Johanna Friedrike Jung in Marienfelde [near Damnen] who in Goschen? deceased Johann Jacob Jung

Married 30 Nov. 1866

(to 1870) p. 27

2/29/00 — 1881

17. Starnitzer Schäferei — Der widowed? farm manager Hermann Bomke in Starnitzer Schäferei, son of in Lotz deceased Laborer Ernst Bomke — 43 J. — Jungfrau Johanna Augusta Friederika Mitzlaff in die Starnitzer shepherdess in Starnitz Daughter of the Laborer Earl Friedrich Heinrich Mitzlaff

20 J.

Married 24. September 1881

1897

12. Kl. Crien Otto Leo Kohl
~~Bäckermeister~~
~~junggesellen~~ zu 25 single Adelina Bonke 28 single
Kl. Crien zu Kl. Crien, dau. of
~~deceased~~ verstorben
daughter
August Bonke

Married 26 June 1897 defl. (deflowered)
(not a virgin)

(to 1903)

[Possibly the August Bonacker who married Johanna Kohl on 3 Dec. 1858 in Kl. Crien]

No.	Place of the marriage	First & last names, position and place of residence of the bridegroom	Age	Whether the parents or the guardian (the) permission given and how (such) occurred	A First & last names & place of residence of the bride

					Day of the Wedding	Remarks

A
Whether he now

Other Nemitzes in Kr. Stolp

✓ Joachim Nemitz, godfather of Franz Heinrich Erdmann Nemitz, son of Franz Nemitz and Maria Noffkem, bapt. Aug. 27, 1809.

✓ Clara Sophia Nemitz, godmother of Johanna Carolina Sophia Malhibon (?), dau. of Carl Ludwig Freitag and Johanna Massarschmidt, bapt. Jan. 1, 1810.

✓ Gotfried Nemitz, godfather of Hedwig Elizabeth, dau. of George Lohöneggs and Dorothea Elizabeth Benokey, bapt. Dec. 1, 1752.

✓ Regina Nemitzen, godmother of Regina Fridrica, dau. of Johann Schow and Anna Maria Nemitzen, bapt. on April 14, 1793.

✓ Dorothea Nemitzen, godmother of Johann Jacob, son of Christian Warkelow and Dorothea Elisabeth Hengsten, bapt. July 20, 1794.

✓ Franz Heinrich Nemitz, godfather of Johann Ludwig, son of Johann George Thram and Louisa Muttern (?), bapt. Nov. 20, 1803.

✓ Christina Nemitzen, godmother of Michael Friedrich Ferdinand, son of Michael Friedrich Fok (?) and Charlotta Louisa Silefton (?), bapt. Sept. 15, 1805

[Silafton (?)] [Fok (?)]

Other Nemitzes in Kr. Stolp

✓ Christian Nemitz, godfather of Charlotte Wilhelmina, dau. of Frantz Bogistaff Nemitz and Maria Noffken, bapt. Aug. 10, 1806

✓ Charlotta Nemitz, godmother of Dorothea Louisa, dau. of George Ihrun and Anna Louisa Müllern, bapt. April 16, 1811

✓ Henrietta Nemitz, godmother of Ernestina Henrietta, dau. of Franz Bogislaff Nemitz and Maria Noffken, bapt. July 29, 1812 [Must be Frantz Bogistaff]

✓ Anna Elisabeth Nemitzer, godmother of Ernst Dottfried August, son of Franz Bogislaff Nemitz and Maria Noffken, bapt. Feb. 4, 1816 [Must be Frantz Bogistaff]

✓ Louise Nehmitz, godmother of Caroline Friedrika, dau. of Christian Wandt and Charlotte Joschker, from Schönfeld, bapt. Nov. 27, 1825

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Henrietta Fridrica NEMITZ (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth Nov. — 1792

Date and Place of Death Nov. 28, 1793 –

Address, if Living Gug. – Spätrunni [Lupow] Date

Father's Name in Full No parents given

Mother's Maiden Name in Full

Married to (1st) (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by Date

Married to (2nd) (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by Date

Education, with Places and Dates:

Occupation, with Places and Dates:

Other Places of Residence, with Dates:

Religious Affiliations:

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received:

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Martha NEMITZ (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth c. 1895

Date and Place of Death

Address, if Living Date

Father's Name in Full

Mother's Maiden Name in Full

Married to (1st) (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by Date

Married to (2nd) (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by Date

Education, with Places and Dates:

Occupation, with Places and Dates:

Other Places of Residence, with Dates:

Religious Affiliations:
Confirmed in Dammen, Kr. Stolp, 1910 [Doc. N104 - Log 989]

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received:

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname SCHROEDER Family No. JPW20-6

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Carl [Charles (e)(f)] SCHROEDER (a)

Father's Name: John SCHROEDER (c)

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		Stolp, Germany (a)(e)
Death	Mar. 23, 1893	Bay City, Mich. (f)(g)

Other Places of Residence: Arrived in Bay City, 1879 (e)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Heinrich NEMITZ (k)

Mother's Maiden Name: Henriette (k)(m) BONKE (m)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 16 (a), 1851 (e)	Stolp (a)(e)
Death	July 2, 1925	Bay City (a)(e)

Other Places of Residence: Wendisch Carstnitz (?) 1870

Other Husbands: [Remnitz + Rambow]

For the references, see page 20.

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha (a)	Birth	? Germany (a)
	Married to	Marriage	
	George REINHARDT (a)	Death	

[1872? – rest was unreadable on original]

2	Otto (a)	Birth	Mar. 23, 1874 – Germany (a)
	Married to	Marriage	
	Alma LADERACH (a)[2]	Death	After 1925 (e)
3	Mathilda (a) M. (d)	Birth	Nov. 5, 1875 – Germany (a)
	Married to	Marriage	———
	———	Death	Apr. 12, 1963 – Bay City (a)
4	Henry (a) H. (h)	Birth	[Born on ocean] (a) [1879]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	[Bur. Feb. 24, 1910 – Bay City] (i)[4]
5	William Ferdinand (a)[5]	Birth	Dec. 9, 1882 – Bay City (a)
	Married to	Marriage	Oct. 6, 1920 (a)[6]
	Martha LOLL (a)[3]	Death	1971 (?) (b)
6	Matthew (i)	Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	———
	———	Death	[Bur. Dec. 28, 1902 – Bay City] (i)[7]
7	Wilhelmina Maria (a)	Birth	Apr. 15, 1887 – Bay City (a)
	Married to	Marriage	Oct. 6, 1919 – Bay City (a)
	Rudolph Karl LADERACH (a)[1]	Death	
8	Frederick A. (c)[8]	Birth	Dec. 17, 1889 – Bay City (a)
	Married to	Marriage	
	Margret KOLB (a)	Death	After 1973 (c)
9	Paul (a)[9]	Birth	Feb. 9, 1892 – Bay City (a)
	Married to (1) Kathryn BIGLER (a)	Marriage	
	(2) Belle MARCH (a)	Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Karl NEMITZ	Karoline SIEVERT
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place		Date	Place
Birth	c. 1850		Birth		
Marriage			Death		
Death					

Other Places of Residence: | Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives: | Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Auguste Wilhelmine Marie	Birth	[Bapt. July 5, 1874 - Gross Duchsow, Kr. Stolp]	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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8		Birth		
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9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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Auguste Wilhelmine Marie NEMITZ
Sex: F

Event(s):
Christening: 5 Jul 1874
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:
Father: Karl NEMITZ
Mother: Karoline SIEVERT

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HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Leopold NEMITZ	Auguste Wilhelmine PASCH
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth c. 1844	Birth
Marriage c. 1866	Death
Death	Other Places of Residence:
Other Places of Residence:	Other Husbands:
Other Wives:	

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha Wilhelmina	Birth	[Bapt. May 17, 1867 - Gross Duebsow, Kr. Stolp]	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Auguste Wilhelmina Albertine	Birth	[Bapt. May 29, 1870 - Gross Duebsow]	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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7		Birth		
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8		Birth		
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9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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Bertha Wilhelmine NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Christening: 17 May 1867
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Leopold NEMITZ
Mother: Auguste PASCH

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Auguste Wilhelmine Albertine NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Christening: 29 May 1870
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Leopold NEMITZ
Mother: Auguste Wilhelmine PASCH

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. JPW20-3

HUSBAND (Name in Full) [Day laborer]

Ferdinand NEMITZ (a)(b)

Father's Name:
Heinrich NEMITZ (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Henriette BONKE (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	[Bapt. Feb. 11, 1844	Ratsdamnitz, Stolp, Hinterpommern] (a)[1]
Marriage	Mar. 12, 1869	Dammen, Stolp (a)
Death	1932	Koberg, Pommern (a)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Henriette (a) Friderika (a)(b) SKIBBE (a)(b)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	1841 (a)	
Death	1918 (a)	

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

This is a corrected version of the one-family record on pp. 6-7 of this folder.

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CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Corrected birth order

	Name	Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Wilhelm (a)[2]	Birth ~~1864~~	Aug. 27, 1865 - Labehn, Stolp, Pommern
	Married to Emilie OESTERREICH (a)	Marriage ~~1896~~	April 28, 1896 - Silligsdorf, Regenwalde
		Death ~~1936~~	Mar. 8, 1936 - Daber, Naugard
4	Hermann (a)	Birth 1875	
	Married to Hedwig PRIEBE	Marriage	
		Death 1957	
2	Ferdinand (a)(b)	Birth	May 9, 1869 - Alt Darsin, Lupow, Stolp (b)
	Married to Luise STRESE	Marriage	
		Death 1948	
6	Ida (a)	Birth 1879	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death 1968	
3	Berta (a)	Birth 1873	
	Married to Franz MANSKE	Marriage	
		Death 1956	
7	Anna (a)	Birth 1884	
	Married to Johann OSTENDORF	Marriage	
		Death 1951	
5	~~[Dau.] (a)~~ Emma	Birth	
	Married to Erich WASKO	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Hermann Eduard NEHMITZ

Father's Name: Friedrich SCHULZ [considered to be]

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1840	
Marriage	Nov. 30, 1866	Gr. Dübsow, Kr. Stolp
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Labüssow

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Johanna Friedrika JANZ

Father's Name: Johann Jacob JANZ

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Marienfelde [near Dammen]

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Therese Johanne	Birth	Mar. 3, 1867	Gross Duebsow, Pommern
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
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Therese Johanne NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Christening: 3 Mar 1867
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Hermann NEMITZ
Mother: Hanne JANZ

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HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Karl NEMITZ	
Father's Name: ? Heinrich Ludwig NEMITZ	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name: ? Henriette BONKE	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth c. 1840	Birth
Marriage	
Death	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Albert Ludwig Franz	Birth	Dec. 9, 1864	Friedrichsfelde, Kr. Stolp
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Wilhelm Franz Ludwig	Birth	Jan. 8, 1868	Labehn, Kr. Stolp
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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4		Birth		
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	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

[No father given]
Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1839	
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Johanne NEMITZ
Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Herman Friedrich [NEMITZ]	Birth	[Bapt. Sept. 18, 1859 - Gross Duebsow, Kr. Stolp]	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Bertha Caroline [NEMITZ]	Birth	[Bapt. Jan. 31, 1864 - Gross Duebsow]	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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		Death		

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Hermann Friedrich NEMITZ

Sex: M

Event(s):

Christening: 18 Sep 1859
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father:

Mother: Johanne NEMITZ

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Bertha Caroline Wilhelmine NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Christening: 31 Jan 1864
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father:

Mother: Johanne NEMITZ

Source Information:

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Editor's Note

I must now apologize profusely, on behalf of my father, for the absence of a proper reference list accompanying the one-family record on the following pages (pp. 57-60).

It is is my opinion (for now) that the document on the following pages is Dad's final, best version of his one-family record for his maternal grandparents, Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835) and Theresa Jacobs (b. 1843). Of course, since I still have a long way to go in his Nemitz files, I may have to eat those words.

Unfortunately, there are two problems with this document: (a) It's a copy of a copy, as you can tell from looking at the right edge, and (b) the correct reference list is missing. What I'm giving you here (on pp. 58-60) is the reference list for an earlier revised version (see pp. 7-8 in folder 2.1). The two versions aren't identical, but there's a pretty good correspondence for most of the reference items, so it should be useful for some purposes (especially when the two versions of the document are side by side). To make p. 58 a bit easier to read, I've enlarged it on pp. 59 and 60.

I have no idea what happened to the reference list for this final (final-*ish*?) version of the document. If I run across it, I'll promptly substitute it for pp. 58-60, and you won't know those pages ever existed. Oh yes, and while I'm at it I'll zap this editor's note, too!

Tom Witheridge
January 3, 2023

[See the editor's note, p. 56]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. JPW10

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Wilhelm Frederick NEMITZ (h)[7]

Father's Name: Heinrich NEMITZ (s)

Mother's Maiden Name: Henrietta (s)(u) BONKE (u)

	Date	Place
Birth	Aug. 3, 1835	Dammer, Germany (e)(h)[1]
Marriage	1856	Germany (a)(e) c. 1863
Death	Jan. 3, 1921	Beecher, Ill. (e)[8]

Other Places of Residence: Chicago (1873-75) (e)(k)(r); Manteno, Ill. (farm) (1875-88) (e)(k); Bay City, Mich., (1888-1905) (e); Tribune, Sask., Canada (1905-17) (e); Peotone + Beecher, Ill. (1917-21) (e)

~~**Other Wives:**~~

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Theresa JACOBS (a)(e)[5]

Father's Name: ——— JACOBS (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Augusta ——— (h)

	Date	Place
Birth	July 20, 1843	Dammer (h)
Death	Dec. 24, 1885	Farm betw. Manteno + Peotone, Ill. (e)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)[2]

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha Theresa (f)	**Birth** July 9, 1866 (f)	Stolp (m), Germany (g)(m)
	Married to (1) Herman Martin TOMKE (i); (2) Gilbert LARSON (i)	**Marriage** (1) Dec. 31, 1889	Crown Point, Ind. (n); (2) Feb. 27, 1927 - Sask. (i)
		Death Feb. 14, 1951	Wolsey, Sask. (i)
2	Emma (a)	**Birth** June 6, 1869 (h)	Germany (a)(g)
	Married to William SCHROEDER (f)[3]	**Marriage** Before 1893 (p)	
		Death Sept. 7, 1901 (h)	Kankakee, Ill. [Bur. Peotone] (i)
3	Mary Augusta (f)	**Birth** Apr. 19, 1875 (h)	Peotone, Will Co., Ill. (f)[10]
	Married to (1) John Stephen REID (q); (2) Trail T. MORDEN (q)	**Marriage** (1) 1893	Bay City (q);[9] (2) 1913 (q)
		Death Dec. 28, 1921	Rochester, Minn. (q) [Bur. Colgate, Sask. (q)]
4	Louise Theresa (f)	**Birth** Apr. 13, 1877	Manteno, Kankakee Co., Ill. (f)
	Married to John STORCH (c)	**Marriage** June 24, 1902	Bay City (c)
		Death Sept. 15, 1959	Joliet, Ill. (f)
5	William John Ernest (o)	**Birth** Mar. 29, 1880	Manteno (o)
	Married to (1) Edith ZAMZOW (f) (2) Alma Leona GRIMES (h)	**Marriage** (1) Sept. 3, 1903 (h)	(2) Oct. 31, 1921 - Crown Point, Ind. (j)
		Death July 6, 1959	Chicago, Ill. (j)(t)
6	Edith Sophia (a)	**Birth** Oct. 16, 1883	Peotone (a)[4]
	Married to William Allen WITHERIDGE (a)	**Marriage** June 16, 1909	Bay City (b)
		Death Apr. 3, 1961	Saginaw, Mich. (d)
7		**Birth**	
	Married to	**Marriage**	
		Death	
8		**Birth**	
	Married to	**Marriage**	
		Death	
9		**Birth**	
	Married to	**Marriage**	
		Death	
10		**Birth**	
	Married to	**Marriage**	
		Death	

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[See the editor's note on p. 56.]

(a) Inf. from Edith Witheridge ← DEW's mother

(b) Wedding report in Bay City (Mich.) Times, June 19, 1909

(c) Marriage Records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House

(d) Saginaw (Mich.) News, Apr. 3, 1961.

(e) Obit. of William Nemits, Sr., in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(f) Inf. from Wayne Storch; Doc. N99-Log 985

(g) 1880 Census – Nat. Archives: E.D. 16, Sup. Dist. 4, p. 11 (Micro.), Sumner Township, Kankakee, Ill.

(h) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge; Doc. N94-Log 982

(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(j) Inf. from Leona Linz; Doc. N95-Log 983

(k) Lakeside Directory of the City of Chicago, 1874-5

(m) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke

(n) Inf. from Edward W. Tomke

(o) Birth cert. of William John Ernest Nemitz; Doc. N96-Log 984

(p) Inf. from Evelyn Philpot

(q) Inf. from Anna Stewart

(r) 1900 Census of Bay City, Mich.; Doc. N13-Log 371

(s) Gravestone inscription, Zion Luth. cem., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N59-Log 934

This is enlarged on the next two pages.

Plamp

Document N59

1 – * Year of birth given as 1837 in 1880 census (g); Aug., 1836 in 1900 census (r)

~~2 – ** Cousin of Bertha Mantz (i)~~ Probably Dommen near Stolp. - D.E.W.

3 – *** William Schroeder's father was married three times (f)

Wilhelm (b. 1835)

4 – # on farm rented by her father between Mantena and Peotone, Ill., not far from large farm of John T. Parker five miles east of Mantena, for whom her father had worked a few years after leaving Chicago (a)

5 – ## Theresa Jacobs was exceptionally tall. (h)

6 – Listed as naturalized citizen in 1900 Census (r)

7 – Given as Wilhelm Johann Nemitz by (a)

8 – Buried in Peotone, Ill. (e) ← (e)

(o)

2 ~~7~~ – Four others died early (e). Three others died early (o). Probably three before Bertha and one between Emma and Mary. - D.E.W.

9 – Given as c. 1892 in (n)

10 – Given as Apr. 19, 1894, in (f)

Document N97

(t) Death cert. of William Ernest Nemitz; Doc. N97-Log 984

(a) Inf. from Edith Witheridge

(b) Wedding report in Bay City (Mich.) Times, June 19, 1909

(c) Marriage Records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House

(d) Saginaw (Mich.) News, Apr. 3, 1961

(e) Obit. of William Nemits, Sr., in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(f) Inf. from Wayne Storch; Doc. N99 - Log 985

(g) 1880 Census - Nat. Archives: E.D. 16, Sup. Dist. 4, p. 11 (Micro.), Sumner Township, Kankakee, Ill.

(h) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge; Doc. N94 - Log 982

(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(j) Inf. from Leona Linz; Doc. N95 - Log 983

(k) Lakeside Directory of the City of Chicago, 1874-5

(m) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke

(n) Inf. from Edward W. Tomke

(o) Birth cert. of William John Ernest Nemitz; Doc. N96 - Log 984

(p) Inf. from Evelyn Philpot

(q) Inf. from Anna Stewart

(r) 1900 Census of Bay City, Mich.; Doc. N13 - Log 371

(s) Gravestone inscription, Zion Luth. cem., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N59 - Log 924

1 - * Year of birth given as 1837 in 1880 census (g); Aug., 1836 in 1900 census (r)

~~2 - ** Cousin of Bertha Nemitz (i)~~ Probably Dammen near Stolp. - D.E.W.

3 - *** William Schroeder's father was married three times (f)

4 - # on farm rented by her father between Manteno and Peotone, Ill. not far

[See p. 58]

(p) Inf. from Evelyn Philpot

(q) Inf. from Anna Stewart

(r) 1900 Census of Bay City, Mich.; Doc. N13-Log 371

(s) Gravestone inscription, Zion Luth. cem., Bearer Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plame); Doc. N59-Log 924

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~~2 - ** Cousin of Bertha Nemitz (i)~~ Probably Dammen near Stolp. - D.E.W.

3 - *** William Schroeder's father was married three times (f)

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9 - Given as c.1892 in (n)

10 - Given as Apr. 19, 1874, in (f)

(t) Death cert. of William Ernest Nemitz; Doc. N97-Log 984

[See p. 58]

Folder

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. 1

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Friedrich NEMITZ [Gardener]

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1833	
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Friedrich Karl Albert	Birth	Mar. 18, 1858	Starnitz, Kr. Stolp
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Ernst Emanuel NEHMITZ	Henriette Ernestine WIEDENHOEFT
Father's Name: Christian Jacob ?	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name: Anna Eliz. Heise ?	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth c. 1818 1806 ?	Birth
Marriage c. 1840	
Death	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Ludwig Ferdinand	Birth	[Bapt. Dec. 5, 1841 - Gross Duebsow, Kr. Stolp]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
2	Caroline Ernestine	Birth	[Bapt. Oct. 15, 1843 - Gross Duebsow]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
3	Wilhelmine Friederike	Birth	[Bapt. Feb. 1, 1846 - Gross Duebsow]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4	Carl Heinrich	Birth	[Bapt. June 18, 1848 - Gross Duebsow]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5	Hanna	Birth	[Bapt. Sept. 1, 1850 - Gross Duebsow]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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Individual Record

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Ludwig Ferdinand NEHMITZ

Sex: M

Event(s):

Christening: 5 Dec 1841
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Ernst Emanuel NEHMITZ
Mother: Henriette Ernestine WIEDENHOEFT

Source Information:

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Individual Record

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Germany

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Caroline Ernestine NEHMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Christening: 15 Oct 1843
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Ernst Emanuel NEHMITZ
Mother: Henriette Ernestine WIEDENHOEFT

Source Information:

Batch number:	Dates	Source Call No.	Type	Printout Call No.	Type
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Individual Record

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Germany

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Wilhelmine Friederike NEHMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Christening: 1 Feb 1846
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Ernst Emanuel NEHMITZ
Mother: Henriette Ernestine WIEDENHOEFT

Source Information:

Batch number:	Dates	Source Call No.	Type	Printout Call No.	Type
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Individual Record

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Germany

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Carl Heinrich NEHMITZ

Sex: M

Event(s):

Christening: 18 Jun 1848
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Ernst Emanuel NEHMITZ
Mother: Henriette Ernestine WIEDENHOEFT

Source Information:

Batch number:	Dates	Source Call No.	Type	Printout Call No.	Type
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Individual Record

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Germany

Hanna NEHMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Birth: 1 Sep 1850
Gross Duebsow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:

Father: Ernst Emanuel NEHMITZ
Mother: Henriette Ernestine WIEDENHOEFT

Source Information:

Batch number:	Dates	Source Call No.	Type	Printout Call No.	Type
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Editor's Note

Apparently Dad made two rather different one-family records for the same family, and he clipped them together in the file (so I couldn't help noticing his intention).

You have already seen the *first* record on p. 2 of this folder:

Ernst Gottfried August Nehmitz = Charlotte Caroline Wilhelmina Schulz

The *second* record is on the next page (p. 9):

Gottfried Nemitz = [unknown wife]

It is impossible to know where Dad got the data for "Gottfried Nemitz's" family, because he didn't provide any references. But I know that he got the data for "Ernst Gottfried August Nehmitz's" family online at FamilySearch.org on March 3, 2001, using his own desktop computer; see the individual records on pp. 3-7.

I have decided to make index entries for all of the people mentioned in both of these records. However, the entries for people mentioned in the second one-family record (Gottfried Nemitz and his unknown wife) will refer readers to this editor's note and, where appropriate, to their names as they appear in the first one-family record.

Tom Witheridge
January 4, 2023

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Gottfried Nemitz

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	1815	
Marriage		
Death	1863	

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Carl Johann	Birth		Starnitz, Kr. Stolp
	Married to	Marriage		[Bros Quebnow?]
		Death		
2	Wilhelm Friedrich	Birth		Starnitz
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3	Friedrichine Wilhelmina	Birth		Starnitz
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4	Henriette [Johanna Charlotte?]	Birth		Starnitz
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5	August Ferdinand	Birth		Starnitz
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6	Carl Albert	Birth		Starnitz
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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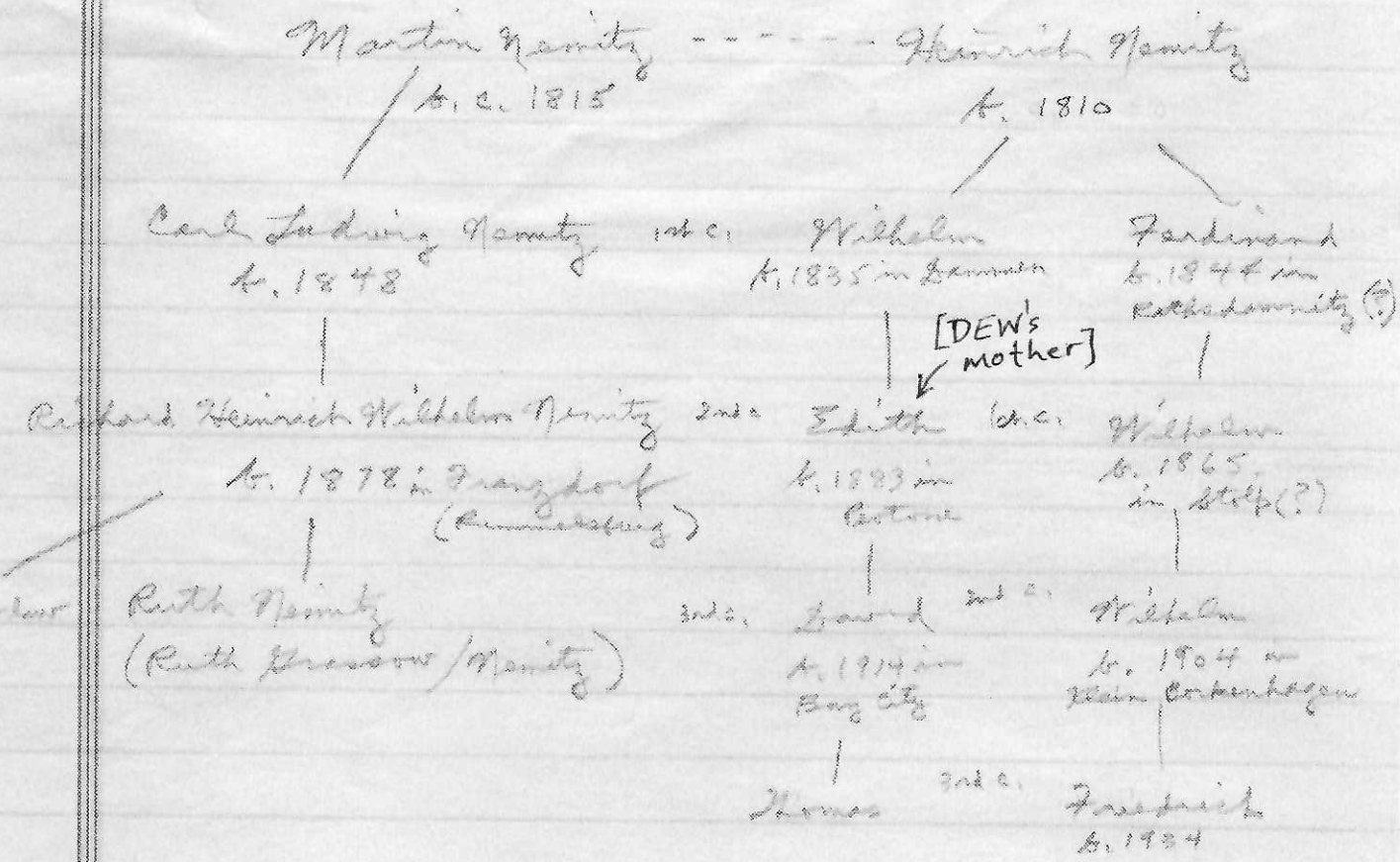
Editor's Note

To begin mapping his recent Nemitz discoveries, Dad sketched the preliminary mini-tree on the next page. While it is undated, he had already made his breakthrough contact with Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), his living German second cousin once removed, who is shown as the final generation on the righthand side.

Tom Witheridge
January 4, 2023

[See editor's note, previous page]



[For another copy of this, including the references, see pp. 4-5, folder 2.3.] (12)

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. JPW20

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Ludwig(z) Heinrich NEMITZ (w)(y)	Henriette (w)(y) BONKE (y)[5]
Father's Name: Michael NEMITZ (z)	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name: Maria Louise REPPEN (z)	Mother's Maiden Name:
Birth ~~c. 1800~~ ?, Mar. 25, 1810 - Philipshoff, A	Birth Feb. 23, 1800 - Germany (w)
Marriage c. 1832	
Death c. 1852	Death Nov. 22, 1888 - Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (w)
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence: Rambow, 1879
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

Others?

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date / Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Johanna (n)(w)	Birth Aug. 9, 1833 (w) - Germany (j)[6]
	Married to Johann Friedrich TOMKE (w)	Marriage Germany (o)
		Death Aug. 30, 1894 (w) - Bay County, Mich. (i)(j)(w)[7]
2	Wilhelm Frederick (g)[1]	Birth Aug. 3, 1835 - ~~Dammer~~ Dammen, Germany (c)(f)[3] Dammen
	Married to Theresa JACOBS (c)(f)	Marriage 1856 - Germany (c)(f)
		Death Jan. 3, 1921 - Beecher, Ill. [bur. Peoria, Ill.] (c)
3	Ferdinand (c)(d)(y)[2,4]	Birth [Bapt. Feb. 11, 1844 - Ratsdamnitz (Kriwan), Stolp, Hinterpommern] (y)[8]
	Married to Henriette Friderika SKIBBE (y)	Marriage Mar. 12, 1869 - Dammen, Stolp (y)
		Death 1932 - Koberg, Pommern (y) Kolberg
4	s. Karl (?) (c)	Birth c. 1840? Germany (c)
	Married to	Marriage
		Death After 1921 - Germany (c)
5	Ernst (a)(p)	Birth Dec. 1, 1848 (q) - Germany (m)
	Married to Wilhelmina KNUTH (k)(r)	Marriage
		Death Apr. 20, 1901 - Hanover Twp., Crawford Co, Iowa (p)
6	Wilhelmina (a)	Birth Mar. 17, 1851 (b) - Stolp (d), Germany (b)
	Married to Charles (e) [Carl (h)] SCHROEDER (e)	Marriage Stolp, Germany (d)
		Death July 2, 1925 - Bay City, Mich. (a)(b)
7		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death
8		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death
9		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death
10		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death

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[DEW included no references for this record.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Johann NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1808	
Marriage		
Death	Feb. 27, 1854	Grumbkow

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina KUSCHEL ← Kuschel

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

Editor's note: A place in Germany called Grumbkow did not turn up in a Jan. 4, 2023 Google search, but Prussian military leader Friedrich Wilhelm von Grumbkow (b. 1678) was of Pomeranian ancestry. T.F.W., Jan. 4, 2023

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

_____ PIOCH

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Charlotte NEHMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1800	
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Friedrichsfelde (?)

Other Husbands: [Godmother of Ernestine Friedrike PIOCH, born Sept. 29, 1827, dau. of Carl PIOCH]

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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[DEW provided no sources for this material.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Johann Ludwig DARGATZ	Dorothea Friedr. Charlotte NEMITZ
Father's Name: Christian DARGATZ	Father's Name: George NEMITZ (b. c. 1770) [See p. 35, this folder]
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth	Birth c. 1797
Marriage Nov. 21, 1817 - Lupow	Death
Death	Other Places of Residence:
Other Places of Residence:	Other Husbands:
Other Wives:	

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Wilhelmine Albertine	Birth	Oct. 8 (?), 1818	Philipshoff, Lupow, Kr. Stolp, Pommern
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Johann August Ferdinand	Birth	Mar. 30, 1821	Lupow
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3	Friedrich Wilhelm	Birth	Feb. 24, 1824	Philipshoff
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4	Henriette Friedrike	Birth	Jan. 30, 1825	Philipshoff
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5	Albert Ferdinand	Birth	May 25, 1828	Lupow
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Daniel ONNASCH

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1789	
Marriage		
Death	Dec. 25, 1854	Jugelow, Lupow

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Christliebe (?) NEHMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1787	
Death	Sept. 18, 1856	Neu Jugelow, Lupow

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Caroline Married to GILL	Birth Marriage Death		
2	Michael Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
3	Daniel Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
4	Joachim Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
5	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
6	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		

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Editor's Note

I haven't figured out the one-family record on the next page (p. 18), which was clipped to the four March 2001 FamilySearch.org individual records that follow on pp. 19-22.

Johann and Johanne had eight children, but only one of them (Ernst) is represented in the individual records. His birth town is spelled Lupow in the former document and Lupon in the latter, but's it's obviously the same Ernst. Dad added a penciled note to Ernst's record ("Write to Edward Braby," a relative who is mentioned by FamilySearch.org) and added a sticky note with additional information. Still, I'm mystified about the significance of Ernst.

So it isn't obvious why Dad clipped all of the records together. Maybe you can see a connection that eludes me, or maybe the truth will out eventually in the remaining Nemitz files (which are still very numerous as of today).

Tom Witheridge
January 5, 2023

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Johann Martin KIEHNEMANN	Johanne Caroline NEHMITZ NEMITZ
Father's Name: KUEH - - -	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth Aug. 1782	Birth c. 1783
Marriage	
Death June 27, 1830 - Lupow	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

1841 10m

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Johanna Emilia Alberta	Birth Apr. 22, 1813 - Lupow, Kr. Stolp, Pommer	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
2	August Fridrich Leopold	Birth Nov. 22 - 1814 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
3	Johann Ludwig Eduard	Birth June 22, 1816 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4	Carl Heinrich Theodor	Birth Oct. 20(?), 1818 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5	Friedrich Wilhelm August	Birth Mar. 24, 1821 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6	Ferdinand Julius Werner	Birth Dec. 10, 1823 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7	Ernst Adolph [Leopold?]	Birth Mar. —, 1827 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8	Bertha Ottilee Auguste	Birth Feb. 19, 1830 - Lupow	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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Individual Record

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Germany

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Ernst Adolph KUHNEMANN
Sex: M

Event(s):
Birth: 20 Mar 1827
Lupon, , Preussen

Parents:

Relatives:
Edward BRABY

Source Information:

Film Number: 183434
Page Number: 258
Reference Number: 9269

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Write to Edward Braby

2 ob. Ludwig Wilhelm
Kuehnemann - IGI
Sender - M
christening 21 Jan. 1821
See Buchow, Rommern,
Preussen

Kr. Stolp
Wend. Buchow =
Buchenstein
Deutsch Buchow = Bukau

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Individual Record

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Louise KUEHNEMANN

Sex: F

Marriage(s):

Spouse: August Ferdinand SCHULZ

Marriage: 2 Oct 1857

See Buckow, Pommern, Preussen

Source Information:

Batch number:	Dates	Source Call No.	Type	Printout Call No.	Type
8731720	-	1396425	Film	NONE	
Sheet:	53				

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Ludwig Wilhelm KUEHNEMANN
Sex: M

Event(s):
Christening: 21 Jan 1821
See Buckow, Pommern, Preussen

Parents:
Father: Gottfried KUEHNEMANN
Mother: Luise HEYN

Source Information:

Batch number:	Dates	Source Call No.	Type	Printout Call No.	Type
8801122	-	1396489	Film	NONE	
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Louise KUEHNEMANN

Sex: F

Marriage(s):

Spouse: August Ferdinand SCHULZ

Marriage: 2 Oct 1857

See Buckow, Pommern, Preussen

Source Information:

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Surname _____ Family No. _____ (23)

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Franz Bogislaff NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1780	
Marriage	← 1780	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Maria NOFKEN [Gehram (?) 1820]

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Carolina Fridrica	Birth Jan. 10, 1804	- Lupow, Kr. Stolp, Pommer
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death Feb. 5, 1808	- Lup. Schuphrin (?)
2	Charlotta Wilhelmina	Birth Aug. 3, 1806	- Lupow
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death Jan. 24, 1807	- Philipshoff (Epileptic)
3	Frantz Heinrich Erdmann (?)	Birth Aug. 19, 1809	- Philipshoff, Lupow [Godfather, Joachim NEMITZ]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4	Ernestina Henrietta	Birth July 14, 1812	- Philipshoff
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5	Ernst Gottfried August	Birth Jan. 28, 1816	- Lupow (Perhaps the Gottfried in Slavitz, b. 1815) Friedrichs letter 8/5/00
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6	Dorothea Louisa	Birth Aug. 1808	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death Apr. 15, 1809	- Philipshoff
7	[son]	Birth Dec. 19, 1820	- Lupow
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death Dec. 19, 1820	[stillborn]
8	Wilhelmina Friedrike Sophie	Birth July 20, 1822	- Lupow
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Christian Jacob NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Michael NEMITZ (a) [b. ca. 1748]

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1771	
Marriage	Nov. 7, 1794	Stolp, Pommern, Prussia (a)(b)
Death		

Other Places of Residence: "Of Stolp" (a)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Anna Elizabeth HEISE (a)

Father's Name: Christian HEISE (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Regina DENLING (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	June 11, 1773	Bambin, Pommern, Prussia (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)	
1	Henrietta Louisa (b)	Birth Sept. 21, 1795	Neu Warbelow, Pommern, Prussia (b)	number 1
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Esther Wilhelmine (b)	Birth Sept. 1, 1797	Neu Warbelow (b)	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3	Charlotte Regine (b)	Birth May 12, 1800	Neu Warbelow (b)	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death May 12, 1805		
4	Carl Friedrich (b)	Birth Feb. 6, 1804	Neu Warbelow (b)	[Carl and Caroline died 6 days apart.]
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death Apr. 14, 1809		
5	Ernst Emanuel (b)	Birth Feb. 10, 1806	Neu Warbelow (b)	See also p. 9 of this folder; also see Ernst Emanuel Nehmitz (b. ca. 1818, 1806?)
	Married to Henriette Wiedenhoeft?	Marriage		
		Death		
6	Caroline Friederike (b)	Birth Jan. 9, 1808	Neu Warbelow (b)	[Caroline and Carl died 6 days apart.]
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death Apr. 20, 1809		
7	Dorothea Maria (b)	Birth May 20, 1810	Neu Warbelow (b)	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		See next page →
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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(a) LDS Archive Record; Doc. N48-Log 848
(b) Parish records of St. Petri, Stolp an Vessin, Pommern (a)
(c) U.S. Army Map #66080 100.U5; Doc. N25-Log 824

1- Close to Vessin, a few miles east of Stolp (c)

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Christian Jacob NEMITZ
Sex: M

Event(s):
Birth: Abt. 1767
Stolp, Pom., Preussen

Parents:
Father: Michael NEMITZ
Mother:

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Christain Jacob NEMITZ

Sex: M

Marriage(s):

Spouse: Anna Elizabeth HEISE

Marriage: 7 Nov 1794
Stolp, Pom., Preussen

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Henrietta Louisa NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Birth: 21 Sep 1795
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christian Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elisabeth HEISE

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Henrietta Louisa NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Birth: 21 Sep 1795
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christain Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elizabeth HEISE

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Esther Wilhelmine NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Birth: 1 Sep 1797
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christian Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elisabeth HEISE

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Ernst Emanuel NEMITZ

Sex: M

Event(s):

Birth: 10 Feb 1806
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christian Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elisabeth HEISE

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Ernst Emanuel NEMITZ

Sex: M

Event(s):

Birth: 10 Feb 1806
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christain Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elizabeth HEISE

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Caroline Fredrike NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Birth: 9 Jan 1808
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christain Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elizabeth HEISE

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Dorothea Maria NEMITZ

Sex: F

Event(s):

Birth: 20 May 1810
Neu Warbelow, Pom., Preussen

Parents:

Father: Christian Jacob NEMITZ
Mother: Anna Elisabeth HEISE

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

George NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1770	
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Charlotte Dorothea Friedr.	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage	Nov. 21, 1817	Lupow
	Johann Ludwig DARGATZ	Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Michael RUTZ	Anne Dorothea NEMITZ
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth	Birth c. 1770
Marriage	
Death	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Martin Heinrich	Birth	Mar. 14, 1794	- Ramkow, Lupow, Kr. Stolp, Pommer
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

_____ NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1762	
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Elisabeth _____

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	Jan. 4, 1768	
Death	Feb. 8, 1847	Grumbkow, Lupow, Kr. Stolp

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Charlotte Henriette Married to _____ SCHULZ (?)	Birth Marriage Death		[Lived in Grumbkow]
2	Euphrosine Married to _____ ZEFFIN (?)	Birth Marriage Death		[Lived in Grossendorf]
3	_____ [dau.] Married to _____ LABUHN	Birth Marriage Death		[Son, Carl Heinrich LABUHN]
4	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
5	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
6	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. 38

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Michael NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1764	
Marriage	Oct. 14, 1791	Lupow
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Louisa BENOKEN

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1761	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Christian Jacob	Birth	c. 1792-1793	
	Married to	Marriage	Nov. 1814	Stolp, Pomerania, Prussia
	Anna Dorothea Meise	Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

_____ NEMITZ

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1752	
Marriage	Nov. 29, 1777	Lupow
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Anna Dorothea SCHULZEN

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
2	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
3	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
4	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
5	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
6	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

[George] Michael DUMROESE(?)

Father's Name: [Miller]

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Maria Anna Charlotta NEMITZEN

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1764	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Michael Married to	Birth Marriage Death	[Bapt. June __, 1786 - Rambow]
2	Anna Charlotta Henrietta Married to	Birth Marriage Death	July 24, 1788 - Rambow [Anna Maria NEHMITZIN one of the godparents, probably Mrs. Michael]
3	[Name smeared] Married to	Birth Marriage Death	Oct. 1, 1790 - Rambow [Father given as George DUMROESE, miller]
4	Wilhelm Heinrich Married to	Birth Marriage Death	July 19, 1793 - Rambow [Mother given as Maria Charlotta NEMITZEN]
5	Ephrosina Married to	Birth Marriage Death	Apr. 27, 1796 - Rambow
6	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full) Johann SELOW (?) David SELOW (?) Daniel SELOWS (?)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full) Anna Maria NEMITZEN

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1760	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Justina Henriette	Birth	[Bapt. c. Nov. 1782 - Carstnitz [Ramnitz + Rambow = Wend. Karstnitz]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
2	Christina Charlotta	Birth	Dec. 10, 1790 - Carstnitz [Father - David Selow]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
3	Regina Fridrica	Birth	Apr. 8, 1793 - Carsnitz [Godmother - Regina NEMITZEN] [Father - Johann SELOW]
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Michael NEMITZEN

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1750	
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Annie Mar. GOOTY

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Gottlob	Birth	[Bapt. Feb. —, 1773 - Rambow (?)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	[Bur. Mar. 24, 1773 - Rambow [Given as NEMITZ] [in Bind - Infant ?]
2		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
3		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Eva Regina NEMITZEN (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth _____

Date and Place of Death [Bur. Mar. 20, 1774 – Carstnitz] Infant?

Address, if Living _____ Date _____

Father's Name in Full _____

Mother's Maiden Name in Full _____

Married to (1st) _____ (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage _____

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death _____

_____

Marriage Ended by _____ Date _____

Married to (2nd) _____ (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage _____

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death _____

_____

Marriage Ended by _____ Date _____

Education, with Places and Dates:

Occupation, with Places and Dates:

Other Places of Residence, with Dates:

Religious Affiliations:

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received:

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Editor's Note

A good example of Dad's heavy use of the "LDS Lib" (as he abbreviated it in his records) somewhere in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul was his extensive Nemitz family search conducted from late November 2000 to early March 2001; see his notes starting on the next page (p. 45). As of today the Minneapolis FamilySearch Center is located at 2801 Douglas Drive North in the close-in suburb of Crystal, but I don't know if that's the "LDS Lib" he was referring to in these notes.

Tom Witheridge
January 8, 2023

[These Post-it notes were attached to the first of many pages of notes by DEW that follow.]

Look up Philippshoff to see if it might be Philippstoff

1817 mar. of Johann h Dorgatz to Charlotte Nemitz p. 358

1810 Birth of Heinrich Nemitz p. 116?

Look up spelling of Bogislaff (Bogislaw X, Duke of Pommern, 1454 – 1523)

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Look up burial record of Henriette Friedrica Nemitz (by at who ld) on Nov. 28, 1783 for names of parents NO

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Baptisms - 1777 p. 163

Baptisms - 1869 Ferdinand Nemitz pp. 92+93

Baptisms - 1810 p. 116 Heinrich Nemitz

Baptisms - 1809 p. 113 (Frantz Nemitz)

LDS Lib - 11/21/00

Lupow Standesamt Film #1618558

Civil Registration of Births, Marriages, Deaths 1875-1880

1880

No. 30

Lupow on the 8th June, 1880

For the below-written registration today came the person known as the day-laborer Carl Vedder living at Alt Malzkow, evangelical religion, and reported that Wilhelmine Vedder, born Schröder evangelical religion, living with him in Alt Malzkow in on the eighth of June of the year one thousand eight hundred

a child of male sex was born, with the names Otto August Hermann, [Vedder]

LDS - 11/27/00

Lupow Churchbook - 1743-1786
Film # 0904694

1747
10. Borsin — the 3rd(?) of [Feb.?] ist(?) Fergly (?) Belkowin (?) and Sophia Bonke, son Hlogg (?) baptized; Godparents: Martin Moontzke (?), Christopher Wiegel, Dorothy Bionke (?)

47. Carstitz — the 5th Oct.(?) ist(?) Hans Ageesy (?) and Elea Bonke, daughter Christina baptized, Godparents: George Höft, Frans von Klaffke, Barb. Wendt

1752
43. Fellpow (?) — the 1st Dec. ist the ——— ——— George Lohönegge and Dorothea Eliz. Benskey daughter Hedwig Elizabeth baptized. Godparents: Gottfried Nemitz, ——— ———
→ Friedrich — Martin von Kleist, and meiner (?) daughter (?) Dorothea Euplenapina (?) Kummez

1753
28. Carstitz — the — Oct. (?) Daniel Marwa--- and Catharine Mizen, daughter Dorothea Sophia baptized. Godparents: ——— Wendt,
→ ——— ——— von Kleist, Dorothea Meiers

Finished to the end of 1759 on p. 33
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1765
36. Lupow — the — (Nov.?) ist Paul Prentzen (?) and Mar. ——— son ———
(p. 44) — bapt. Godparents: ——— Bohnke, ———, ———, ——— (illegible)

[From here on - new recording system - almost impossible to read

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Lutpour Churchbook (cont.)

1773.

Rainbow (?) pp. 72 + 73 — the — Feb (?) Michael Nemitzgen and Annie (?) Mar. Rooty (?) son Gottlob baptized. Godparents: Ernst Thomas, Joachim Burr, Anna Maria Teynderaken (?)

To the end of 1773 — p. 77

p. 77 — 1/15/01

1774 - none

p. 82 — 1775 - none

p. 87 — 1776 - none

p. 91 — 1777 - none

p. 95 — 1778 - none

p. 99 — 1779 - none

p. 107 — 1780 - none

p. 111 — 1781 - none

p. 117 — 1782 -

about Nov. 1782 — Selous (?) — daughter

Carstenity - [date illegible] Daniel Selonas (?) and Anna Maria Nemitzgen, daughter [Kerstein] Justina Henrietta, baptized. Godparents: Jacob Folsner (?), Dor. Eliz. Schröder, ——— Rellermanns (?), and ——— Sutherle (?)

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p. 121 — 1783 - none

p. 127 — 1784 - none

p. 133 — 1785 - none

p. 137 — 1786 -

LDS - 1/16/01 (Cont.)

(1786) Lupow

[Center edge at middle of book covered up + unreadable]

Rambow (date not clear)

June - in Boyabraust des Müllers (?) Michael Demroesel (?) and J. franklin Anna Charlotta (?) Nemitzen son Michael. dia flahaus, Michael Chacob (?), Johan Fridr. Fidr, and Barbara Elisabeth Nifen

[to end of 1786 - p. 142] - end of baptisms

p. 145 Marriages - Starting in 1743

1743 - none

1744 - none

1745 - none

1746 - none

p. 146 1747 none

1748 - none

1749 - none

1750 - none

p. 147 1751 - none

1752 - none

1753 - none

p. 148 1754 - none

1755 - none

1756 - none

1757 - none

p. 149 1758 - none

1759 - none

1760 - none

LDS - 1/16/01 (cont)

Europe Marriages

p. 150 1761 - none

1762 - none

1763 - none

1764 - none

p. 151 1765 - none

p. 153 1766 - none

1767 - none

p. 154 1768 - none

1769 - none

p. 157 1770 - none

1771 - none

1772 - none

p. 159 1773 - none

1774 - none

p. 161 1775 -

1776 - none

p. 163 1777 -

Lustoff (?) Iolog den 20 Nov. _____ (first name obliterated) Hemitz aus Wreschen im Fürstenthum Ostrowo mit Anna Sophia Schulzen [1/22/01]

1778 - none

p. 164 1779 - none

1780 - none

p. 165 1781 - none

1782 - none

p. 167 1783 - none

p. 169 1784 - none

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Lupow marriages (cont.)

p. 169 1785 - none

p. 171 1786 - none

Lupow burials (Verstorbene - deceased)

p. 175 1743 - none

1744 - none

p. 176 1745 - none

1746 - none

p. 178 1747 - none

p. 179 1748 - none

1749 - none

p. 181 1750 - none

1751 - none

p. 182 1752 - none

p. 183 1753. none

1754 - none

p. 184 1755 - none

p. 185 1756 - none

1757 - none

p. 187 1758 - none

1759 - none

p. 189 1760 - none

1761 - none

1762 - none

p. 191 1763 - none

1764 - none

p. 193 1765 - none

1766 - none

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Lupow deaths (cont.)

p. 192 1767 - none

1768 - none

1769 - none

p. 196 1770 - none

1771 - none

p. 197 1772 - none

1773 -

p. 198 On the 24th March from Rambow [im Bird?] Dottlot Nemitz [Nemitzer] buried

p. 199 1774 -

On the 20th of March from Carstnitz [im Bird?] Eva Regina Nemitzer?

1775 - none

p. 200 1776 - none

1777 - none

1778 - none

1779 - none

p. 202 1780 - none

1781 - none

1782 - none

p. 209 1783 - none

1784 - none

1785 - none

1786 - none

[New section] Baptisms

p. 1 1787 - none

p. 6 1789 - none

[← p. 10] end of 1787

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Lupow Churchbook - Baptisms

p. 10 — 1788

Rambow — Anna Charlotta Henrietta (sic) born 24 July, bapt. 27th, Father: Michael Dumroese, Mother: Anna Charlotta Mehnitzjen; Godparents 1) Anna Maria Mehnitzjen, 2) Cathar. Dorethin (?), 3) Joh. Frid. Dabbey

p. 15 — 1789 - none

p. 20 — 1790

Rambow — ——— ——— (name smeared) born 1st October, bapt. 10th, Father: George Domroese (Müller), Mother: (smeared) Anna Charlotta Mehnitzjen; Godparents: 1) Joh. Dorge Dewarske, 2) Ludwig Wobsen, 3) Elisab. Wobsen

Carstnitz — Christina Charlotta born 19th December, bapt. 26th Father: der funizgerm David Selow, Mother: Anna Maria Mehnitzjen, Godparents: 1) Christina Charlotta (?) Mansen, 2) Elisabeth Wobsen, 3) Martin Sellweg

p. 24 — 1791

Carstnitz — Maria Regina born 5th July, bapt. 10th, Father: Johann Blankin — Mann, Mother: Catharina Maria Gustken (?) Godparents: 1. Anna Maria Mehnitzjen, 2. Catharina Louisa Dewurken, 3. Johann Gustken — Mrs. Michael

p. 29 — 1792 - none

p. 34 — 1793 -

Carstnitz — Regina Fridrica born 8th April, bapt. 14th, Father: Johann Selow, in fenemann, Mother: Anna Maria Mehnitzjen, Godparents 1) Regina Mehnitzjen, 2) Anna Charlotta Hingolen, 3) Friedrich Zinder

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Lupow Churchbook – Baptisms (Cont.)

p. 36 — 1793

Rambow — Wilhelm Heinrich born 19th July, bapt. 28th; Father: Michael Dumrose, Müller, Mother: Maria Charlotta Nemitzen, (sic) Godparents: 1) Dietfried Datz; 2) Johann Friedrich Selow, 3) Louise Müllern

p. 38 — 1794

Rambow No. 10 — Martin Heinrich born 14th March, bapt. 20th, Father: —— [der fermann?] Michael Rutz; Mother: Anna Dorothea Nemitz; Godparents 1. Martin Michael Meier, 2. Christ. Ferscich (?), 3. Maria Elisab. Dwarsken (?)

Carstnitz No. 5 — Johann Jacob born 19th July, bapt. 20th, Father: [der fermann?] Christian Warbelow (?), Mother: Dorothea Elisabeth Heigsten, Godparents: 1) Johann Jacob Meier, 2) Friedrich Lüsermann, 3) Dorothe, Nemitzen

p. 44 — 1795 – none

p. 49 — 1796

Rambow/Jan ? — Maria Ephrosine born 27th April, bapt. 3rd May, Father: Michael Dumrose, Müller, Mother: Anna Maria Nemitzen. Godparents: 1. Anna Louise Zollweg, 2. Anna Louisa Förstjen, 3. Friedrich Zitterling

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1797 – none

1798 – none

1799 – none

p. 68 — 1800 – none

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Lupow Baptisms:

p. 73 1801 - none

p. 77 1802 - none

p. 81 1803 -

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p. 85 2/5/01

Lup. Stifom (?) Johann Ludwig born Nov. 10, bapt. the 20th, Father: Joh. George Thrien, Mother: Louisa Mutten (?), Godparents Godparents:
1. Frantz Heinrich Menitz, 2. Christian Mütter, 3. Sophia Tofhelm.

p. 85 1804

Lupowsin? (Lipsi) Lipsum (?) Carolina Fridrica born Jan. 10th, bapt. the 18th, Father: Frantz Menitz, Mother: Maria Moften, Godparents: 1. Christian Schröder, 2. Henrietta Baumann, 3. Charlotta Louisa Foken (?)

Lupowsip (Lipsi) Lipsum (?) Fridrica Wilhelmin (sic) born the 27th June, bapt. 1st July, Father, Martin Pett, Mother: Sophia Runge, Godparents: 1. Maria Menitz, 2. Charlotte Bartheicken, 3. Johann Pett. Mrs. Frang?

p. 90 1805

Lupow Michael Fridrich Ferdinand born Sept. 8, bapt. the 15th, Father: the ____ (Lipsum?) Michael Fridrich Fok (?), Mother: Charlotta Louisa Siloften (?), Godparents: 1. Jacob Fridr. Röske, 2. Michael Marsch, 3. Christina Menitzen.

p. 95 1806

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Lupow Baptisms (cont.)

p. 98 1806

Lupowsiff (?) Spramni (?). Charlotta Wilhelmina born Aug. 3, bapt. the 10th, Father Frantz Bogislaff (?) Nemitz, Mother: Maria Nofken, Godparents, 1. Christian Nemitz, 2. Charlotta Wendten, 3. Charlotta Bartheichen.

p. 101 1807 [Finished 1807, p. 105]

p. 105 1808 – See 11/20/00

1809 – See 11/20/00

p. 116 1810 – See 11/14/00 & 11/20/00

p. 121 1811 –

Lupow Dorothea Louisa born 16th April, bapt. the 21st., Father: George Ihrum, Mother: Anna Louisa Müllern, Godparents, 1. Chard. Nemitz, 2. Dorothe Lopheln, 3. Johann Wendt.

p. 126 1812 –

Philipshoff Ernestina Henrietta born 14th July, bapt. the 20th (?), Father: Franz Bogislaff (?) Nemitz, Mother: Maria Nofken, Godparents, 1. Maria Nofken (sic), 2. Hanna Nemitz, 3. Joh. George Nofken.

p. 132 1813

Lupow Johanna Emilia Alberta born April 22nd, bapt. 2nd of May, Father: _____ (Spannum ?) Kichnemann (?), Mother: Caroline Nemitz, Godparents, 1. Caroline Plutz, 2. Louisa Hoffmann, 3. Carl Siolaff.

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p. 137 1814

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Lupow Baptisms:

p. 141 1814

Lupow August Fried. Leopold born 22nd Nov., bapt. 4th Dec., Father: der [Einwohner] Joh. Martin Kühnemann, Mother: Johanna Caroline Nemitz, Godparents, 1. Martin Müller, 2. Bogislaff Seils, 3. Wilhelmina Schröderin.

p. 142 1815 - none

1816 -

Lupow Ernst Gottfried August born Jan. 28th, bapt. 4th Feb., Father: Franz Bogislaff Nemitz Taglöhner [day laborer], Mother: Maria Noffken, Godparents: 1. Ernst Gottfr. Nemitz, 2. Christiane Gonzel, 3. Anna Elisab. Nemitzen

Lupow Johann Ludwig Eduard, born 22nd June, bapt. 30th June, Father: Johann Kühnemann, Mother: Joh. Carol. Nehmitz (sic), Godparents: 1. Friedr. Radde (?), 2. Christian Hohe (?), 3. Louisa (?) Liefert geb. Hilmeister (?)

p. 152 1817 - none

p. 160 1818 -

Philippshoff - Wilhelmine Albertine born 8th (?) Oct., bapt. 15th Oct., Father: Ludwig Dargatz, Taglöhner [day laborer], Mother: Charlotte Nemitz. Godparents: 1. Carl Seitz, 2. Friedrike Seitzen. 3. Charlotte Dargatzen

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Lupow Carl Heinrich Theodor born 20th (?), bapt. 25th October, Father Johann Martin Kühnemann, Rüdis (?), Mother: Johanne Caroline Nemitz: Godparents 1. Johann ——— ——— (?), 2. Johann Tonke, 3. Louise Gonelius ——— ——— (?)

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Lupow Baptisms

1818 (cont.)

p. 168 1819 –

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1819 – none

p. 175 1820 – [On the 19th of December]

Lupow p. 182 On the 19th of December [is the?] day laborer Franz Nehmitz and his wife Marie Dohren a Estiesborn?] son born.

p. 183 1821 –

Lupow Friedrich Wilhelm August born on the 24th March, bapt. 1st April, Father: Johann Liehmemann, Mother: Johanne Caroline Nehmitz, Godparents: 1. Friedrich Jagow (?), 2. Carl Thorwaldt, 3. Dem. Wilhelmine Mattner.

p. 185

Lupow Johann August Ferdinand born the 30th of March, bapt. 1st April, Father: Ludwig Dargatz [Kunst?], Mother, Dorothea Nehmitz, Godparents: 1. Johann Doschmitz (?), 2. Johann Pett, 3. Charlotte Dargatz.

p. 190 1822 –

Lupow Wilhelmine Friedrike Sophie born the 20th July, bapt. 14th (?) August, Father: Franz Bogislaff Nehmitz. Mother: Maria Nopkens. Godparents: 1. Gottlieb Lehmann, 2. Sophie Henriette Rodem, 3. Friedrike Henriette Bildemeister geb. Bergann.

p. 198 1823 –

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Lupow Baptisms (cont.)

1823 (cont.)

Lupow p. 207 Ferdinand Julius Werner born 10th, bapt. 21st December, Father: Johann Kühnemann _____, Mother: Johanne Charlotte geb. Nehmitz, Godparents: Friedrich Nehmitz, 2. Christian John, 3. Caroline Schlüter.

p. 209 1824 –

Philippshoff No. 14 Friedrich Wilhelm born 24th, bapt. 29th Feb. Father: Ludwig Dargatz, Mother: Dorothea Nehmitz, Godparents 1. Georg Bahr, 2. Johann Cronke, 3. Helene Catt.

p. 216 1825 –

Philippshoff – Henriette Friedrike born 30th January, bapt. 6th (?) Feb. Father: Ludwig Dargatz, daylaborer, Mother Dorothea geb. Nehmitz, Godparents: 1. Friedrike Karthen geb. Seitz, 2. Henriette Jotzke, 3. Carl Hoffmann.

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1825 – (cont.)

Schönfeld Caroline Friedrike born ___, bapt. 27th November, Father: Christian Wandt, Mother: Charlotte geb. Zoschke (?), Godparents: Heinrich Wandt, 2. Caroline Zyschke, 3. Louise Nehmitz

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p. 224 1826 – none

p. 234 1827 –

Lupow Ernst Adolph born ___ March, bapt. 1st April. Father: Johann Kühnemann, Mother: Johanne Charlotte geb. Nehmitz, Godparent: Ferdinand Zimmerth, 2. Carl Friedrich Meyerdank (?), Anna Regina Marg. geb. Frankenstein

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Lupow Baptisms (cont.)

p. 236 1827 -

Friedrichsfelde - Ernestine Friedrike born 29th Sept., bapt. 7th Oct., Father: Carl Pioch (?), Mother: Dorothea geb. Kirschnick, Godparents: 1. Barbara Pioch, 2. Charlotte Pioch geb. Mahnitz 3. Leopold v. Natzgau

p. 238 1828 -

Lupow No. 30 Albert Ferdinand born the 25th May, bapt. 1st June, Father: Ludwig Dargatz, Mother: Dorothea geb. Mahnitz, Godparents: 1.

p. 241 Wilhelm Seily, 2. Johann Krajischke (?), 3. Henriette Bahr.

p. 247 1829 - none

p. 253 1830 -

Lupow Bertha Ottilie Auguste born 19th + bapt. 28th Feb. Father: Johann Kühnemann, Mother: Johanna Caroline geb. Mahnitz, Godparents: 1. Henriette Andt geb. Harder, 2. Mathilda Freitag, 3. Johann Friedrich Roether.

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Lupow Burials

p. 268 1787 - none

p. 270 1788 - none

p. 273 1789 - none

p. 275 1790 - none

p. 277 1791 - none

p. 279 1792 - none

p. 280 1793 -

p. 282 Henrietta Fredrica Nemitz

Bug. Epiphrani (?) the 28th 9 mo. died

1 yr. 4 wks. old, and the 1st Dec. buried

(born 9 Nov. 1792)

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p. 283 1794 - none

p. 284 1795 - none

p. 285 1796 - none

p. 286 1797 - none

p. 287 1798 - none

p. 289 1799 - none

p. 291 1800 - none

p. 293 1801 - none

p. 293 1802 - none

p. 295 1803 - none

p. 296 1804 - none

p. 297 1805 - none

p. 298 1806 - none

p. 299 1807 -

p. 300 Philippshoff - 24th Jan. Wilhelmine Charlotte Nemitz, Age 6 mo.

Epileptic (?) Father, Fenty Nemitz, Fr. - - -

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Lupower Burials

p. 302 1808 -

Lup. Schupbrin (?) - 5th Feb, Carolina Fridrica Genitz inn d. partem?
age 4 yrs. Father Frantz Genitz
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p. 305 1809 -

Philipsdorff - 15th April - Dorothea Louisa, 3/4 yr. old, Father - Frantz Genitz

p. 306 1810 - none

p. 308 1811 - none

p. 309 1812 - none

p. 311 1813 - none

p. 313 1814 - none

p. 314 1815 - none

p. 315 1816 - none

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1817 - none

p. 320 1818 - none

p. 324 1819 - none

p. 326 1820 -

Lupower [Glen note that I can't read] 19th Dec. [ist der] daylaborer Frantz Gebnitz —— —— wife Marie Dorthea a stillborn son born. [p. 328]

p. 329 1821 - none

p. 332 1822 - none

p. 336 1823 - none

p. 339 1824 - none

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Lupour Marriages (Copenhite)

p. 344 1787 - none

1788 - none

p. 345 1789 - none

p. 346 1790 - none

p. 347 1791 -

Lupour 14th Oct. ist _____ _____ the bachelor Michael Nemity _____ _____ 27 years old with his maiden _____ Louisa Benoken (?) 30 years old

p. 348 1792 - none

1793 - none

p. 349 1794 - none

p. 350 1795 - none

1796 - none

p. 351 1797 - none

1798 - none

1799 - none

p. 352 1800 - none

1801 - none

1802 - none

p. 353 1803 - none

1804 - none

1805 - none

p. 354 1806 - none

1807 - none

p. 355 1808 - none

1809 - none

1810 - none

p. 356 1811 - none

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Lutheran Marriages

p. 356 1812 - none

1813 - none

1814 - none

p. 357 1815 - none

1816 - none

p. 358 1817 -

Philippshoff - 21st Nov. ——— Johan (sic) Ludwig Dargatz ——— ——— son of ——— Christian Dargatz ——— with maiden Charlotta Dorothea Friedr. Mehnitz (sic) the maiden daughter of the ——— ——— George Mamitz (sic)

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1818 - none

p. 366 1819 - none

1820 - none

1821 - none

1822 - none

p. 365 1823 - none

1824 - none

p. 368 1825 - none

1826 - none

1827 - none

p. 372 1828 - none

1829 - none

p. 375 1830 - none

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Lupow Burials

381 1825 - none

384 1826 - none

387 1827 - none

390 1828 - none

393 1829 - none

396 1830

lpow [Lupow] On the 27th June died the Defunider (?) Johann Martin Kühnemann, aged 48 yrs. 10 mon. in the Lungenentzündung [pneumonia] buried the 30th June. Johan (?) 1. die Wittwe [widow??] (?) Johanne Carol. geb. Nehmitz, 2. children a) Emilie, b) August c) Edward, d) Heinrich, e) Friedrich, f) Julius, g) Leopold h) Ottilie

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Burials (cont.)

1837 - none

40 1838 - none

48 1839.

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1839 (cont.) - none

54 1840 - none

65 1841 - none

74 1842 - none

82 1843 - none

88 1844 - none

94 1845 - none

02 1846 - none

112 1847 [see next page]

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Lupow Burials

1847 (cont.)

Drumbkow - the widow Elisabeth Nemitz - age: 79 yr., 1 mo., 12 days,
p. 116 died 8th Feb.; illness: ?; burial: 14th Feb.; survivors:
3 children: 1. Char. Hem. ? Schulz (?) in Drumbkow
2. Euphrosine ? Zeffin (?) in Drossendorf
3. the grandson? ost Carl Heinrich Lebuhn

p. 124 1848 - none
p. 132 1849 - none
p. 138 1850 - none
p. 144 1851 - none
p. 152 1852 - none
p. 162 1853 - none
p. 170 1854.

Drumbkow Dayleborer Johann Nemitz - age 46 yrs, died 27th Feb.
Illness ? (pneumonia?); buried 1st Mar.; survivor:
widow (?) Wilhelmine Kuschel (?)

Jungelow ——— (?) Daniel Onnosch, age 65 died 25th Dec.,
illness ——— (?), buried 29th Dec., survivors: widow
p. 178 Christliebe (?) geb. Nehmitz, and 4 ——— Caroline ost (?) Dill,
Michael, Daniel, and Joachim

p. 178 1855 - none
p. 188 1856

Neu Jungelow Widow of [deceased?] Dayleborer Daniel Onnosch.
p. 19. Christliebe (?) geb. Nehmitz, age 69 yrs died 19th Sept.,
illness: ? buried 22nd Sept., survivors: 4 ———
——— children: Daniel, Joachim, Michael, Caroline
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p. 194 1856 (cont.)

p. 196 1857 - none

p. 204 1858 - none

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This may refer to DEW's LDS search on the preceding pages.

About 30 families or couples where either the husband's or wife's name was Memitz (or Memitz), including 3, all in Pembroke, where the name was Memitzgen — two of these were women who married men with different names, so the name Memitzgen would have died out; and the one man apparently had only one child who died young.

There were about 15 individuals by the name of Memitz, whose relationship to any others is not given.

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Surname (maiden name for female): Nemitz	Given name(s): Christian Jacob
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Full maiden name of the mother:	Full name of the father:
Your relationship to the person (this request will be honored for direct-line ancestors only): G. g. gr son	Full name of the spouse (maiden name if wife): Anna Elisabeth Heise
Marriage date (at least the year): 7 Nov. 1794	Parish or town, county, and state or country of marriage: Stolp, Pommern, Prussia, Germany
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BORN abt 1767
WHERE of Stolp, Pom., Prus.
DIED
FATHER Michael Nemitz
MOTHER
MD. 7 Nov 1794 TO @ Anna Elisabeth Heise
HEIR Hermann August Heise 8 cou il
BAPT. 7 July 1953 PROXY Hugh W. Homer
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Christian Jacob Nemitz and Anna Elisabeth Heise

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NAME / SEX:M MALE/F FEMALE/H HUSBAND/W WIFE / FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE	TYPE	EVENT DATE	COUNTY, TOWN, PARISH	B	E	S	SOURCE BATCH	SOURCE SERIAL SHEET
NEMITZ, CAROLINE ERNESTINE								
NEHMITZ, CAROLINE ERNESTINE								
ERNST EMANUEL NEHMITZ/HENRIETTE ERNESTINE WIEDENGEFT	F C	15OCT1843	POMMERN,GROSS DUEBSOW	20DEC1974OG	07FEB1975OG	15MAY1975OG	C999871	1403
NEMITZ, CAROLINE FRIEDERIKE								
/FRIEDERIKE NEMITZ	F C	06NOV1834	BRANDENBURG,BERLIN STADT,JERUSALEM					
NEMITZ, CAROLINE WILHELMINE FRIEDERIE				15SEP1982SG	16NOV1982SG	UNCLEARED	C998348	1881
AUGUST WILHELM FERDINAND NEMITZ/HENRITTE LOUISE STRASBURG	F B	19AUG1834	POMMERN,BRUNOW	25AUG1972OG	12OCT1972OG	23JAN1973OG	7208907	93
NEMITZ, CATHARINA DANIEL WETZEL	W M	28OCT1756	POMMERN,GROSS TYCHOW					
NEMITZ, CHARLOTTE CAROLINE LOUISE						30MAR1984SL	A457948	0755
CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH HASE	W M	13DEC1844	POMMERN,GROSS TYCHOW			11JUN1963SL	A457858	0179
NEMITZ, CHARLOTTE LOUISE								
MICHAEL NEMITZ/DOROTHEA ELISABETH	F C	11JUN1764	POMMERN,KARWITZ SCHLANE					
NEMITZ, CHRISTIAN JACOB				05DEC1973LG	09JAN1974LG	12MAR1974LG	7310923	61
ANNA ELISABETH HEISE	H M	07NOV1794	POMMERN,STOLP			09DEC1953IF	A458885	0524
NEMITZ, CLARA ANNA ELISE								
FRANZ NEMITZ/EMILIE FERCK	F C	16JAN1870	POMMERN,STARGARD,HEILIGE GEIST					
NEMITZ, CLARA JOHANNE				04FEB1982JR	09MAR1982JR	09APR1982JR	C999751	3709
/BERTHA LOUISE NEMITZ	F C	20FEB1853	BRANDENBURG,BERLIN STADT,NEUEKIRCHE					
NEMITZ, CLARA MINNA				15MAY1979LA	30JUN1979LA	UNCLEARED	C999041	8111
CARL FRIEDRICH NEMITZ/HENRIETTE WILHELMINE MUELLER	F C	20DEC1836	BRANDENBURG,BERLIN STADT,SANKT GEORGEN					
NEMITZ, DANIEL LIESE HASE				15MAY1979SL	27JUN1979SL	07AUG1979SL	C999122	13570
NEMITZ, DANIEL CHARLOTTE SOPHIE HASE	H M	10FEB1757	POMMERN,GROSS TYCHOW			12MAR1963LA	A458451	0251
NEMITZ, DANIEL AUGUST FRIEDRICH	H M	27OCT1820	POMMERN,WENDISCH TYCHOW			09JAN1958AZ	A456347	0245
AUGUST WILHELM FERDINAND NEMITZ/HENRIETTE LOUISE STRASBURG	M B	23AUG1845	POMMERN,BELGARD,BRUNOW	26AUG1972OG	17NOV1972OG	03JAN1973OG	7208907	91
NEHMITZ, DOROTHEA HENRIETTE								
ERNST GOTTFRIED AUGUST NEHMITZ/CHARLOTTE CAROLINE WILHELMINE SCHULZ	F C	05DEC1843	POMMERN,GROSS DUEBSOW	20DEC1974OG	07FEB1975OG	15MAY1975OG	C999871	1145
NEMITZ, EDUARD JULIUS WILHELM								
AUGUST WILHELM FERDINAND NEMITZ/HENRIETTE LOUISE STRASBURG	M B	18OCT1847	POMMERN,BELGARD,BRUNOW	26AUG1972OG	17NOV1972OG	03JAN1973OG	7208907	91
NEMITZ, ELEONORA MICHAEL HASE	W M	02NOV1810	POMMERN,GROSS TYCHOW					
NEHMITZ, EMIL AUGUST	M C	20NOV1857	BRANDENBURG,PRENZLAU,SANKT NIKOLAI			08JAN1963LA	A458446	0039
KARL FRIEDRICH NEHMITZ/AUGUSTE WILHELMINE ECKERT								
NEMITZ, EMMA MATHILDE				04APR1981AL	09JUL1981AL	06AUG1981AL	C998901	3848
JOHANN GOTTLIEB NEMITZ/OTTILIE WILHELMINE FIDLER	F C	31MAR1862	POMMERN,STETTIN STADT,MILITARY REGIMENTS 44-49-52-53-56-61-63					
NEMITZ, EVA EMILIE				22AUG1979OG	29NOV1979OG	02JAN1980OG	C997811	0106
AUGUST NEMITZ/CAROLINE HOFFMANN	F C	20[illegible]1858	WESTPREUSSEN,SCHOENBERG KARTHAUS					
NEMITZ, FERDINAND ALBERT				06DEC1973LG	15JAN1974LG	13MAR1974LG	7313819	96
BERTHA AMALIE REICHERS	H M	20APR1874	WESTFALEN,WIEDENBRUECK,EVANGELISCH			05DEC1981AZ	M990161	0039
NEMITZ, FERDINAND ALBERT								
BERTHA AMALIE REICHE	H M	28APR1874	WESTFALEN,RHEDA,EVANGELISCH			CLEARED	M989837	0170
NEMITZ, FRANZ JOSEPH MICHAEL								
HEINRICH NEMITZ/AUGUSTE CAROLINE HENRIETTE FOECKS	M C	15OCT1868	POMMERN,STETTIN STADT,ST. GERTRUD					
NEMITZ, FRIEDERIKE BLANDINE WILHELMIE #				INFANT	INFANT	18NOV1976PV	C999781	13241
JOHANN FRIEDRICH AUGUST KINZEL	W M	06OCT1867	BRANDENBURG,BERLIN STADT,GNADEN-INVALIDEN KIRCHE					
NEMITZ, FRIEDERIKE BLONDINE WILHELMIE						CLEARED	M998372	0707
AUGUST WILHELM FERDINAND NEMITZ/HENRIETTE LOUISE STRASBURG	F B	15DEC1843	POMMERN,BELGARD,BRUNOW	25AUG1972OG	12OCT1972OG	23JAN1973OG	7208907	91
NEHMITZ, FRIEDERIKE WILHELMINE HENRIETE								
ERNST GOTTFRIED AUGUST NEHMITZ/CHARLOTTE CAROLINE WILHELMINE SCHULZ	F C	08MAY1836	POMMERN,GROSS DUEBSOW	19DEC1974OG	06FEB1975OG	15MAY1975OG	C999871	0539
NEMITZ, FRIEDRICH ELISABETH LEPINSKI	H M	21NOV1848	WESTPREUSSEN,BERENT,NEU PALESCHKEN			06MAY1983SE	8301120	66
NEMITZ, FRIEDRICH CARL	H M	07JUN1884	BRANDENBURG,PRENZLAU,SANKT JAKOBI			03JUN1980PV	M998881	3013
EMILIE FRIEDERIKE RUSS								
NEMITZ, FRIEDRICH WILHELM								
GOTTFRIED NEMITZ/LUISE DUXEN	M C	02AUG1807	POMMERN,MALCHOW SCHLANE					
NEMITZ, FRIEDRICH WILHELM				12FEB1975OG	08APR1975OG	06JUN1975OG	C999851	0195
AUGUST NEMITZ/WILHELMINE FOLZMANN	M C	06MAR1859	POMMERN,BREDOW,SANKT MATTHAEUS					
NEMITZ, FRIEDRICH WILHELM				10APR1976WA	12JUN1976WA	08JUL1976WA	C999771	7112
WILHELM LUDWIG NEMITZ/ELEONORE ITTRICH	M B	20FEB1864	WESTPREUSSEN,FOSSHUETTE					
NEMITZ, FRIEDRICH WILHELM HEINRICH				INFANT	INFANT	02DEC1982SE	8222221	56
AUGUST WILHELM NEMITZ/WILHELMINE ALBERTINE TOLZMANN	M C	18JUL1856	POMMERN,STETTIN STADT,ST. NIKOLAI					
NEMITZ, FRIEDRIKE WILHELMINE AUGUSTE				13NOV1975LG	21FEB1976LG	16MAR1976LG	C999791	5545
CHRISTIAN NEMITZ/HEINRIETTE DREWKE	F C	08JAN1854	POMMERN,KARNKEWITZ	INFANT	INFANT	22MAY1973AL	7224240	63

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HUSBAND CHRISTIAN JACOB HEMITZ

Birth date abt 1767 Place of Stolp, Pom.Prus.
Christening date Place
Death date Place
Burial date Place
Husband's Father Michael Hemitz Husb Mother (Maiden Name)
Marriage date (Husb.) 7 Nov 1794 Place Stolp, Pom.Prus.
Other Wives of Husband (If any list in order)

WIFE ANNA ELISABETH HEISE

Birth date 11 Jue 1773 Place Bambin, Pom. Prus
Christening date Place
Death date Place
Burial date Place
Wife's Father Christian Heise Wife's Mother (Maiden Name) Regina Dealing
Other Husbands of Wife (If any list in order)

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Anna Elisabeth Heise

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HUSBAND:
Baptized 7 JUL 1953
Endowed 22 JUL 1953
Heir Hermann August Heise
Relationship of Heir 8 cous.1.1.

WIFE:
Baptized 7 JUL 1953
Endowed 22 JUL 1953
Sealed to Husband 9 DEC 1953 IF
Heir Hermann August Heise
Relationship of Heir 8 cous.

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr	WHERE BORN Town County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo Yr	*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *Last additional marriages with dates on reverse side of sheet	BAPTIZED	ENDOWED	SEALED TO PARENTS
F	1 Henrietta Louisa Hemitz	21 Sep 1795	Neu Warbelow, Pom.	Prus.		Date To	7 JUL 1953	23 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
F	2 Esther Wilhelmine Hemitz	1 Sep 1797	" "	"		Date To	7 JUL 1953	23 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
F	3 Charlotte Regine Hemitz	12 May 1800	" "	"	12 May 1805	Date To	child	child	9 DEC 1953 IF
M	4 Carl Friedrich Hemitz	6 Feb 1804	" "	"	14 Apr 1809	Date To	child	child	9 DEC 1953 IF
M	5 Ernst Emanuel Hemitz	10 Feb 1806	" "	"		Date To	7 JUL 1953	21 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
F	6 Caroline Friederike Hemitz	9 Jan 1808	" "	"	20 Apr 1809	Date To	child	child	9 DEC 1953 IF
F	7 Dorothea Maria Hemitz	20 May 1810	" "	"		Date To	7 JUL 1953	23 JUL 1953	9 DEC 1953 IF
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German History, 1770–1866, by James J. Sheehan
Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1989

p. 78 "To many of life's dangers, the poor were much more vulnerable than the rich. ... Their sons could fall into the hands of a recruiting officer, who might send them off to fight in some distant war. Their daughters could fall prey to the amorous attentions of a lecherous master and then be left to pay the price for their dishonour. ..."

p. 80 "The ... traditional family was anything but stable; families were continually disrupted by death, usually of children, but also of one or both parents. Moreover, in most families childhood was brief; boys and girls of twelve or thirteen had to leave home to go to work. Even when the parents survived, older children would depart from the household while their younger siblings were still being born."

p. 97–8 "In the east, the overall picture was quite different. Peasants, especially those who were personally unfree, often worked almost full-time for their lords, perhaps as many as six days per week."

p. 100 "We tend to think of the seigneur as an individual nobleman, but that was by no means always the case. The landlord might be a lesser noble acting as a nobleman's agent. ..."

p. 135-6 "Most eighteenth-century German schools were ill-equipped, poorly run, and badly attended. The village schoolmaster might be a pensioned non-commissioned officer, an ~~unemployed~~ wooden craftsman, or the church sexton. Since they could almost never live on the fees paid by a reluctant community, teachers had to work in a variety of other jobs. The 'school' itself was rarely a separate structure: pupils met in the teacher's house, the local church, or some other temporary shelter. In Berg, the Prussian town where Karl von Clausewitz spent his childhood, twenty students between six and sixteen were exposed to the rudiments of grammar, arithmetic, and religion, with a little Latin thrown in. Even in a relatively prosperous and enlightened town like Mainz only about half the school-aged population got any instruction at all. In most parts of Germany, schools did improve during the second half of the century, when governments tried to regulate teachers' training, strengthen the curriculum, and increase attendance. But progress was slow, in part because both material resources and qualified personnel were scarce, in part because many people had no great interest in schools. The poor could not afford to do without their children's labour; the rich could provide for their children with private tutors and personal instruction."

p. 475 "These marginal peasants were usually forced to make some kind of contractual arrangement with their landlords, to whom they promised to provide labour in return for a house, garden, and the right to gather wood. Emancipation thus

changed the form but not the substance of social dependence. Moreover, as the population of the eastern provinces increased, it was in the landlord's interest to rely on hired workers rather than long-term contracts. The result was a growing population of landless agricultural labourers, totally at the mercy of the market."

p. 480 "Worst of all was the condition of the landless labourers in the east, who were legally free but remained caught in a web of poverty and ignorance hardly less constraining than their former servitude. Forced to live in primitive dwellings and work for subsistence wages, these peasants, like their counterparts throughout the German lands, were at the bottom of the rural social order. As the population expanded, their numbers grew and their situation deteriorated."

p. 514 "During the reform era, many educational innovators had cherished the ideal of universal education as a source of social progress and equality. But the main result of their efforts was to strengthen elite schools and isolate them from the overwhelming majority of the population. First in Prussia, and then in many other states, a uniform education system was established during the first decades of of the nineteenth century. Most young people attended school from the ages of six to thirteen, after which they would enter the work-force, acquire some technical training or attend one of the various secondary schools available in most cities."

p. 435 "To the officials who laid the groundwork for the Beamtenstaat, there was no more important mission for the state than education. -- These goals required the creation of a complex apparatus to build schools, train teachers, and define curricula. Progress was slower than official statements of intent might lead one to expect. Prussia, for instance, budgeted just two million taler for all religious and educational expenses in 1821, and less than four million in 1847. Nevertheless, by mid-century there were 29,000 teachers at work in Prussia, where over 80 per cent of the school-age population received some kind of formal training."

p. 786 "The state also intervened in familial relationships by insisting that young people spend a certain amount of time in school. Long a goal of state-builders, compulsory education became a reality when states acquired the resources necessary to put legal compulsion into practice."

The Long Nineteenth Century: A History of Germany, 1780-1918, David Blackbourn, Oxford University Press, 1998

p. 194-6 "A movement of population on this scale would have been impossible without the new means of transportation. The railway made it easier for would-be emigrants to reach the ports of departure ... Even more important were the growing capacity and falling cost of transatlantic passenger transportation. In the earlier stages, / when the America-bound came from the southwest or west, Antwerp and Rotterdam handled much of the traffic. Later, as emigrants came increasingly from the north, Hamburg and Bremen became the great entrepôts of this human cargo. Emigration agencies and associations worked their markets (the advertisements of some as misleading as those of any speculative construction company) and the shipping companies competed for custom."

p. 196-7 "But we need to beware of myth. A growing majority of immigrants worked in manufacturing industry or (a German specialty) in transport, trade, and services. New and solidly German / forming communities were indeed established, in southwestern states like Texas as well as the Middle West, but the typical German experience in America was urban. German-born immigrants and their children made up a steady 25-30 per cent of the population in Chicago during its phenomenal growth after 1850."

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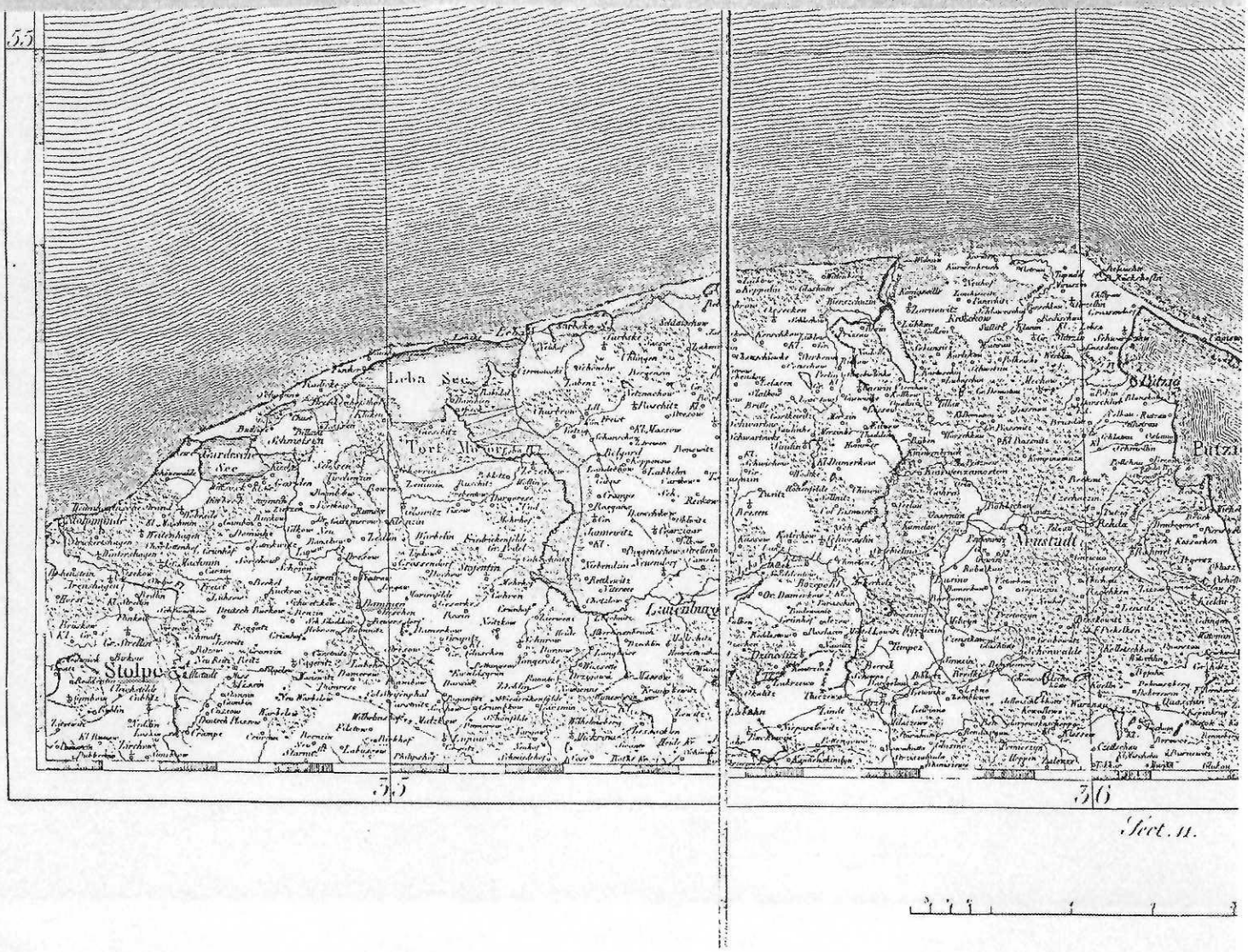

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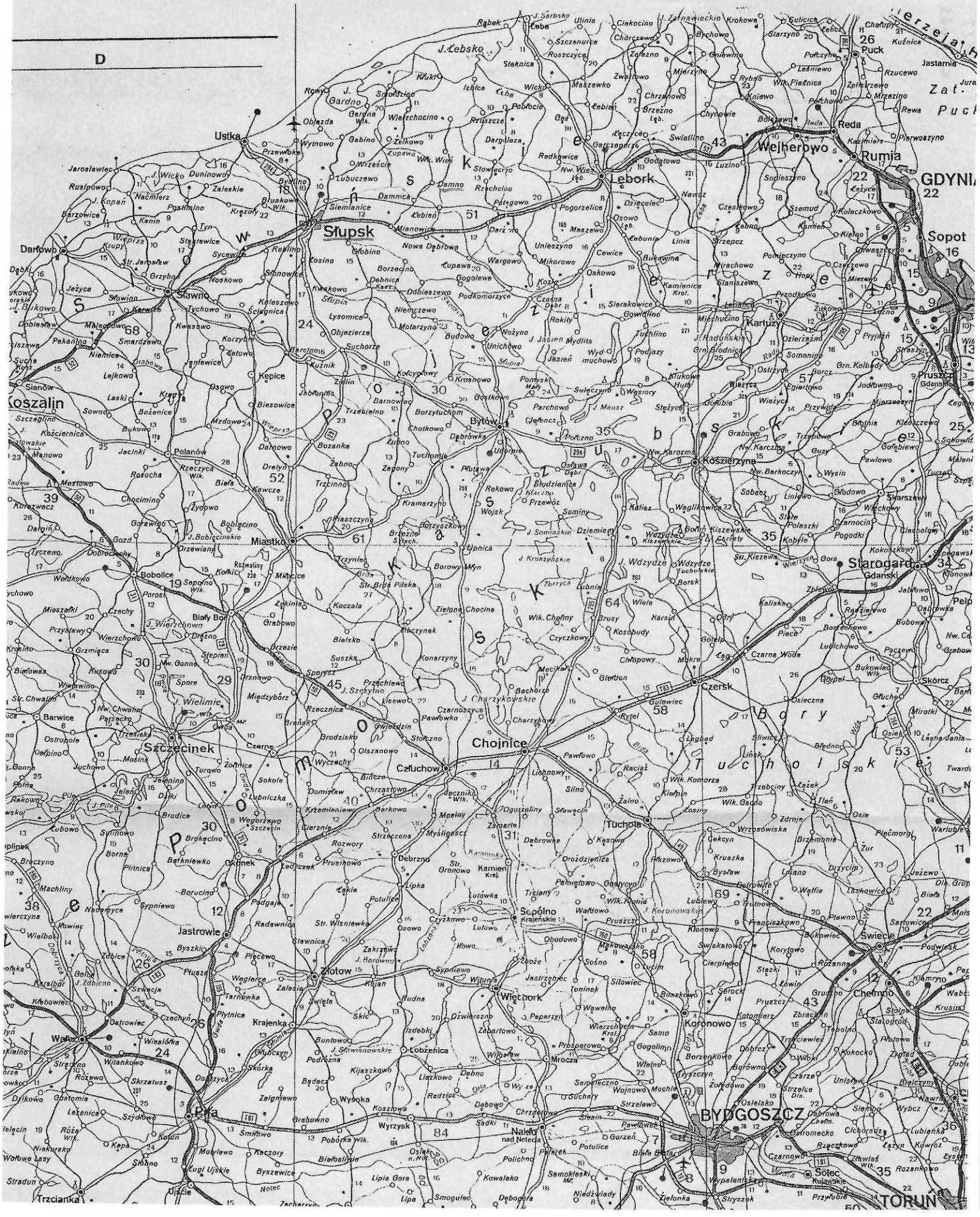
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Editor's Note

The following pages contain some of Dad's earliest efforts to get the "lay of the land" for Stolp/Stupsk (Pomerania) resources available through the LDS system.

His LDS notes are followed by some additional maps showing Stolp and its environs (sources unknown).

Tom Witheridge
January 11, 2023

Card Catalog LDS Lib, Salt Lk. City, 1974

Poland, Koszalin, Słupsk

943.81 B4bh No. 3 — Schoppius, Richard
Die Familiennamen von Stolp und Umgebung im 16. Jahrhundert 68 p.
[Ms - family]

GER Film 172,521 — Demmin, Kgl. Preuss. Armee
Militärkirchenbuch, 1860-67
Incl item Military parish register of Stolp. 8th Reg

POL Film 071,392 — Bruskowo Wielkie, Poland, Evang. Kirche
Kirchenbuch 1780-1870
Parish register of Gross Brüskow, Pommern, now Bruskowo Wielkie + surrounding area in Słupsk Dist.

POL Film 904,694 — Zupowo, Poland, Evang. Kirche
Kirchenbuch 1743-1870
Parish register of Zupow (Kr. Stolp)

POL Film 169,104 — Mojdzanowo, Poland Evang. Kirche
Births, marriages, deaths of Mützenow (Kr. Stolp)
1798-1916

POL Film 887,244 → 1780-1852
904,695 → 1853-1870 — Mojdzanowo, Poland Evang. Kirche
Parish reg. of Mützenow (Kr. Stolp)

POL
Film
904,696

Skórowo, Poland; Evang. Kirche
Kirchenbuch 1862-1870
Parish reg. at Schwarz + Zangebiss (Kr. Stolp

POL
Film
903,334

Smoldzino, (Hupsta), Koszalin, Poland; Evang. Kirche
Kirchenbuch, 1818-1865
Parish reg. at Schmolsin (Kr. Stolp)

Germany, Handbook for RR travelers + motorists
Karl Baedeker, 1936

Stolp, pop. 45,300, economic center of Eastern Pomerania (Ostsee-Pommern)

Stolp (Slupsk) formerly in Pommern (Germany) now in (#26) Koszalin, Poland.

943.816 Poland, Koszalin - Census
X2s

Schulmann, Warren
List of inhabitant of Hinterpommern, 1655-66. Hinterpommern, Germany, now Koszalin province of Poland.
Koln: Bonland. 1966
127 pp. Index.

~~Film~~ Poland, Koszalin, Biatogard - Vital Records
11694

~~Military Church Records (Evang. Luth. + of Garrison Congregation) of Belgard/Persante, Pomerania. Baptisms, Marriages + Deaths from 1802-1870 + Confirmations 1842-49. Filmed by G.S. East German Mission, Berlin-Dahlem, Jan 1952. Typewritten 486 pp (?)~~

X Film Poland, Koszalin, Bytow - Vital Records
Ordered ✓ 12081
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Military Church Records (Evang. Luth.) of Neustettin, incl. Budow, Stolp, Butow in Pomerania (21 Landwehr Regt.) Baptisms, Marriages, + Deaths from 1830-1866. Filmed by G.S. East German Mission, Berlin-Dahlem, Jan. 1952. Handwritten. 820 pp.

X Film (same - second card)
12081

X Film Poland, Koszalin, Slupsk - Church
Ordered 11148 Records
9/4 P.T.
(no printing) 371 (or 377?) Branch Records of Members of the Stolp Branch of the L.D.S. Church, Stolp, Pomerania, 1903-1913. Filmed by G.S. from original records in the Historian's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 1954. Handwritten Indexed.

Poland, Koszalin, Slupsk – Vital Records

Film
12254 Military Church Records (Evang. Luth. + of Various Regiments) of Stolp, Pomerania, Prus. 1762-1913. Filmed by D. S., East German Mission, Berlin-Dahlem, Jan. 1952 Handwritten.

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Pt. 1, (2. Bat. d. 21, Landwehr Inf. Regt.) Baptisms 1767-1795, 1828-1868, Marriages + Deaths, 1828-1868 654 pp. Ind.

Pt. 2 (5. Husaren Regt.) Bapts. + Mars. 1762-1774, 1828-1868. Deaths 1828-68 + Confirmations 1836-1868 1210 pp. Ind.

Mar. 1953

Pt. 3 (Garnison Gem., Invalidenhaus, Ausw. Mil. Pars. + Gendarmerie; 8 Pom. Inf. Regt. 61) Baptisms, + Marriages 1775-1913 Deaths 1775-1910, Confirmations 1831-1905. 1244 pp. Ind.

Poland, Koszalin, Slupsk - Vital Records.

Film 23366 PT. 105 Military Church Records of the Royal Army of Germany. Royal Pres. 5. Inf. Regt. of Pomerania at Stolp. No. 61. Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1860-1867. Filmed by D. S. Eisenstock, 1942. Handwritten

Film 068806 Poland, Koszalin, Slupsk Church Records.

Germany, Swiss-German, & German-Austrian Mission. Record of Members, Early to 1922 Lib. No. 3450 (Sattin Branch)

072841 - Poland, Koszalin, Slupsk Vital Records.

Schroeder, Carl Ferdinand Edward Ernst Emil p. 52

KØBENHAVN
Helsingør
Helsingborg
Landskrona
Kristianstad
KARLSKRONA
MALMÖ
Trelleborg
BORNHOLM
Rønne
Sandvig
Gedser
Rügen
Sassnitz
Stralsund
ROSTOCK
STETTIN
Szczecin
BERLIN
Potsdam
Frankfurt
MAGDEBURG
Dessau
Cottbus
LEIPZIG
DRESDEN
CHEMNITZ
Zwickau
PLAUEN
PRAHA
Plzen
Liberec
Görlitz
Liegnitz
BRESLAU
Wrocław
POZNAŃ
BYDGOSZCZ
Toruń
DANZIG
Gdańsk
Gdynia
Elbing
KÖNIGSBERG
Kaliningrad
TILSIT
Stolp
Kolberg
Kalisz
ŁÓDŹ
Piotrków
Kielce
Katowice
GLEIWITZ
Beuthen
KRAKOW
Ratibor
Olomouc
BRNO
Passau
Regensburg
Klaipeda
(Memel)

THE GERMANIES
1815 – 1866
SCALE OF MILES
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NORTH SEA
BALTIC SEA
JUTLAND
DENMARK
Helgoland
SCHLESWIG
HOLSTEIN
Hamburg
KINGDOM OF HANOVER
Berlin
POLAND
Warsaw
WESTPHALIA
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Longitude East from Greenwich

Editor's Note

The chart on the following pages (pp. 14-23) represents Dad's final understanding of his Nemitz ancestry, at least as of May 25, 2001. I don't think he was able to go any farther back than Michael Nemitz (b. ca. 1785) and Maria Louisa Reppen (b. ca. 1787, m. Michael Nemitz); see p. 17, upper-right corner.

By presenting the chart here I'm getting slightly ahead of the story, because the background for the chart is explained in Dad's email exchanges with Brad Babcock (later adding Vicki Koterba), which begin immediately following the chart.

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January 12, 2023

[This chart is enlarged on pp. 15-23]

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David E. Witheridge
May 25, 2001

Kreis Stolp Nemitz Families - Sheet 1

Siblings (Geschwister) or Cousins

- Frantz Heinrich NEMITZ b.p. 1825-Lup.
- Christian NEMITZ b.p. 1806-Lup.
- Joachim NEMITZ b.p. 1806-Php.
- Clara Sophia NEMITZ b.p. 1809-Lup.
- Charlotte NEMITZ b.p. 1811-Lup.
- Henrietta NEMITZ b.p. 1812-Php
- Franz Bogislaff NEMITZ b. ca 1786 b.p. 1809-Php = Maria NOFKEN [BONKEN(?) -1810]
  - Carolina Friedrica NEMITZ b. 1804-Lup. d. 1828-Lup
  - Charlotte Wilhelmina NEMITZ b. 1806-Lup. d. 1807-Php. [Grossfather-Christian NEMITZ]
  - Dorothea Louisa NEMITZ b. 1808 d. 1809-Php
  - Frantz Heinrich Erdmann NEMITZ b. 1809-Php [Grossfather-Joachim NEMITZ] [Grandmother-Maria (KEPPEN) NEMITZ]
  - Ernestine Henrietta NEMITZ b. 1812-Php [Grandmother-Henrietta NEMITZ]
  - Ernst Gottfried August NEMITZ b. 1816-Lup. b. ca 1775 r. Star. [Grandmother-Anna Elis. NEMITZEN] = Charlotte Caroline Wilhelmina SCHULZ
    - Friederike Wilhelmine Henriette NEMITZ b. 1836-Gr.Da.
    - Johanna Charlotte NEMITZ b. 1838 in Da.
    - Wilhelm Friedrich NEMITZ b. 1839 in Da.
    - Carl Johann NEMITZ b. 1845 Gr.Da.
    - August Ferdinand NEMITZ b. 1847-Gr.Da.
    - Carl Albert NEMITZ b. 1849 Gr.Da.
  - [Sch] b. 1820-Lup. d. 1820-Lup. [Stillborn (Totgeboren)]
  - Wilhelmine Friedrika NEMITZ b. 1822-Lup.
- Johann Martin KUEHNEMANN b. 1782 d. 1830-Lup = Johanna Caroline NEMITZ [NEHMITZ] b. ca 1788
  - Johanna Emilia Alberta KUEHNEMANN b. 1813-Lup.
  - August Friedrich Leopold KUEHNEMANN b. 1814-Lup.
  - Johann Ludwig Eduard KUEHNEMANN b. 1816-Lup.
  - Carl Heinrich Theodor KUEHNEMANN b. 1813-Lup.
  - Friedrich Wilhelm August KUEHNEMANN b. 1821-Lup.
  - Ferdinand Julius Werner KUEHNEMANN b. 1823-Lup.
  - Ernst Adolph [Leopold?] KUEHNEMANN b. 1827-Lup.
  - Bertha Ottilie Augusta KUEHNEMANN b. 1832-Lup.
- Michael NEMITZ b. ca 1765 m. ca 1808 r. Php 1810 = Maria Louisa REPPEN b. ca 1767 b.p. 1809-Php.
  - Heinrich Ludwig NEMITZ b. 1810-Php. m. ca 1832 = Henriette BONKE b. ca 1810 d. 1873 Bay Co., Mich., USA
    - Johann Friedrich TONNE b. 1829 Ger. d. 1893 Bay Co., Mich., USA = Johanna NEMITZ b. 1831-Ger d. 1894 Bay Co., Mich., USA
      - Anna b. c. 1853-Ger.
      - Augustine b. 1856-Ger.
      - Christine b. 1862-Ger.
      - Bertha b. 1866-Ger.
      - Hermann b. 1868-Ger.
      - Johanna b. 1871-Ger.
    - Wilhelm NEMITZ b. 1831-Pom. d. 1921 Bessemer, Ill., USA = Theresa JACOBS b. 1837-Pom. d. 1937- Wilton Ill., USA
      - Bertha-b. 1854-Stp.
      - Emma-b. 1857-Ger.
      - Mary-b. 1873-USA
      - Louise-b. 1875-USA
      - William-b. 1878-USA
      - Ed. Hinrich-b. 1883-USA
    - Karl NEMITZ b. ca 1846 r. Frf. 1869 r. Lbk 1867 = (?)
      - Albert-b. 1864-Frf.
      - Wilhelm-b. 1865-Lbn.
    - Ferdinand NEMITZ b. 1844-Ker. m. 1869-Pom. d. 1931-Pok. = Henriette Friederike SCHIBBE b. 1841 d. 1918
      - Wilhelm-b. 1865-Lbn.
      - Ferdinand-b. 1867-Ger.
      - Bertha-b. 1873-Ger.
      - Hermann-b. 1875-Ger.
      - Emma-b. ca 1877-Ger.
      - Julius-b. 1879-Ger.
      - Anna-b. 1879-Ger.
    - Ernst NEMITZ b. 1848-Ger. d. 1901- Sioux City, Iowa, USA = Wilhelmine KNUTH b. 1847 Ger. d. 1899- Crawford Co., Iowa, USA
      - Friedrich-b. 1874-USA
      - Johanna-b. 1877-USA
      - Wilhelmine-b. 1877-USA
      - Wilhelm-b. 1878-USA
      - Daniel-b. 1881-USA
      - Louisa-b. 1882-USA
      - Anna-b. 1887-USA
      - Emma-b. 1888-USA
    - Carl [Charles] SCHROEDER m. ca 1871-Stp. d. 1893- Bay City, Mich., USA = Wilhelmine NEMITZ b. 1851-Stp d. 1925- Bay City Mich., USA
      - Bertha-b. ca 1872-Ger.
      - Otto-b. 1872-Ger.
      - Mathilde-b. 1873-Ger.
      - Marie-b. ca 1875-USA
      - William-b. 1875-USA
      - Wilhelmine-b. 1877-USA
      - Matthew-b. ca 1884-USA
      - Wilhelmine-b. 1887-USA
      - Frederick-b. 1893-USA
      - Paul-b. 1893-USA

b. = born
m. = married
d. = died
g.p. = godparent (Taufzeuge)
r. = resident
ca. = about (circa)

Lup. = Lupow
Php. = Philippshoff (Lupow)
Gr.Da. = Gross Dabkow
Ger. = Germany
Lbn. = Lubehn
Star. = Starmitz

Stp. = Stolp (Stadt)
Dam. = Damnitzen
Frf. = Friedrichsfelde (Lupow)
Kri. = Krieschen
Grz. = Granzin
A.Da. = Alt Dargin
Kob. = Kobersig

Kreis Stolp Nemitz Families - Sheet 2

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Siblings (Geschwister) or Cousins

- NEMITZ b. ca 1750 m. 1797-Lup. = Anna Dorothea SCHULZEN
- Michael NEMITZ b. ca 1744 m. 1791-Lup = Louisa BENDKEN
- NEMITZ b. ca 1746 = Elizabeth b. 1748 d. 1847-Rom
  - SCHULZ = Charlotte Henriette NEMITZ
  - ZEFFIN = Euphrosine NEMITZ r. Grd
  - LABOHN = NEMITZ
    - Carl Heinrich LABOHN b. before 1847
    - Wilhelmina Albertine DARGATZ b. 1818-Php
    - Johann August Ferdinand DARGATZ b. 1821-Lup
    - Friedrich Wilhelm DARGATZ b. 1824-Php
    - Henriette Friederika DARGATZ b. 1828-Php
    - Albert Ferdinand DARGATZ b. 1832-Lup
- Michael RUTZ = Anna Dorothea NEMITZ b. ca 1770
  - Martin Heinrich RUTZ b. 1764-Rom
- Christian DARGATZ = (?)
  - Johann Ludwig DARGATZ b. ca 1795 m. 1821-Lup = Charlotte Dorothea Friedrika NEMITZ b. 1787
- George NEMITZ b. ca 1770 = (?)
  - Daniel DNNASCH b. 1789 d. 1859-N.Jug = Christliebe NEMMITZ b. 1793 d. 1856-N.Jug
    - WILL = Caroline DNNASCH
    - Michael DNNASCH
    - Daniel DNNASCH
    - Joachim DNNASCH
    - PIOCH = Charlotte NEMMITZ b.p. 1822-Frf
      - Johann NEMITZ b. ca 1858 d. 1884-Gru. = Wilhelmine ROSCHEE
        - Martin NEMITZ b. ca 1815 = (?)
          - Carl Ludwig NEMITZ b. 1842 = (?)
            - Richard Heinrich Wilhelm NEMITZ b. 1872- Freesdorf, Pommerg. = (?)
              - NEMITZ = [Ruth's Sister-in-law] b. 1918
              - Ruth NEMITZ = GRASSOW
              - Martha NEMITZ cf. 1910- Dam.
  - Henriette Friedrica NEMITZ b. 1793-Lup. d. 1793-Lup.
  - Louise NEHMITZ b.p. 1793-Sch

b. = born
m. = married
d. = died
g.p. = godparent (Taufzeuge)
r. = resident
ca. = about (circa)
cf. = confirmed

Lup. = Lupow
Php. = Philippshoff (Lupow)
N.Jug. = Neu Jugelow
Gru. = Grumbhow
Sch. = Schönfeld

Rom. = Rombow
Grd. = Grossendorf
Frf. = Friedrichsfelde (Lupow)
Dam. = Damnitzen

Kreis Stolp Nemitz Families - Sheet 3

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- Gottfried NEMITZ b. ca 1720 b.p. 1792-Lup.
  - Michael NEMITZ b. ca 1748 = (?)
    - Christian HEISE = Regina DENLING
      - Christian Jacob NEMITZ b. ca 1771 m. 1794-Stp. = Anna Elisabeth HEISE b. ca 1773-Bam
        - Henriette Louise NEMITZ b. 1795-N.War.
        - Esther Wilhelmine NEMITZ b. 1797-N.War.
        - Charlotte Regina NEMITZ b. 1800-N.War. d. 1805
        - Carl Friedrich NEMITZ b. 1804-N.War. d. 1869
        - Ernst Emanuel NEMITZ b. 1806-N.War. m. ca 1840 = Henrietta WILDENHOFF (?)
          - Ludwig Ferdinand NEMMITZ b.p. 1836-Gr.Da.
          - Caroline Ernestine NEMMITZ b.p. 1839-Gr.Da.
          - Wilhelmine Friedrika NEMMITZ b.p. 1846-Gr.Da.
          - Carl Heinrich NEMMITZ b.p. 1851-Gr.Da.
          - Hanna NEMMITZ b.p. 1856-Gr.Da.
        - Carolina Friederika NEMITZ b. 1808-N.War. d. 1869
        - Dorothea Maria NEMITZ b. 1810-N.War.
  - Christian HEISE = Regina DENLING
    - Friedrich NEMMITZ b. ca 1833 = (?)
      - Friedrich Karl Albert NEMMITZ b. 1861-Star.
    - (?) = Johanna NEMMITZ
      - Hermann Friedrich NEMMITZ b. 1839-Gr.Da.
      - Bertha Caroline NEMMITZ b. 1847-Gr.Da.
    - Hermann Eduard NEMMITZ b. ca 1840 m. 1866-Gr.Da. r. Lab. = Johanna Friedrika JANZ r. Mfd.
      - Therese Johanne NEMMITZ b. 1867-Gr.Da.
    - Leopold NEMITZ b. 1844 m. ca 1866 = Auguste Wilhelmine PASCH
      - Bertha Wilhelmine NEMITZ b. 1867-Gr.Da.
      - Auguste Wilhelmine Albertine NEMITZ b. 1876-Gr.Da.
    - Karl NEMITZ b. ca 1850 = Karoline SIEVERT
      - Auguste Wilhelmine Marie NEMITZ b. 1874-Gr.Da.

b. = born
bp. = baptized
m. = married
d. = died
g.p. = godparent (Taufzeuge)
r. = resident
ca. = about (circa)

Lup. = Lupow
Stp. = Stolp (Stadt)
Bam. = Bambin
N.War. = Neu Warbelow
Gr.Da. = Gross Dabkow
Star. = Starmitz
Mfd. = Marienfelde
Lab. = Labessow

[See full chart on p. 14]

- Frantz Heinrich NEMITZ g.p. 1803-Lup.
- Christian NEMITZ g.p. 1806-Lup.
- Joachim NEMITZ g.p. 1806-Php.
- Clara Sophia NEMITZ g.p. 1809-Lup.
- Charlotte NEMITZ g.p. 1811-Lup.
- Henrietta NEMITZ g.p. 1812-Php.
- Fran Boqis NEMI b. ca. . g.p. 18

- Carolina Fridrica NEMITZ b. 1804-Lup. d. 1808-Lup.
- Charlotta Wilhelmina NEMITZ b. 1806-Lup. d. 1807-Php. [Godfather-Christian NEMITZ]
- Dorothea Louisa NEMITZ b. 1808 d. 1809-Php.
- Frantz Heinrich Erdlmann NEMITZ b. 1809-Php. [Godfather-Joachim NEMITZ] [Godmother-Maria (REPPEN) NEMITZ]
- Ernestina Henrietta NEMITZ b. 1812-Php. [Godmother-Henrietta NEMITZ]
- Ernst Gottfried August NEMITZ b. 1816-Lup. m. ca. 1835 r. Star. [Godmother-Anna Eliz. NEMITZEN] = Charlotte Caroline Wilhelmina SCHULZ [so b. 18 d. 18 [sti (tot
  - Friederika Wilhelmina Henriette NEMITZ b. 1836-Gr.Db.
  - Johanna Charlotte NEMITZ b. 1838-Gr.Db.
  - Wilhelm Friedrich NEMITZ b. 1839-Gr.Db.
  - Carl Johann NEMITZ b. 1843-Gr.Db.
  - August Ferdinand NEMITZ b. 1847-Gr.Db.
  - Carl Albert NEMITZ b. 1849-Gr.Db.

b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
g.p. - godparent (Taufzeuge)
r. - resident
ca. - about (circa)

Lup. - Lupow
Php. - Philipshoff (Lupow)
Gr.Db. - Gross Duebsow
Ger. - Germany
Lbn. - Labehn
Star. - Starnitz

Stp. - Stolp (Stadt)
Dam. - Dammen
Frf. - Friedrichsfelde (Lupow)
Kriw - Kriwan
Grz - Granzin
A. Dar. - Alt Darsin
Kob. - Koberg

Kreis Stolp Nemitz Families – Sheet 1

Siblings (Geschwester) or Cousins

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Franz Bogislaff NEMITZ
b. ca. 1780
g.p. 1809 - Php.

= Maria NOFKEN [GOHREN(?) - 1820]

Johann Martin KUEHNEMANN
b. 1782
d. 1830 - Lup.

= Johanne Caroline NEMITZ [NEHMITZ]
b. ca. 1788

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elmina
ULZ

[son]
b. 1820 - Lup.
d. 1820 - Lup.
[stillborn (totgeboren)]

Wilhelmina Friedrika NEMITZ
b. 1822 - Lup.

Johanna Emilia Alberta KUEHNEMANN
b. 1813 - Lup.

August Friedrich Leopold KUEHNEMANN
b. 1814 - Lup.

Johann Ludwig Eduard KUEHNEMANN
b. 1816 - Lup.

Carl Heinrich Theodor KUEHNEMANN
b. 1818 - Lup.

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Wilh
Aug
KUE
b. 18

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lbert
EMITZ
.1849 - Gr. Db.

Johann Friedrich TOMKE
b. 1829 - Ger.
d. 1897 - Bay Co., Mich., USA

= Johanna NEMITZ
b. 1833 - Ger.
d. 1894 - Bay Co., Mich., USA

Wilhelm NEMITZ
b. 1835 - Dam.
d. 1921 - Beecher, Ill., USA

= Theresa JACOBS
b. 1843 - Dam.
d. 1885 - Will Co., Ill., USA

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Karl NEMITZ
b. ca. 1840
r. Frf. 1864
r. Lbn 1868

= (?)

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NEM
b. 184
m. 186
d. 193

Albert - b. ca. 1858 - Ger.
Augusta - b. 1860 - Ger.
Charles - b. 1862 - Grz.
Bertha - b. 1866 - Ger.
Herman - b. 1866 - Ger.
Johanna - b. 1871 - Ger.

Bertha - b. 1866 - Stp.
Emma - b. 1869 - Ger.
Mary - b. 1875 - USA
Louise - b. 1877 - USA
William - b. 1880 - USA
Edith - b. 1883 - USA

Albert - b. 1864 - Frf.
Wilhelm - b. 1868 - Lbn.

Wilhelm - b. 1865 - Lbn.

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Michael NEMITZ
b. ca. 1785
m. ca. 1808
r. Php. 1810

= Maria Louisa REPPEN
b. ca. 1787
g. p. 1809 - Php.

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s-Lup.

Friedrich Wilhelm August KUEHNEMANN
b. 1821 - Lup.

Ferdinand Julius Werner KUEHNEMANN
b. 1823 - Lup.

Ernst Adolph [Leopold?] KUEHNEMANN
b. 1827 - Lup.

Bertha Ottilee Auguste KUEHNEMANN
b. 1830 - Lup.

Heinrich Ludwig NEMITZ
b. 1810 - Php.
m. ca. 1832

= Henriette BONKE
b. ca. 1810
d. 1888 - Bay Co., Mich., USA

= (?) Ferdinand NEMITZ
b. 1844 - Kri.
m. 1869 - Dam.
d. 1932 - Kob.

= Henriette Friederike SKIBBE
b. 1841
d. 1918

Wilhelm - b. 1865 - Lbn.
Ferdinand - b. 1869 - A. Dar.
Berta - b. 1873 - Ger.
Herman - b. 1875 - Ger.
Emma - b. ca. 1877 - Ger.
Ida - b. 1879 - Ger.
Anna - b. 1884 - Ger.

Ernst NEMITZ
b. 1848 - Ger.
d. 1901 - Sioux City, Iowa, USA

= Wilhelmina KNUTH
b. 1841 - Ger.
d. 1849 - Crawford Co., Iowa, USA

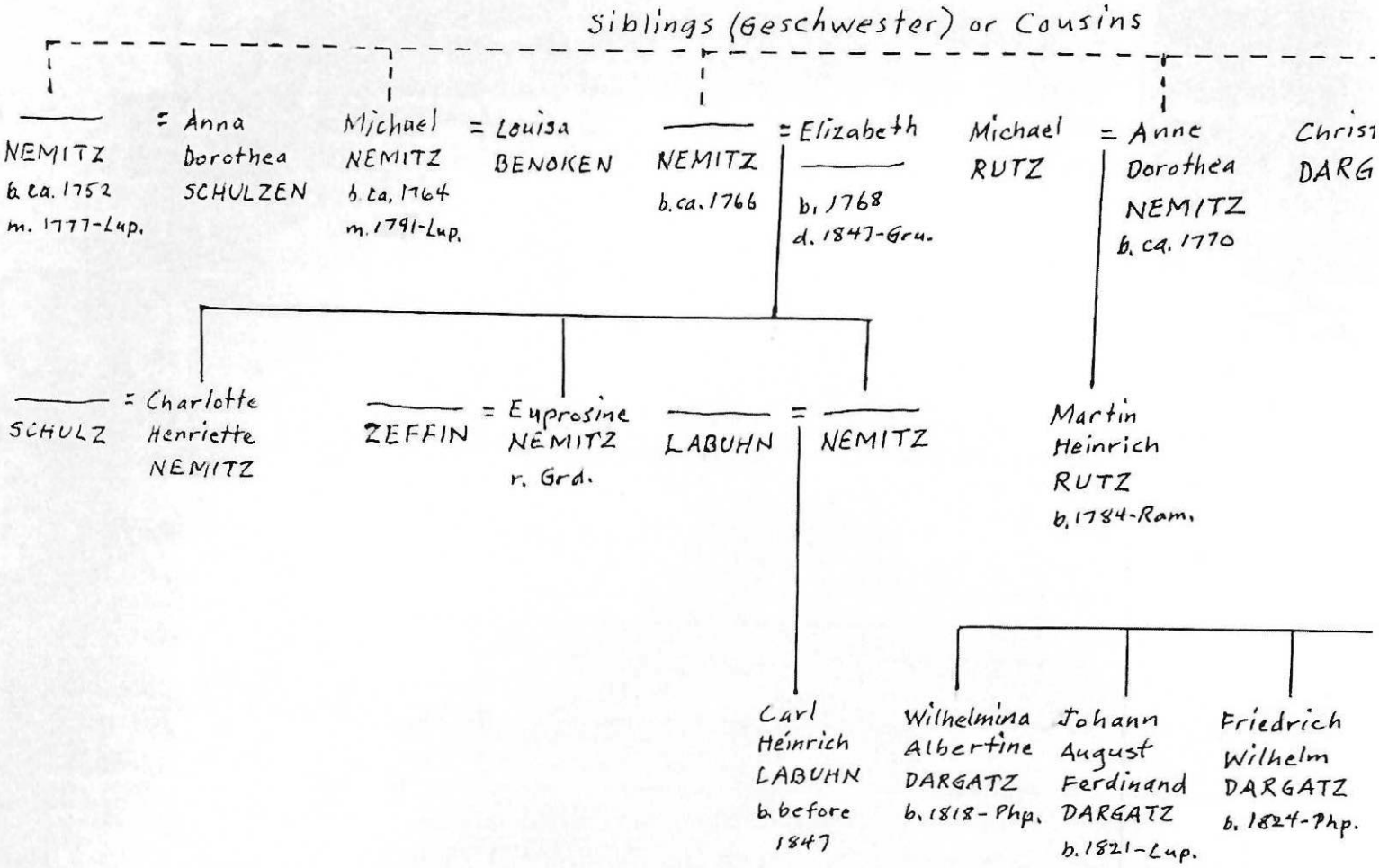
Friedrich - b. 1874 - USA
Johann - b. 1875 - USA
Wilhelm - b. 1877 - USA
Wilhelmina - b. 1879 - USA
Daniel - b. 1881 - USA
Louisa - b. 1882 - USA
Anna - b. 1883 - USA
Emma - b. 1885 - USA

Carl [Charles] SCHROEDER
m. ca. 1871 - Stp.
d. 1893 - Bay City, Mich., USA

[1871]

= Wilhelmina NEMITZ
b. 1851 - Stp.
d. 1925 - Bay City Mich., USA

Bertha - b. ca. 1872 - Ger.
Otto - b. 1874 - Ger.
Mathilda - b. 1875 - Ger.
Henry - b. ca. 1879 - USA
William - b. 1882 - USA
Matthew - b. ca. 1884 - USA
Wilhelmina - b. 1887 - USA
Frederick - b. 1889 - USA
Paul - b. 1892 - USA

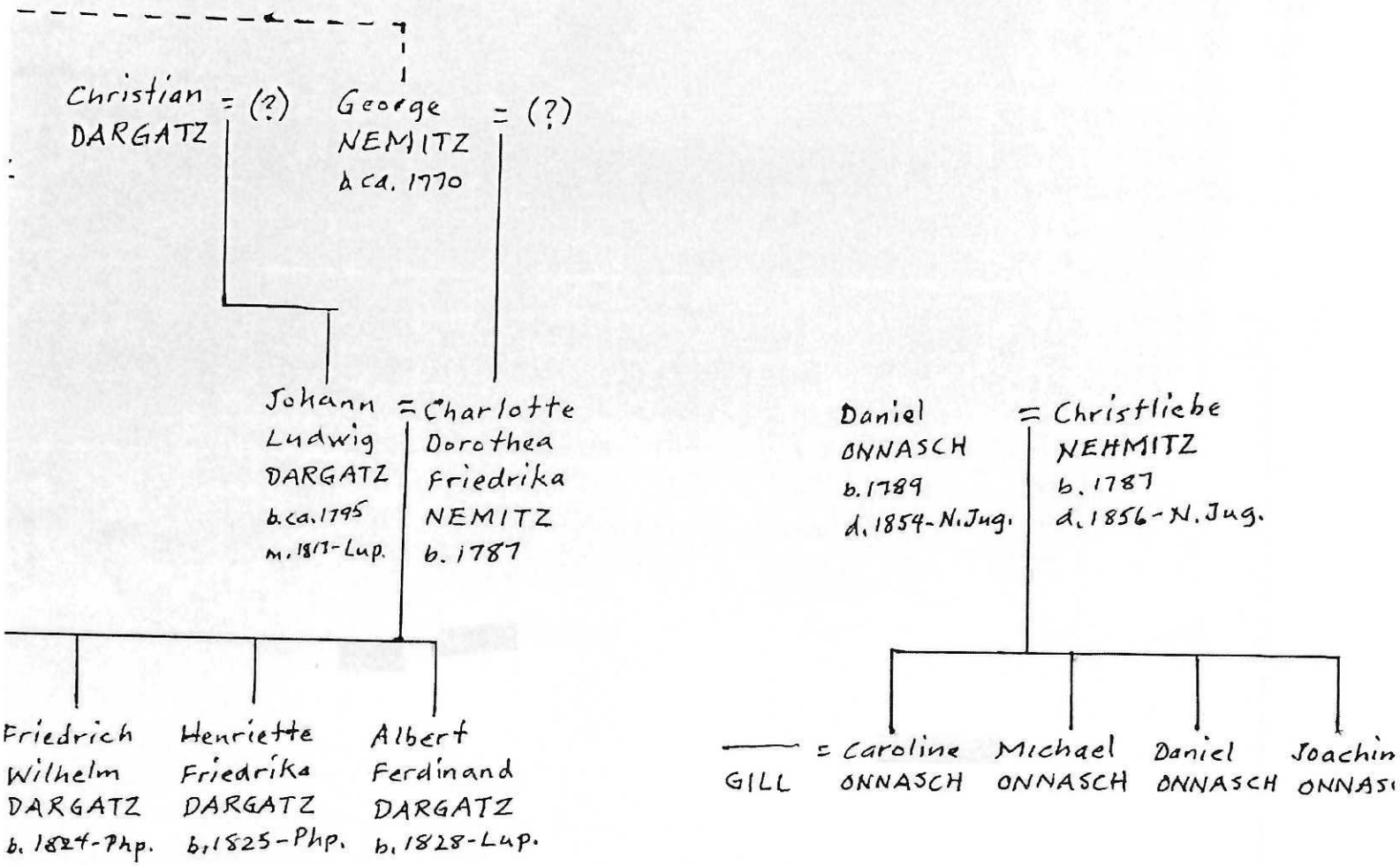


b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
g.p. - godparent (Taufzeuge)
r. - resident
ca. - about (circa)
cf. - confirmed

Lup. - Lupow
Php. - Philipshoff (Lupow)
N.Jug. - Neu Jugelow
Gru. - Grumbkow
Sch. - Schönfeld

Ram. - Rambow
Grd. - Grossendorf
Frf. - Friedrichsfelde (Lupow)
Dam. - Dammen

Kreis Stolp Nemritz Families - Sheet 2



David E. Witheridge
May 25, 2001

ristliebe
EHMITZ
1787
1856-N.Jug.

Henriette
Fridrica
NEMITZ
b. 1793-Lup.
d. 1793-Lup.

Louise
NEHMITZ
g.p. 1825-Sch.

el Daniel Joachim
ICH ONNASCH ONNASCH

——— = Charlotte
PIOCH NEHMITZ
g.p. 1827-Frf.

Johann = Wilhelmina
NEMITZ KUSCHEL
b. ca. 1808
d. 1854-Gru.

Martin = (?)
NEMITZ
b. ca. 1815

Carl = (?)
Ludwig
NEMITZ
b. 1848

Richard = (?)
Heinrich
Wilhelm
NEMITZ
b. 1872-
Franzdorf,
Rammelsburg

——— = [Ruth's
NEMITZ sister-in-law]
b. 1913

Ruth = ———
NEMITZ GRASSOW

Martha
NEMITZ
cf. 1910-
Dam.

Gottfried
NEMITZ
b. ca. 1720
g.p. 1752 - Lup.

Michael NEMITZ b. ca. 1748 = (?)

Christian HEISE = Regina DENLING

Christian Jacob NEMITZ b. ca. 1771 m. 1794 - Stp. = Anna Elizabeth HEISE b. ca. 1773 - Bam.

- Henrietta Louisa NEMITZ b. 1795 - N. War.
- Esther Wilhelmina NEMITZ b. 1797 - N. War.
- Charlotte Regina NEMITZ b. 1800 - N. War. d. 1805
- Carl Friedrich NEMITZ b. 1804 - N. War. d. 1809
- Ernst Emanuel NEMITZ b. 1806 - N. War. m. ca. 1840 = Henrietta WIEDENHOEFT (?)
  - ?
  - Ludwig Ferdinand NEHMITZ bp. 1841 - Gr. Db.
  - Caroline Ernestine NEHMITZ bp. 1843 - Gr. Db.
  - Wilhelmine Friederika NEHMITZ bp. 1846 - Gr. Db.
  - Carl Heinrich NEHMITZ bp. 1848 - Gr. Db.
  - Hann NEHM bp. 185

b. - born
bp. - baptized
m. - married
d. - died
g.p. - godparent (Taufzeuge)
r. - resident
ca. - about (circa)

Lup. - Lupow
Stp. - Stolp (Stadt)
Bam. - Bambin
N. War. - Neu Warbelow
Gr. Db. - Gross Duebsow
Star. - Starnitz
Mfd. - Marionfelde
Lab. - Labüssow

Kreis Stolp Nemitz Families - Sheet 3

Regina
DENLING

am.

= Henrietta
WIEDENHOEFT
(?)

?

Carl
Heinrich
NEHMITZ
bp. 1848 - Gr. Db.

Hanna
NEHMITZ
bp. 1850 - Gr. Db.

Carolina
Friederika
NEMITZ
b. 1808 - N. War.
d. 1809

Dorothea
Maria
NEMITZ
b. 1810 - N. War.

Friedrich = (?)
NEMITZ
b. ca. 1833

Friedrich
Karl
Albert
NEMITZ
b. 1858 - Star.

(?) = Johanne
NEMITZ

Herman
Friedrich
NEMITZ
b. 1859 - Gr. Db.

Bertha
Caroline
NEMITZ
b. 1864 - Gr. Db.

Hern
Educ
NEH
b. ca.
m. 18
r, L

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Herman Eduard NEHMITZ
b. ca. 1840
m. 1866 - Gr. Db.
r. Lab.

= Johanna Friedrika JANZ
r. Mfd.

Bertha Caroline NEMITZ
b. 1864 - Gr. Db.

Therese Johanne NEHMITZ
b. 1867 - Gr. Db.

Leopold NEMITZ
b. ca. 1844
m. ca. 1866

= Auguste Wilhelmine PASCH

Bertha Wilhelmina NEMITZ
b. 1867 - Gr. Db.

Auguste Wilhelmina Albertine NEMITZ
b. 1870 - Gr. Db.

Karl NEMITZ
b. ca. 1850

= Karoline SIEVERT

Auguste Wilhelmine Marie NEMITZ
b. 1874 - Gr. Db.

Editor's Note

Dad's email correspondence with Brad Babcock of Vancouver, British Columbia (later adding Vicki Koterba of Montana and Howard Kohn of Maryland) begins on the next page.

Brad — a Nemitz descendant whose connection to Dad as a first cousin three times removed is revealed in the very first email (February 10, 1999) — was, I think, the only genealogy contact whom Dad actually met and interacted with entirely online.

Not bad for an 84-year-old man in the dial-up era, right? Brad himself was a computer geek (so that helped), and Dad, as a mechanical engineer in his earlier life, was a quick learner.

Those of you who, like me, lived through that awkward time in the history of home computing will appreciate the excruciating difficulty we all faced in attemping to make our computers speak to us, as revealed here.

Tom Witheridge
January 14, 2023

[This begins the email collaboration between DEW and his Nemitz cousin, Brad Babcock.]

Subj: **Re: Ratsdamnitz and Dammen**
Date: 2/10/99 7:31:24 AM Central Standard Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@AOL.com

At 05:01 PM 2-5-99 EST, you wrote:
>Baron von Vormann asked for the location of the church books of Rathsdamnitz,
>which is a little southeast of Stolp. I am also looking for those church
>books. My grandfather's brother, Ferdinand Nemitz, was born in Rathsdamnitz
>in 1844, and perhaps some of his brothers and sisters were also born there.
>He was married to Henrietta Skibbe in Dammen, a little northeast of Stolp, in
>1869. My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in Dammen in 1835, so I am
>looking for the Dammen church books, also. I understand there was a terrible
>fire in Dammen in 1842, which burned down most of the houses. Perhaps
that is
>why my great-grandparents, Heinrich Nemitz and Henrietta Bonke, left Dammen
>and moved to the vicinity of Rathsdamnitz.
>
>David E. Witheridge
>

I believe that we are cousins! Your name appears in my files as my 1st cousin 3 times removed. That is, if you are the son of William Allen Witheridge and Edith Sophia Nemitz.

I have some information about the Nemitz's that you mention above, but I can not confirm any of the dates or places with references (yet). The information I have was given to me by my grandmother, and I don't know where she got it from. Currently I am researching a different line of mine, but in the next few months I plan on figuring out the Nemitz line. I would be interested in hearing about any church books, etc. that you dig up in the mean time. If you're interested, I can send you a GEDCOM of all the Nemitz info that I have, although most of the sources are unverified for that line. Here is my direct line up to your Nemitz's:

Source

1 Bradley Emerson Babcock. Born 5 May 1972 in Surrey Memorial Hospital, Surrey, BC, Canada.

Parents

2 Orville Kenneth Babcock. Born 5 Jul 1941 in Cadillac, Saskatchewan, Canada. He married Beverley-Anne Lyra Coe, 17 Oct 1970 in Faith Evangelical Church, Richmond, BC, Canada.

3 Beverley-Anne Lyra Coe. Born 24 Jul 1942 in Grey Nun's Hospital, Regina, SK, Canada.

Grandparents

6 Paul Bailey Coe. Born 4 Nov 1910 in Tribune, Saskatchewan, Canada. Died 24 Aug 1986 in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada. He married Lyra Adeline Knuth, 18 Sep 1941 in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. They were divorced.

7 Lyra Adeline Knuth. Born 9 Aug 1918 in Tribune, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Brad's ancestry

G Grandparents

14 Emil Otto "Amiel" Knuth. Born 7 Aug 1889 in Augusta, Wisconsin, USA. Died 20 Sep 1977 in OakHurst Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Buried in Valley View Cemetery, Surrey, BC, Canada. He married Florence Johanna Marie Tomke, 29 Oct 1913 in Weyburn, SK, Canada.

15 Florence Johanna Marie Tomke. Born 5 Jan 1891 in Bay City, Michegan, USA. Died 16 Feb 1986 in Glen Hospital, Vancouver, BC. Buried in Valley View Cemetery, Surrey, BC.

GG Grandparents

30 Herman Martin Tomke. Born 26 Nov 1866 in Stolp, Germany. Died About 1912 in Bay City, Michigan, USA. Buried in Pub. Cemetery Next To Zion Luth. Cemetery, Beaver Twp.. He married Bertha Theresa Nemitz, 31 Dec 1889 in Crown Point, Indiana, USA.

31 Bertha Theresa Nemitz. Born 9 Jul 1866 in Stolp, Germany. Died 14 Feb 1951 in Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada. Buried in Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada.

GGG Grandparents

60 Johann Frederick Tomke. Born Oct 1829 in Germany. Died 24 May 1897 in Bay County, Michigan, USA. He married Johanna Nemitz, in Germany.

61 Johanna Nemitz. Born 9 Aug 1833 in Germany. Died 30 Aug 1894 in Bay County, Michigan, USA.

62 Wilhelm Frederick Johann Nemitz. Born 3 Aug 1835 in Dammer, Germany. Died 3 Jan 1921 in Beecher, Illinois, USA. Buried in Peotone, Illinios, USA. He married Theresa Jacobs, 1856 in Germany.

63 Theresa Jacobs. Born 20 Jul 1843 in Dammer, Germany. Died 24 Dec 1885 in Farm Between Montane And Peotone, Illinois, USA.

GGGG Grandparents

122 Heinrich Nemitz. Born 1800. He married Henrietta.

123 Henrietta ?. Born 23 Feb 1800 in Germany. Died 22 Nov 1888 in Beaver Twp., Bay County, Michigan, USA.

124 same as ahnentafel number 122

125 same as ahnentafel number 123

126 ? Jacobs. He married Augusta.

127 Augusta ?.

Brad Babcock

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Subj: **Discovery!**
Date: 2/10/99 3:59:13 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net

Dear Brad,

Yes, I am your cousin. I got cold chills as I read your message. I'll answer more fully when I get a chance. I just wanted you to know your message got through.

David

Subj: **Our Relationship**
Date: 2/12/99 3:49:30 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net
CC: vrkoterba@hotmail.com, Mjnemitz
CC: christoph.nemitz@t-online.de

Dear Brad,

Thank you very much for your letter. I was quite taken by surprise, because I had no idea someone in my own family was a part of Pommern-L. I could tell immediately that we were cousins, because you had all the right information. However, I didn't recognize your name, so I got out my records and started hunting. Sure enough, there you were on one of the family group sheets I had compiled from information I got from your great-grandmother, Florence Knuth, probably when my wife Elizabeth and I were visiting her and Emil in 1974. Later, in 1986, I got some additional information in a letter from your grandmother, Lyra Coe. Lyra said she was working on a family tree, and Florence had told me that you mother Beverly was also interested in family history, so obviously you have had a good start.

I did pass on some early family data to Lyra that I had received from older members of the family, including Florence Knuth, and I suppose that what you got from Lyra came partly from Florence and partly from me. I won't know exactly what Nemitz information I should send to you until I know what you have. So I think you should send me a GEDCOM of your Nemitz information. Although GEDCOM is a familiar term, I've never used it, so you may have to explain it to me.

There are two relatives that I want to be sure you know about. The first is Vicki Koterba. She is the granddaughter of Ruby Hass, who was Florence Knuth's sister. Because this is part of your branch of the family, you probably have all the information about them. Ruby had a daughter Florence, who married Adolph Anderson, and they lived on a large farm in Montana, right on the Canadian border. Vicki is one of Adolph and Florence Anderson's daughters. She is married to Wayne Koterba, the School Superintendent of Westby, Montana, and they have four wonderful children. The reason I particularly mention Vicki is that she, like you, is interested in genealogy, and I hope you two will keep in close touch with each other. I am now 84 years old, and counting on someone else to continue the work on Nemitz genealogy, so I am pleased that you two can confer and support each other in this effort. Vicki's E-mail address is: vrkoterba@hotmail.com and her postal address is P.O. Box 25, Westby, MT 59275.

The other relative I want to mention is Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, who is a dentist living in Seattle. Although you didn't say that you still live in the Vancouver area, I am assuming that you do, so it would be relatively easy for you to meet him and his wife Marsha someday. Their E-mail address is Mjnemitz@aol.com and their postal address is 73ll - 52nd St. N.E., Seattle, WA 98115. Jeff is a descendant of the Iowa branch of the Nemitz family, which was founded by my grandfather Wilhelm Nemitz's brother Ernst. It is a very large branch, and a great many of them still live in Iowa, but there are others besides Jeff who live in the Northwest, whom you may meet sometime, because they occasionally have reunions.

Since the records of the part of Pomerania where our ancestors lived have been in Poland since about 1945 and many have been lost or destroyed, research has been very difficult. Another thing that bothered me for a while was that my grandfather told relatives that he was born in Dammer. The book we call "Meyers Orts" lists four Dammers in Germany, none of which was near Stolp, which some of the children had given as their birthplace. (They probably just meant Kreis Stolp.) Eventually we found Dammen on the map not far from the city of Stolp, so we knew it was Grandfather's pronunciation that was the problem!

I didn't think we'd ever find any relatives in Germany, but a couple of years ago we experienced almost a miracle.

Back in 1991 I put the information about my ancestry back to Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz in Dammen in a publication of Myron Gruenwald called Die Pommerschen Leute and forgot about it as you always do, not thinking anything would come of it. Then in November of 1996 I got a letter from a dentist in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, saying his great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother, had emigrated to Milwaukee in America about 1870. Ferdinand had been baptized in Rathsdamnitz, but he had been married in Dammen, at which time his place of residence was given as Kriwan.

Dr. Nemitz wanted to know if I could tell him anything about those three brothers who had come to the U.S.A. He said he got my name from Martha Riggle of Wichita, Kansas. It later came out that she was originally from Germany and had written an

article in a German paper saying she might be able to help people find their relatives in America. Dr. Nemitz sent her his information, and she compared it with my information in Die Pommerschen Leute, and sent him my name.

I sounded as though we could be related, but my grandfather came with only one other brother, not two, and they went to Chicago, not Milwaukee. Their mother, Henriette, didn't come with them, but came later to Bay City, Michigan, with her two daughters. However, when I looked again at my records, I saw that Grandfather did say he had a brother Ferdinand who stayed in Germany. So I figured maybe Friedrich had just been given some wrong information.

My mother's cousin, Wilhelmina Laderach in Bay City, had told me that her sister, Mathilda Schroeder, had visited Germany just before World War I and found that their Uncle Ferdinand was a mail carrier and had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse. So I asked Friedrich in my letter if that was true of his great-grandfather Ferdinand. He replied and said, "Yes, he was a mail carrier, and he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse." So we knew definitely that we were second cousins once removed.

Friedrich was planning to come to Milwaukee the next June for an annual gathering called the Pommerntag, for people whose roots go back to Pomerania. Martha Riggle and her husband Les were also going, so I decided I had to go to meet Friedrich. Vicki Koterba and her mother and aunt, Florence and Thresa Anderson, and Vicki's brother Darrell also were there, along with Mike George, a Tomke descendant, who lives in Milwaukee. We had a wonderful time together, and Friedrich decided to come back in June of the following year (1998). This time he came first to Minneapolis and spent almost a week here before going on to the Pommerntag in Milwaukee. He had with him his wife Renate and his first cousin Dieter Nemitz and wife Hilde. We were able to bring together 28 Nemitz descendants and spouses to meet the German visitors and each other. Four came from Montana, three from the state of Washington, and four from Iowa.

Friedrich and I have kept in touch by correspondence several times a year, and he has done some genealogical research over there without much success, because church and other records are unavailable. He did give us one important piece of information when he first began to write, and that was Henriette Nemitz's maiden name: Bonke. You probably noticed that I put that in the first message I sent to Pommern-L.

Within a day or so I was amazed to get a response from Judy Eikenberry saying she thought we might be related, because she had Bonke ancestors who lived in Rathsdamnitz. That, of course, is where Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz moved between the time my grandfather Wilhelm was born in 1835 and Friedrich's great-grandfather Ferdinand was born in 1844. We don't know for sure, but perhaps they moved from Dammer because of the 1842 fire, and perhaps they moved to Rathsdamnitz because Henriette had Bonke relatives there. At any rate, I told Judy that I, too, think we are probably related. We'll have to keep looking for proof.

In closing, I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I was born in Bay City, but moved to Saginaw with my family at the age of three. I started out as a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning engineer, graduating from the University of Michigan. After working with my father for four years in Saginaw, I decided to become a minister. I graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., and then got a graduate degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. While in Chicago I was assistant minister of Hyde Park Baptist Church. Then I was a Baptist minister three years in Marengo, Illinois, before coming to Minneapolis, where I was executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for 28 years before retiring in 1979.

My wife Elizabeth and I grew up in the same church, so we had a lot in common. She was a kindergarten teacher many years before we got married while I was in the seminary. Later she was the author of seven books for children and young people. She died in 1995 after several difficult years with Alzheimer's. We have two sons: Jim, 52, is not married. He is gay and lives with his partner, David Torborg, not too far from me, so I see them frequently. Tom, 51, is married to Virginia Selleck, and they have a ten-year-old daughter, Rebecca. However, Tom and Virginia have separated, and he lives with me. Rebecca spends half her time with us and half with her mother.

This has been a very long letter, but I figured I might as well tell you all this now, rather than try to piece it out bit by bit later.

Sincerely, David

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Subj: **Re: Our Relationship**
Date: 2/15/99 4:02:12 AM Central Standard Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

At 04:49 PM 2-12-99 EST, you wrote:
>I got some additional information in a letter from your
>grandmother, Lyra Coe. Lyra said she was working on a family tree, and
>Florence had told me that you mother Beverly was also interested in family
>history, so obviously you have had a good start.

Yes, it certainly makes it a lot easier when you have a good base of information to start with.

>I won't know
>exactly what Nemitz information I should send to you until I know what you
>have. So I think you should send me a GEDCOM of your Nemitz information.
>Although GEDCOM is a familiar term, I've never used it, so you may have to
>explain it to me.

A GEDCOM is a computer file that can be read by most genealogical programs. It's a standard format for storing genealogical data that was created so people can share their data even if they use different programs. If you don't have your records on computer, or don't have a genealogy program, a GEDCOM may not help you any. If that's the case I could print out reports of what I have and mail them to you or I can send you a disk with the program I use and the entire family history file that I have. So far, my file contains information on over 1600 individuals, so if you want everything I have (including the Nemitz, Tomke, Knuth lines) I'd rather send it to you on a computer file. It would be simpler for me to compile and it would also be easier for you to navigate through all of the families.

GEDCOM files

If you can tell me what kind of computer you have (ie. 486, Pentium, Mac...) and what operating system, I can let you know if I can send it by computer file. I could even send it as an email attachment, if AOL will allow you to receive email that is close to 1MB in size.

>There are two relatives that I want to be sure you know about. The first is
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>daughters. She is married to Wayne Koterba, the School Superintendent of
>Westby, Montana, and they have four wonderful children. The reason I
>particularly mention Vicki is that she, like you, is interested in genealogy,
>and I hope you two will keep in close touch with each other.

Adolph Paulferd Anderson (b. 1908) and Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

I have Adolph and Florence in my database, but none of their descendants. I will be sure to contact Vicki as we probably have a lot of information we can share as well.

Vicki Koterba

>The other relative I want to mention is Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, who is a dentist
>living in Seattle. Although you didn't say that you still live in the
>Vancouver area, I am assuming that you do, so it would be relatively easy for
>you to meet him and his wife Marsha someday. Their E-mail address is
>Mjnemitz@aol.com and their postal address is 7311 - 52nd St. N.E.,

Seattle, WA
>98115. Jeff is a descendant of the Iowa branch of the Nemitz family, which
>was founded by my grandfather Wilhelm Nemitz's brother Ernst. It is a very
>large branch, and a great many of them still live in Iowa, but there are
>others besides Jeff who live in the Northwest, whom you may meet sometime,
>because they occasionally have reunions.

I have no information on Jeffrey, as I have only one generation below Ernst Nemitz on that line. I will definitely contact him as well.

Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz

>Since the records of the part of Pomerania where our ancestors lived have been
>in Poland since about 1945 and many have been lost or destroyed, research has
>been very difficult. Another thing that bothered me for a while was that my
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>meant Kreis Stolp.) Eventually we found Dammen on the map not far from the
>city of Stolp, so we knew it was Grandfather's pronunciation that was the
>problem!

I had concluded the same thing. The only location information I had on any of the Tomke's or Nemitz's (other than "Germany") was the cities of Granzen, Dammer and Stolp (or Stelp). I have a very detailed map of the area around the city of Stolp as of 1890 or so (I can't remember the exact year). It shows the cities of Granzin and Dammen about 8km and 20km away from Stolp, respectively. This map is available at Genealogy Unlimited, if you're interested. http://www.itsnet.com/~genun/

>In closing, I'd like to tell you a little about myself.

I'll tell you a bit about myself as well. I was born and raised in Surrey, BC, a suburb of Vancouver. I recently received a Diploma in Computer Information Systems and am currently looking for work in that industry, preferably with some kind of Internet development project. Right now, I'm working as a delivery driver for a local restaurant. I'm single, but recently moved in with my girlfriend of over four years. She unfortunately had both her parents pass away last year, her father due to cancer, then her mother had a heart attack six weeks later.

About Brad

In the summer of 1998, my mother and I took my grandmother (Lyra Papps (Knuth)) to Augusta, Wisconsin, just outside Eau Claire. A Knuth reunion was being held there and my grandmother had not been to Wisconsin in over 30 years. My GG Grandfather, Carl August Knuth settled there in 1868. Noting your address, we drove right through Minneapolis! It's too bad we didn't know you were there at the time. Anyhow, that's when I got interested in genealogy. My grandmother brought all her records that she had organized into binders and I brought a laptop computer. Along the way, I was entering all of her data into a genealogy program. One of our cousins, Beverly Gorkowski, in Wisconsin also had her data on the computer, so we combined the two into one big database. Now ever since that trip, I've done more research on my own, trying to extend the lines even further back. I've done extensive research on the Internet and have also been combing the filmed records in the LDS Family History Library. So far, I've only worked on my Knuth and Lambrecht line in Kreis Wirsitz, Posen, but

have had great success so far, having been able to extend those lines back one generation.

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TOMKE, NEMITZ, JACOBS in Pommerania

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Date: 2/17/99 10:19:31 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net
CC: vrkoterba@hotmail.com

Dear Brad,

Glad to get your letter. I started working on genealogy about 35 years ago, including all of my ancestral lines and all of my wife's. In those days, of course it was all done by hand on sheets of paper. So by now I have fifteen thick notebooks full of Family Group Sheets, all of which have to be corrected by "erasing" the old information with correction tape and printing in the new information by hand--of course the same information on two or three different sheets!

A little over a year ago I decided that I simply couldn't go on that way any longer and that I had to get a computer genealogy program. For years I had been resisting that, because I knew I'd never have time to transcribe all my data onto a computer. But I suddenly realized I could just start with a few Family Group Sheets at a time as I get new information, printing the new sheets out as they were completed and placing them in the proper locations in my notebooks.

So about a year ago I bought the best computer I could afford, a Gateway 300 MHz Pentium II with Windows 95, and I got the Ultimate Family Tree genealogy program, which our computer expert in the Minnesota Genealogical Society said was one of the best. However, I have only made a small beginning on putting my data into the program. I have been busy with many other tasks, the most important of which was to get acquainted with the computer and learn to use it. Before a year ago my only experience with a computer was typing letters on an old computer my son had discarded. So here at age 83 I had to learn what a young person now begins to learn in school and quickly has to use in his or her work. I am making good progress, and I'm glad I took the step.

I looked in my manual for Ultimate Family Tree, and I find that I can import data into my program by means of GEDCOM. So that is obviously the best way for you to send me your Nemitz, Tomke, and Knuth information, including information on descendants from these lines. I actually haven't put any of my Nemitz information into the program yet. I've been working on the Witheridge line. But I have my father, my mother, and myself on my own individual record, and you obviously have the three of us on your records, too. So I shouldn't have any problem tying in your GEDCOM to my program. *

Thank you for your address and the information about yourself. Your training and competence in the computer field will give you a much-needed skill not only in today's business world, but also in your hobby of genealogy.

Since I don't have my Nemitz information on the computer program, I'll have to send it to you another way. I have one large notebook with about 220 pages of Nemitz material--Family Group Sheets of ancestors and relatives, including the large Tomke family in Michigan and the large Nemitz family in Iowa. I'm going to have two photocopies of each of these sheets made at Kinko's, and I'll send one set to you and the other set to Vicki. This will be a sort of insurance or backup in case something happens to me or my records. Eventually you may have time to put all this on your computer. By the way, what computer genealogy program do you have?

Well, this is all for now. I can see that all three of us--you, Vicki, and I--have a lot of work cut out for us in the coming months.

David

* [Famous last words!
TFW, Jan. 16, 2023]

Subj: **Re: My Computer**
Date: 2/20/99 8:53:44 AM Central Standard Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com
CC: vrkoterba@hotmail.com

At 11:19 AM 2-17-99 EST, you wrote:
>So about a year ago I bought the best computer I could afford, a Gateway 300
>MHz Pentium II with Windows 95, and I got the Ultimate Family Tree genealogy
>program, which our computer expert in the Minnesota Genealogical Society said
>was one of the best. However, I have only made a small beginning on putting
>my data into the program.

That's perfect then. I use Generations Deluxe on Win98, but you should be able to import a GEDCOM just fine. I'll send it as an attachment to a separate message. I'm not familiar with the workings of UFT, but what I would suggest is that you open a new (empty) file in your program. You can then import my data into that file and instantly have a duplicate of all my data.

Then, using that file, you should be able to extract the particular information that interests you and import that into your main file. It would be best to read your manual for the details about how to do that. It is also a good idea to run a test first before you go messing with your main data file. If you create a duplicate of your main file and practice importing some records before you try the real thing, you can avoid any surprises that may cost you a lot of time and a big headache to fix.

>So here at age 83 I had to learn
>what a young person now begins to learn in school and quickly has to use in
>his or her work. I am making good progress, and I'm glad I took the step.

Good for you! Many older people would be too intimidated to take that step. I can certainly say that my computer has been invaluable to my genalogy work. It's so easy to change information and shuffle people around to where they should be, and the end result is not pages full of white-out.

>I looked in my manual for Ultimate Family Tree, and I find that I can import
>data into my program by means of GEDCOM. So that is obviously the best way
>for you to send me your Nemitz, Tomke, and Knuth information, including
>information on descendants from these lines. I have my father, my mother,
and
>myself on my own individual
>record, and you obviously have the three of us on your records, too. So I
>shouldn't have any problem tying in your GEDCOM to my program.

If that's all you have on those lines, it will be a snap to link them in. But it gets trickier when you have information on many of the same people that I do. When you import the data, the computer doesn't know that the David Witheridge that was already in the file is the same guy as the David Witheridge that is being imported. At least my program doesn't recognize that. You'll have to pick which David you want and manually put all the information about him into that record, then delete the other David and link the remaining David into the tree where he belongs. I hope that makes sense. This is why it's a good idea to use test data first to figure out the best way to do it (ie. which David to delete).

>Since I don't have my Nemitz information on the computer program, I'll have to
>send it to you another way. I have one large notebook with about 220 pages of
>Nemitz material--Family Group Sheets of ancestors and relatives, including the
>large Tomke family in Michigan and the large Nemitz family in Iowa. I'm going
>to have two photocopies of each of these sheets made at Kinko's, and I'll send
>one set to you and the other set to Vicki. This will be a sort of insurance
>or backup in case something happens to me or my records. Eventually you may
>have time to put all this on your computer.

That would be great, I'll look forward to continuing your work. It would certainly be a shame to have all that hard work go to waste. It sounds like you have compiled a lot of information. Let me know how much the copying costs and I'll reimburse you.

Brad Babcock
bbabcock@imag.net
Researching: KNUTH, LAMBRECHT, WEGNER, LU"TKE in Wirsitz, Posen
TOMKE, NEMITZ, JACOBS in Pommerania

——————— Headers ———————

Return-Path: <bbabcock@imag.net>
Received: from rly-zc05.mx.aol.com (rly-zc05.mail.aol.com [172.31.33.5]) by air-zc04.mail.aol.com (v56.26) with SMTP; Sat, 20 Feb 1999 09:53:44 -0500
Received: from disco.imag.net (disco.imag.net [204.244.225.25])
by rly-zc05.mx.aol.com (8.8.8/8.8.5/AOL-4.0.0)
with ESMTP id JAA27814 for <DWitheridg@aol.com>;
Sat, 20 Feb 1999 09:53:41 -0500 (EST)
Received: from foggy (van-port30.imag.net [204.244.111.30])
by disco.imag.net (8.9.1/8.9.1) with SMTP id GAA28903;
Sat, 20 Feb 1999 06:47:52 -0800 (PST)
Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19990220052146.007c7d90@imag.net>
X-Sender: bbabcock@imag.net
X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Light Version 3.0.5 (32)
Date: Sat, 20 Feb 1999 05:21:46 -0800
To: DWitheridg@aol.com
From: Brad Babcock <bbabcock@imag.net>
Subject: Re: My Computer
Cc: vrkoterba@hotmail.com
In-Reply-To: <e74a6a0b.36caec13@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Subj: **GEDCOM file**
Date: 2/20/99 9:01:27 PM Central Standard Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

File: GEDCOMfi.mim (417451 bytes)
DL Time (48000 bps): < 2 minutes

This message is a multi-part MIME message and will be saved with the default filename GEDCOMfi.mim

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Hi David,

Attached is my GEDCOM file. I've just been doing some experiments with it and I've noticed that there may be a problem with the extended characters that I've used. I think the only one that I've used is the umlauted "u". It seems that when you import it back in, the extended characters may not be recognized. I don't know what your program will do about it. It may choose to ignore those characters, or try to represent them with some weird looking gibberish. It is also possible that it may turn out ok.

Here is a list of the people that have an extended character in the record, so you can check and make the necessary corrections:

These will have a place name that should read "Moschutz" with two dots over the "u". You can make this character in Windows by holding down the alt key and pressing 0252 with your number keypad (not the numbers across the top of the keyboard).

August Carl Lambrecht/Lamprecht
Auguste Julianne Lambrecht/Lamprecht
Caroline Wilhelmine Lambrecht/Lamprecht
Friedrich Wilhelm Lambrecht/Lamprecht
Henriette Dorothea Lambrecht/Lamprecht
UNNAMED Lambrecht/Lamprecht
Caroline Wegner

These records have the umlauted u in the last name. It should read Lutke with 2 dots over the "u".

Erdmann Lütke
Henriete Lütke

By the way, if you don't want to have any extended characters in your database, you can replace the umlauted "u" with "ue". This apparently is a common english representation.

If you have any questions with importing the file properly, let me know and I'll see if I can help.

---------- Headers ----------
Return-Path: <bbabcock@imag.net>
Received: from rly-zd04.mx.aol.com (rly-zd04.mail.aol.com [172.31.33.228]) by air-zd02.mail.aol.com (v56.26) with SMTP; Sat, 20 Feb 1999 22:01:27 -0500
Received: from disco.imag.net (disco.imag.net [204.244.225.25])
by rly-zd04.mx.aol.com (8.8.8/8.8.5/AOL-4.0.0)

Dear Brad,

I tried to call you last night, but I couldn't get your telephone number. I thought it might be better if we could talk back and forth without having to wait for E-mails. I've worked for several days, but just can't get your information imported into my genealogy program. I won't go into all the details, but it has been hard. I got your message downloaded into my computer, but then I had to decode it.

AOL has programs that I could download for this purpose, so I tried one and then another, but couldn't figure out how to call up the instructions for using them. I called the AOL technical support, but the person there couldn't help me. So I sent in a question on a system they have to ask the staff by E-mail. Their first response didn't tell me anything I didn't already know, so I sent a second request and finally found out how to get instructions for WinZip.

Using this I got the message decoded. I know it was decoded, because when I viewed it, it said:

o Head = 20
1 SOUR Easy Tree
down to
1 Name Bradley Emerson /Babcock/
and so on

Then I thought I had it moved into my genealogy program, "Ultimate Family Tree," because it showed up as a file name in C:\UFT\GEDCOM. I went through the steps in my manual to "import" it into my projects, and at the last minute I got a message: C:\UFT\GEDCOM\Knuth.ged is not a valid Win 32 application.

So I called the AOL technical support to find out what that meant, but he said I would have to call the Ultimate Family Tree technical support. So I did, and the man said apparently my computer was having trouble handling your MIME message, and I should ask you to send it again as a straight GEDCOM attachment. He said you wouldn't have any trouble doing that with not much over 400KB.

So here I am asking if you would be willing to do that. The man at Ultimate Family Tree said that if you will do that, I won't have any trouble importing it into my program. I look forward to hearing from you.

David

Editor's note:

The next five pages (36 a-e) were misplaced in the manila folder, but they appear to relate to the issues discussed here.

TFW, Jan. 16, 2023

Windows Explorer
Exploring - C:\UFT\GEDCOM
Contents

gedcombr.ged
That brings up
WinZip (Unregistered) - gedcombr.ged.min
under which are

0001.txt
Knuth.ged

Windows
Win 32 prog.
1800 936 5700

Clicked on VIEW
That brought up
View
Using
○ [Associated program (KUTH)]
○ Internal ASCII text viewer
○ Viewer
[C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\VIEWERS\9 ▼]

This brought up VIEW 1 Knuth.ged.
(Zipping)

Content-Type: text/plain; charset = "iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename = "Knuth.ged"

0 Head : 2 0
1 SOUR Easy Tree
2 VERS V1.0
etc
1 Name Bradley Emerson/Babcock/

Open GEDCOM file

(!) C:\UFT\GEDCOM\KNUTH.GED is not a valid GEDCOM file

Open File

(!) File not found: C:\GEDCOM\GEDCOMBR.GED\GEDCOMBR.GED

? Name Stanley Emerson (Knowlton)

Made copy of my Witheridge project with the title BRNEMITZ.PRO as a new project in my Ultimate Family Tree program.
This shows up as a separate project under Project Information, but the title Witheridge shows across the top, instead of Brnemitz.

I put another copy of my Witheridge project on my Zip disk (Removable Disk 5). Here again it shows up as a separate project, but the title Witheridge shows at the top instead of NEMITZBR.PRO

This makes it impossible to know which project I'm working on unless I click on to the Project Info. button of the File Menu.
How can I get the right project name to show at the top of the screen?

I downloaded the GEDCOM attached to the end of Brad's E-mail message. It was sent by default to America Online 4.0\Download with the file name GEDCOMfl.mim
I tried to open the file and a message came up: "This file may not be supported by AOL. AOL will try to open it as a text file if you choose to continue." After I clicked "Yes" a message came up: "This file is too large to open using AOL. Please open the file using another application."

I looked in the "AOL Official Internet Guide for AOL 4.0" and it suggested two applications to decode or decompress a MIME attachment. The preferred one for MIME was ZRFW, so I downloaded that but could never figure out where to find instructions for using it.

Finally, through using MIME in the search field, I found that they recommended WinZip to decode a MIME attachment. They said to download it and be sure to read the READ ME message to find out how to use it for decoding. I downloaded it, but couldn't find out anywhere how to locate the READ ME message. I even tried to find it through Help, but it never showed up there.

Then I tried calling the AOL technical support 1-800 number, but could get nothing but a "call later" message.

When I do get the data in usable form I'll have to find out how to get the file name to end in .ged in order to be imported into my Ultimate Family Tree program.

I finally got the AOL technical support number on the phone, but the person couldn't tell me how to find the "Read Me" message.

I called up the WinZip program again, and after trying several other things unsuccessfully, I clicked on the "Stuff Help" button and got a

page where I could type a question and send to the staff by E-mail. So I asked how to find the Read Me message for WinZip.

When the answer came back the next day, there was a long list of suggestions, including the one to be sure to read the Read Me for instructions, but no information to find the Read Me.

So I sent a reply asking them to just tell me how to find Read Me for WinZip and to please try it first themselves.

Editor's note:

The next four pages (36f-i) were misplaced in Dad's file, but I'm sure they relate to the same problems discussed on the previous pages.

TFW, Jan. 18, 2023

Exploring: C:\UFT\GEDCOM
WinZip (Unregistered) - gedcombr.ged.mim

knuth.ged

(UFT)
C:\UFT\GEDCOM

Knuth.ged
in folder C:\UFT\GEDCOM

size 486 KB
Type GED file

→ The disk file C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\knuth.ged
already exists
Should WinZip rewrite it or that the file in the archive can be viewed?

C:\UFT\GEDCOM\knuth.ged is not a valid Win 32 application

C:\My Documents\Genealogy\knuth.ged is not a valid Win 32 application

Downloaded:

Subject: GEDCOM file
Library mail
Download Directory: C:\UFT\GEDCOM
Filename: GEDCOMBRAD.mim

Subject: ZRFW: V10.3 Decoder
Library Compression
Download Directory:
C:\America Online 4.0\download
Filename: FW98V103.exe

Subject: WINZIP: V7.0 SR-1 WinZip
Library Compression
Download Directory: C:
Filename WINZIP70.EXE

Install to
C:\Program Files\WinZip

Subject: ZRFW: V10.3 Decoder
Library: Compression
Download Directory: C:
Filename: FW98V103.EXE

File: C:\UFT\GEDOM\gedcombr.ged

With your E-mail on the screen I clicked on Download Now. When it asked where to download it to, I indicated UFT. (Their technical support man said it would establish a new directory in UFT with the new filename.)

Then I opened UFT and tried to locate the new file. GEDCOMfi.min didn't show up in the short list of items in UFT, so I used Explorer to find everything in UFT. This showed an item called GEDCOMfi.min, which I clicked on, and it brought up WinZip (Unregistered): GEDCOMfi.min and below that two items, 0001.txt and Knuth.ged.

I highlighted Knuth.min and tried to view it. This brought up a message: Windows error 5 running C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\Knuth.ged (clicking on Help I got the information that Error 5 is "Attempt to dynamically link to a task)

Since that didn't mean anything to me, I clicked on Open and got an "Open Archive" window, where I typed in GEDCOMfi.min and clicked Open. This didn't do anything but go back to the WinZip (Unregistered) GEDCOMfi.min window.

So I canceled that out and went to the GEDCOM directory of UFT, which listed gedcombr.ged The contents of that were listed as the same two: 0001 and Knuth. So I clicked on the Knuth and got the message C:\UFT\GEDCOM\gedcombr.ged\Knuth.ged is not a valid Win32 application. So I guess this was just left from my former attempts

Then I downloaded your new attachment again, but into C:\UFT\GEDCOM, hopefully to make it easier to access. Then I went back to UFT\GEDCOM, but the new filename didn't show up there.

So I went to Find on the Start menu and found GEDCOM fi.min in three places: in C:\America Online 4... 408KB WinZip File on 2/22/99, which I had done last week; C:\UFT 521KB WinZip File on 2/28/99, which is the first one I did today; and C:\UFT\GEDCOM 521KB WinZip File on 2/28/99, which is the second one I did today.

Then I tried to extract the file from WinZip into C:\UFT\GEDCOM, but got the message: 0/0 files in the open archive match the specified files. So at that point I quit trying.

Then I tried your website and got this message: The requested URL /~bbabcock/david.html was not found on this server

So I tried one more time to import knuth.ged into GEDCOM Import from GEDCOM, but got the message C:\UFT\GEDCOM\KNUTH.GED is not a valid GEDCOM file.

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Hello David,

Here is that GEDCOM again. Just right click on the underlined text below. A menu will pop up.

If you are using Internet Explorer, select "Save Target As..." from the menu and it will be downloaded to your machine.

If you are using Netscape Communicator, select "Save Link As..." from the menu and it will be downloaded to your machine.

In both cases you will be able to choose which folder you want to put it into. It's probably easiest if you put it in your C:\UFT\GEDCOM folder. Now you should be able to go through the import procedure.

KNUTH.GED

Good Luck!

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Last modified Mon Mar 01 16:29:16 1999

GEDCOM Conversion complete: 1:19 minutes (218 exceptions)

Project Information
Project control S:\NEMITZ.PRO
Last changed 11/21/1998 Project Version 2.3
Project title NEMITZBR Program Version 2.7
Individuals 1691

Key Families: Knuth (210), (67), Olson (41), Graves (35), Donner (28), Zomka (28), Rubbert (26), Sperber (25), Nemitz (22), Solin (21), Shiel (19), Reid (18), Witheridge (17)

Project created on 2/21/1999 by saving C:\UFT\PROJECTS\WITHERIDGE.PRO as S:\NEMITZBR.PRO

Subj: **Success**
Date: 3/2/99 11:51:51 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net

Brad,

I successfully downloaded your Knuth.ged into my computer and imported it into my project. More later.

David

Subj: **Re: Success**
Date: 3/2/99 3:30:45 PM Central Standard Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

At 12:51 PM 3-2-99 EST, you wrote:
>Brad,
>
>I successfully downloaded your Knuth.ged into my computer and imported it
into
>my project. More later.
>
>David
>

Great news! :) There truly is always another way....

Brad Babcock
bbabcock@imag.net
http://users.imag.net/~bbabcock
ICQ ID: 925243

Hello David,

Here is the new and improved GEDCOM with all the Knuth-Nemitz information from your sheets and mine combined. Just FYI, the file I sent you before had 1676 individuals and 1182 families. After entering all of your information, the total is now 2672 individuals and 1862 families!

Just right click on the underlined text below. A menu will pop up.

If you are using Internet Explorer, select "Save Target As..." from the menu and it will be downloaded to your machine.
If you are using Netscape Communicator, select "Save Link As..." from the menu and it will be downloaded to your machine.

In both cases you will be able to choose which folder you want to put it into. It's probably easiest if you put it in your C:\UFT\GEDCOM folder.

This time, the file is a self-extracting zip file. Meaning, you will need to run the file in order to extract the GEDCOM. Once the GEDCOM has been extracted and you have imported the file successfully, you can delete the "knuth2.exe" file

Now you should be able to go through the import procedure.

KNUTH2.EXE (138kb)

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Subj: **The Last Farmer**
Date: 4/3/99 11:14:50 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com
CC: bbabcock@imag.net, kohn@erols.com

Howard Kohn

Dear Vicki and Brad,

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that there were a dozen or so used book stores where they had a copy of Howard Kohn's book, The Last Farmer. So I ordered three of them by phone–one for me and one for each of you. From the descriptions I thought they were used copies, but in pretty good condition. Imagine my surprise when they arrived and I found that they were all new, unopened copies in perfect condition!

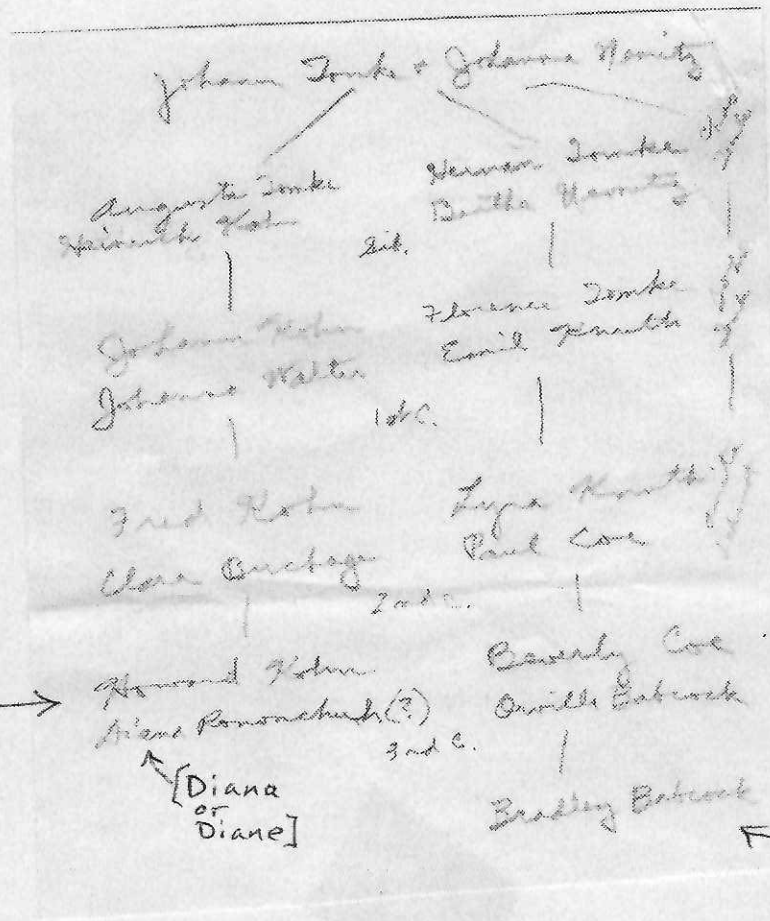
On Monday I'll mail these out to you. They are a gift from me. With the book I'm also enclosing a photocopy of a biographical sketch of Howard from Contemporary Authors, Vol. 124, which I found in our local branch library. I know you'll appreciate all the information there.

I have finished The Last Farmer and was greatly moved and impressed. It's ostensibly about Howard's father, but it's also his fond memories of his family and of the farm and community where he grew up. I know you'll both like it, because it's all about some of our relatives we never knew much about before. Vicki, you'll be especially interested, because you grew up on a farm. You will see many similarities and many differences–your farm was so much bigger, with the newest equipment, and they did find oil on it.

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that Howard has written a more recent book, We Had a Dream, published in 1998 by Simon & Schuster. It's about the struggle for racial integration in America. I ordered a copy through our local Barnes & Noble store, and I have begun reading it, but haven't finished it yet. It's a very powerful book, and I'm pleased and proud that one of our relatives wrote it. However, if you want a copy, you'll have to buy it yourself!

Happy Easter,

David



This sketch by DEW was loose in the file, next to the email dated 4/3/99

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Subj: **Re: The Last Farmer**
Date: 4/5/99 1:44:45 AM Central Daylight Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

At 12:14 PM 4-3-99 EST, you wrote:
>Dear Vicki and Brad,
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>On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that there were a dozen or so used
>book stores where they had a copy of Howard Kohn's book, The Last Farmer. So
>I ordered three of them by phone--one for me and one for each of you. From
>the descriptions I thought they were used copies, but in pretty good
>condition. Imagine my surprise when they arrived and I found that they were
>all new, unopened copies in perfect condition!
>
>On Monday I'll mail these out to you. They are a gift from me.

Thanks! That's very kind of you. I'll look forward to opening up my mailbox next week.

And a happy Easter to you too. :)

Brad Babcock
bbabcock@imag.net
http://users.imag.net/~bbabcock
ICQ ID: 925243

ELMWOOD BRANCH
SAINT LOUIS PARK, Minnesota
554169990
04/05/1999 (612)929-7893 11:18:25 AM

Sales Receipt

Product Description	Sale Qty	Unit Price	Final Price
59275 Priority (best value)			$3.20
		Issue PVI:	$3.20
Canada Global Priority Mail - Large Serial Number LX272885756US			$6.95
		Issue PVI:	$6.95
Total:			$10.15
Paid by:			
Cash			$20.15
Change Due:			-$10.00

Bill#: 1000200230364
Clerk: 01

Thank you for your business

Headers

Return-Path: <bbabcock@imag.net>
Received: from rly-zb03.mx.aol.com (rly-zb03.mail.aol.com [172.31.41.3]) by air-zb04.mail.aol.com (v59.4) with SMTP; Mon, 05 Apr 1999 02:44:45 -0500
Received: from disco.imag.net (disco.imag.net [204.244.225.25])
by rly-zb03.mx.aol.com (8.8.8/8.8.5/AOL-4.0.0)
with ESMTP id CAA00811 for <DWitheridg@aol.com>;
Mon, 5 Apr 1999 02:27:03 -0400 (EDT)
Received: from foggy (van-port185.imag.net [204.244.111.185])
by disco.imag.net (8.9.1/8.9.1) with SMTP id XAA10668
for <DWitheridg@aol.com>; Sun, 4 Apr 1999 23:20:54 -0700 (PDT)
Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19990404232825.007bf7e0@imag.net>
X-Sender: bbabcock@imag.net
X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Light Version 3.0.5 (32)
Date: Sun, 04 Apr 1999 23:28:25 -0700
To: DWitheridg@aol.com
From: Brad Babcock <bbabcock@imag.net>
Subject: Re: The Last Farmer
In-Reply-To: <606cb680.2437a68a@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

(34 b)

[DEW summarizes his and EPW's lives and careers.]

Subj: **Saginaw Valley**
Date: 4/6/99 11:46:31 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com
CC: bbabcock@imag.net, vrkoterba@hotmail.com

Dear Howard, ← Howard Kohn (author)

As you see from the copy I sent you of my E-mail to Vicki Koterba and Brad Babcock, I have finished The Last Farmer and have mailed each of them a copy. I told you about Brad, of course, in my phone call. He has his genealogical information on his computer and is looking forward to getting my information and yours to add to his records. I have so much material that I haven't been able yet to get it in shape to photocopy, but I hope to accomplish that soon.

Vicki Koterba is another descendant of the Nemitz-Tomke line who is interested in genealogy. Vicki's great-grandmother, Bertha Nemitz, was my mother's sister. Bertha married her first cousin, Herman Tomke, who was a brother of your great-grandmother, Augusta Tomke Kohn. Brad is another descendant of Herman and Bertha Tomke.

Vicki lives in the small town of Westby, Montana. She grew up on a very large farm near Westby, and the farm extends to the Canadian border. They discovered oil on the property many years ago, and the wells still continue to operate. Vicki's husband Wayne is the School Superintendant for Westby. They have four wonderful children–two in college and two in high school.

Now I want to tell you something about myself, because I think it will help you understand why your book had such meaning for me. I know at first hand what you're talking about when you mention the Kawkawlin and Tittabawassee Rivers, Wenonah Beach, Salzburg, Euclid Avenue, Dow Chemical, Bay City Central, the sugar beet factory, Consumers Power, Michigan Bell, and on and on. By the way, do you remember receiving a letter from me in 1987? It may have gone astray, since I never received a reply. In that letter I did tell you about my life and family, but I'd like to give you a little more detail.

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

I was born on August 15, 1914, in Bay City, but moved with my family to Saginaw when I was three. I graduated from Saginaw High School in 1931; but, because of the depression, I couldn't go away to college, so I attended Bay City Junior College, commuting every day with a carload of others. One of my interesting relationships there was with my mother's cousin, Mathilda Schroeder, who was teaching German in Bay City Central High. (Bay City Junior College occupied part of the high school building.) Mathilda turned out to be a fairy godmother to me, giving me money from time to time to help with my expenses. I understand your family had very little knowledge of or contact with the Schroeder relatives in Bay City. Mathilda's mother, Wilhelmina Nemitz, who married Carl Schroeder, was the sister of my grandfather, William Nemitz, and of your great-great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz Tomke.

After graduating from junior college, I was able to get a scholarship to go on to the University of Michigan, College of Engineering. During summer vacation I worked at Dow Chemical (Dept. of X-ray and Spectroscopy!).

Then I worked four years in Saginaw as a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning engineer with my father, who was a manufacturer's agent. The whole northeast corner of the lower peninsula was our territory, from Flint north. So I had many contacts with architects, contractors, and industries in Bay City during those years. My last major job was designing the heating and ventilating system for the "new" Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw. I'm sure your Bay City Central sports teams played Arthur Hill, and maybe you are even familiar with their building.

At that point, January, 1940, I decided to become a minister. As a boy I had always expected to become a minister, but turned toward engineering in high school, probably because of my father's work and my ability in math. I attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth Plumb and I were married just before my senior year in the seminary. We had grown up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. She had been a kindergarten teacher for many years.

From Rochester we went to Chicago, where I was the assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church for six years and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis to be executiive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I stayed in that position for 29 years until I retiired at the end of 1979.

We have two sons, both born in Chicago. During the Vietman War they were both conscientious objectors, and that

experience profoundly affected each of their lives, though in different ways.

After the boys were both in school full time, Elizabeth started a new career as an author. She had seven books published. She started writing for children about eight years old and finally was writing for high school students. Elizabeth died in 1995 after a long decline with Alzheimer's, including several years in a wheel chair after a hip fracture. This was a very strenuous time for me, but I am now recovering my health and strength.

At another time I'll write more about genealogy. Have you traced your Kohn line back into Germany? I tried to find the Nemitz records in Germany for many years without success, because the part of Pomerania our Nemitz ancestors came from is now in Poland. Then a couple of years ago a relative of ours in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist, and I miraculously found each other. But that's another story, and you'll have to wait for that.

Sincerely, David

Subj: **We Had a Dream**
Date: 4/24/99 5:07:19 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com
CC: vrkoterba@hotmail.com, bbabcock@imag.net

Howard Kohn (author)

Dear Howard,

I have finished your tremendous book, We Had a Dream, and I want to let you know a few of the things that have come to my mind.

Lisa McNair and Rev. Christopher McNair

While you were writing this book, you had to way of knowing that you have a fourth cousin in Minneapolis who is married to a black Methodist minister. Her name is Lisa McNair, and she is descended from the large Iowa Nemitz family that was founded by Ernst Nemitz, a brother of my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, and of your great-great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz Tomke.

I have met Lisa only once. She and her two children attended one of the dinners during the visit of our four relatives from Germany last year. Her husband, the Rev. Christopher McNair, wasn't able to come, because of church responsibilities, so I haven't met him. There were twenty at the dinner, so I was able to have only a limited conversation with Lisa. However, I had learned about this interracial marriage in conversations with Lisa's mother, whom I only got to know last year.

Like your family, the Iowa Nemitzes are Missouri Synod Lutherans living in a mostly German rural area. Lisa's parents had moved to Minnesota, and when she went to college, she found many of her religious and social attitudes changing. I haven't had time to talk in depth with her mother about Lisa's experiences, but I assume she and her husband have had some uncomfortable times. I know her entire family will be greatly interested in your book.

It's something of a coincidence that some of my wife Elizabeth's ancestors lived in Harford County, Maryland, in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In my genealogical search for family roots we made many trips to Harford County and were fortunately able to meet some of Elizabeth's distant relatives. One Sunday morning when we attended the Quaker Meeting in Fallston, one of the members said to Elizabeth, "If you're descended from the Amos family, you're related to almost everyone in this room."

A story was passed down in the family that when Elizabeth's great-great-grandmother, Sarah Amos, married Harry Gilbert, her father gave her a slave as a wedding present. Sarah was so horrified with the idea of owning another person that she freed the slave. Harry and Sarah lived for a while in Baltimore, but by 1830 they had moved to Uniontown in western Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth was fascinated by that story, and she decided to make it into a book for junior and senior high young people. It's called, And What of You, Josephine Charlotte? It was published by Atheneum in 1972. Of course, it's out of print now, but I think your children would love it, if they could get a copy on interlibrary loan from the Harford County Library in Bel Air.

I had one experience that helps me identify a little with some of the characters and events in your book. Soon after I came to my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches in 1951, I was invited by a black minister–one of our board members–to join the black ministers' group called the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. I was an active member of that group all through my years with the council.

Then came the dark days of the sixties and seventies, when some of the younger Afro-Americans decided they wanted to do their thing alone, instead of in cooperation with whites. I still continued my relationship with the Ministerial Alliance, and they graciously accepted me right up to my retirement in 1979. But when my successor arrived, they let it be known that he and a couple of other white ministers who were members of the Alliance were no longer welcome. My successor did his best to maintain good relations with the black community and churches, but there was this new sense of alienation from many of the black ministers. I don't know what the situation is now, because I have been out of touch for twenty years. As your book points out, the black and white division just doesn't go away.

Well, these are a few of the thoughts that come to my mind after reading We Had a Dream. I am proud to be a relative of the author, and I hope it results in a great deal of serious thinking on the part of all who read it. Thank you for dedicating so much of your time and devotion to this successful project.

Sincerely,

David

Subj: **Family Group Sheets**
Date: 5/13/99 4:02:20 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net

Dear Brad,

I'm glad to report that today I finally mailed to you a complete set of my Nemitz family group sheets. I also mailed a set to Vicki Koterba and another to Howard Kohn. I hope you will find them helpful as you continue your work on family history. It's a good feeling to know that there are now three other copies in the hands of Nemitz relatives who are also interested in genealogy. I am also grateful to know that in your case much of this information will gradually find its way onto your computer.

Yours sincerely,

David

Subj: **Re: Family Group Sheets**
Date: 5/13/99 11:50:09 PM Central Daylight Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

At 05:02 PM 5-13-99 EDT, you wrote:
>Dear Brad,
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>Nemitz family group sheets. I also mailed a set to Vicki Koterba and
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>on family history. It's a good feeling to know that there are now three
>other copies in the hands of Nemitz relatives who are also interested in
>genealogy. I am also grateful to know that in your case much of this
>information will gradually find its way onto your computer.
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That's great! When I get it all input into my database, I'll send you an updated copy. By the way, I received Howard Kohn's book (The Last Farmer), and although I haven't had the chance to read it yet, it does look interesting. I may lend it to my grandma first, as I don't have a lot of time to dive into a book right now.

Brad Babcock
bbabcock@imag.net
http://users.imag.net/~bbabcock
ICQ ID: 925243

Subj: **new and improved database**
Date: 6/2/99 5:30:03 AM Central Daylight Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com
CC: vrkoterba@hotmail.com

Good news!

I have received your family tree sheets David, and over the last couple of weeks, have been entering it all into my database. Finally, today I finished!

The new GEDCOM is available as before on my website. The instructions for downloading it are there as well. ← GEDCOM

http://users.imag.net/~bbabcock/david.html

Vicki, if you have a computer program for genealogy now, you are certainly welcome to downloading this as well. There may be some issues to work out to make it work on your Mac, but I'm willing to help you through that when the time comes. ← Vicki Koterba

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Subj: **Re: knuth2.exe**
Date: 6/13/99 12:31:16 AM Central Daylight Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

At 10:10 PM 6-12-99 EDT, you wrote:
>Dear Brad,
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>I think I followed the instructions on your website, but somehow I struck a
>snag. I indicated that it was to go into my C:\UFT\GEDCOM folder as you
>suggested. As it started to download (pieces of paper flying across the
>window and blue dots moving across to the right), it said something about
>four minutes, but it was all over in less than a minute. I thought it
hadn't
>downloaded properly, so I checked in my GEDCOM folder, and it wasn't there.

← GEDCOM glitch

Since I zipped the file, it is rather small, so less than a minute sounds about right. Downloads can sometimes be confusing. When you request the file to be downloaded, the server chops it up into several smaller chunks. The server then sends out those chunks one at a time to your computer. Your web browser then takes a look at how fast those chunks are coming to you and estimates how long the entire file will take. Depending on the load on the server (from other tasks) the rate that those chunks are flying to your computer may fluctuate over the course of your download. If you ever have to download a large file, you will probably see the estimated time fluctuate a lot for the first bit before it settles down. I've seen files start out at 10 hours (estimated) before the download starts to speed up a bit and give me a more accurate time of 20-30 mins. So that's probably what happened in your case. The first few chunks came to you rather slowly and your browser estimated 4 minutes. Then they started coming to you quickly at the end.

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>Then I went back and went through the process of downloading again, and when
>I got to that point, it said that "knuth2.exe" was already there. But now I
>don't know where it is. When I tried to call it up in my GEDCOM folder, it
>said that "knuth2.exe" is an invalid file name for UFT. It will only accept
>letters from A to Z. So now if I do find it somewhere in my computer, I
>probably won't be able to import it into my program. Maybe I could change
>the name to "knutha.exe"

This file is a little different from the last one, because I zipped it up this time. I made it into a self-extracting zip file, which means you don't need Winzip or any similar program to unzip the file. All you have to do is execute (run) it and the GEDCOM will be extracted. If you haven't done this already:

1. Use your Windows Explorer and browse to your C:\UFT\GEDCOM folder.
2. Locate the file called "knuth2.exe" and double click it.
3. You should see a DOS window open up with some text in it that looks like this:

PKSFX (R) FAST! Self Extract Utility Version 2.04g 02-01-93
Copr. 1989-1993 PKWARE Inc. All Rights Reserved. Shareware version
PKSFX Reg. U.S. Pat. and Tm. Off.

Searching EXE: C:/UFT/GEDCOM/KNUTH2.EXE

Inflating: KNUTH2.GED

4. The extraction should be almost instantanous. You can now close this window.
5. In Windows Explorer, select View|Refresh to show the new file in the folder. You should now see both "knuth2.exe" and "knuth2.ged" in the folder.
6. If UFT will not accept files with numbers in them, you'll have to rename the GEDCOM file. To do this, single click on the file to highlight it. Once highlighted, single click on it again and a box will appear around the name. You can now change the name to whatever you like (just keep the ".ged" extension). Hit Enter or click somewhere else on the screen to finalize the renaming.

This should work for you. If not, send me another note explaining what the problem is. It sounds like you may be trying to open the "knuth2.EXE" file rather than the "knuth2.GED" file.

Brad Babcock
bbabcock@imag.net
http://users.imag.net/~bbabcock
ICQ ID: 925243

Success!

Subj: **GEDCOM**
Date: 6/14/99 7:56:21 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net

Dear Brad,

Mission accomplished! You are a good teacher. Using your instructions I was able to rename the GEDCOM and then import it into my program. I haven't had time to get fully acquainted with it, but I am amazed that you were able to record all my data so soon and with such complete detail. That's obviously because you are a computer expert. I am very grateful to you for becoming a repository for my information and sending it back to me in computer form. I don't think I would ever have been able to do it myself during my lifetime. Thank you very much.

David

Subj: **Nemitz Information**
Date: 4/11/01 11:37:16 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: bbabcock@imag.net

Rambow, Pomerania, Germany

Dear Brad, ← Brad Babcock

During the last several months I've been working on my Nemitz ancestry, and I've had some good luck that I'd like to tell you about.

At the Minnesota Historical Society I was going through the volumes called "Germans to America," that are supposed to list all the Germans who came to America between about 1850 and 1900. I had found my grandfather's entry earlier, but I was looking for his sisters and their husbands and children, who came later. Their mother came over with one of the sisters.

Fortunately, I found them, including the mother, Henriette Nemitz*, who came with the Schroeder family in 1879. The amazing thing was that for the ship's passenger list Henriette had given Rambow as the town she had come from. Practically nobody else gave their towns. Usually they just said they had come from Germany or Prussia.

So I checked the records and found that Rambow was a small town in the parish of the larger town Lupow, where the church was. I was delighted to find that the Mormons had microfilmed the Lupow church book, though it was not complete. I rented the microfilm through the local LDS branch library and eventually went through the whole book (as much as they had).

I was hoping to find Henriette's baptismal record, which wasn't there, but I did find the baptism of her husband: Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz, born on March 25, 1810, the son of Michael Nemitz and Maria Louisa Reppen. This takes us back one more generation in the Nemitz line than we had known before, and it gives us another ancestral line to pursue--Reppen. This is a great discovery for us all.

Michael Nemitz and Maria Louisa Reppen

Of course, since we hadn't known that Ludwig was Heinrich's middle name, we will have to confirm that this is our Heinrich through some other records--such as his marriage or burial record or the baptism of one of his children. But it seems very likely, and I am going to assume that it is until we find something to the contrary.

In that same Lupow church book I found a great many entries of other Nemitzes, most, if not all, of whom are probably related to our family in some way. Some were even living in the same small town of Philippshof, where Michael and Maria were living when Heinrich was born. Someday I hope to tie these Nemitzes together, though I don't have enough information to do so yet.

Well, I just wanted you to have this information to add to your records, and I wanted you to know there is still more information out there about our Nemitz line.

Most sincerely,

*Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

David

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 9, 2001

Brad Babcock

Dear Brad,

Hans-Joachim Nemitz

I can't remember exactly what I told you in my last letter about the many new Nemitz individuals and families I had found, mainly in the Lupow church book, but also from a few other places. At any rate, here are the three charts I have constructed showing them all. I have just sent copies of these charts to Friedrich and to Hans-Joachim Nemitz, his cousin (and ours), who is also working on our Nemitz genealogy. As "keepers of the records," I want you and Vicki also to have them.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Vicki Koterba

See pages 13-23 in this folder.

I think that most, if not all, of these people are somehow related to us. Those on Sheet One are probably closely related, because they were all living at the same time in the parish of Lupow. Some day more records will become available, and we will be able to tie more of these people together.

Karl Nemitz ("lost brother"?)

You will note that I have placed a Karl Nemitz in our family. This is just a conjecture on my part, because his probable birth date of about 1840 would fit right into an empty space in our family, and he doesn't seem to fit in anywhere else. So, for now, until we find evidence to the contrary, I am considering him our "lost brother." You knew, I believe, that my grandfather's (Wilhelm's) family thought there were two brothers who stayed in Germany, but Friedrich's great-grandfather Ferdinand said that all the others had gone to America. So there's a "lost brother" somewhere, but we don't know his name.

Ruth Grassow/Nemitz (or Grassow-Nemitz)

Down at the bottom right-hand corner of Sheet Two you will find listed the ancestors of Ruth Grassow/Nemitz. (That's apparently how they write it in Germany.) She called Friedrich about two years ago after seeing in Die Pommersche Zeitung an article he had written about his trip to a family reunion in the U.S.A. She said she thought she might be related to him, because someone in her family (I can't remember who) said she had an aunt by the name of Henriette Nemitz, who went to America with her two daughters. She said her elderly sister-in-law has family records going back many centuries. Friedrich urged her to send him the information, but so far he hasn't received any. When I sent him these charts, I implored him to try again to make contact with Ruth Grassow/Nemitz by letter or phone or even by going to see her. There must be a lot of information there we ought to know about.

Well, here is a lot of material for you to look over. I wish I could have included all my sources for this information, but that would have greatly delayed my preparing and sending it. I just wanted to be sure you had everything I know so far.

Love,

Folder

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Editor's Note

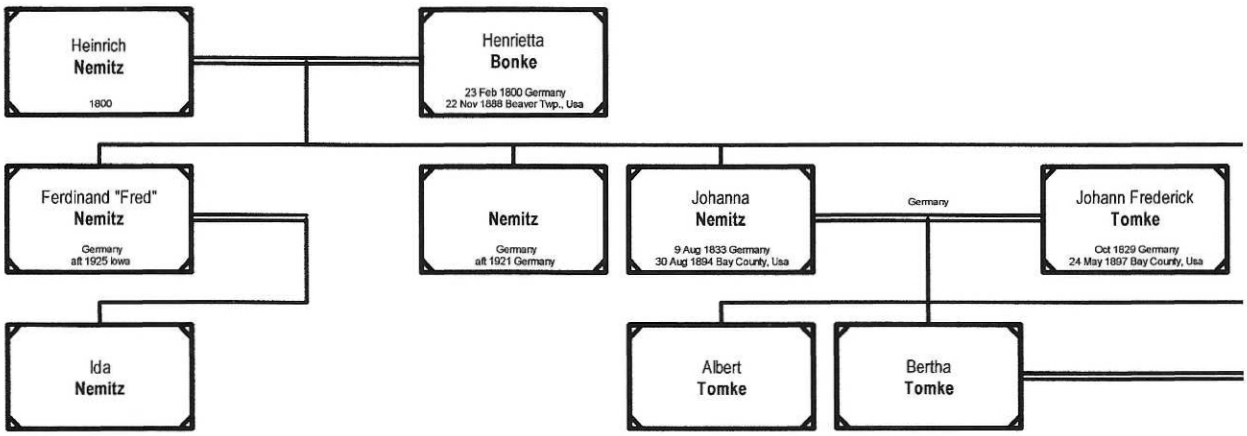
This folder consists entirely of a chart made by Bradley (Brad) Emerson Babcock (b. 1972), even though every page is signed "David E. Witheridge" and dated "March 3, 1999."

The chart was in a manila folder labeled "Descendants of Heinrich Nemitz (Brad)." (The Heinrich in question is Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz [b. 1810], who is on p. 1 of the chart.) What I think happened is that Brad sent Dad the information he would need in order to access the chart, and — with great difficulty, followed by help from Brad (see their correspondence on pp. 24-38a and 41-44 in folder 2.5) — Dad opened Brad's file and printed it.

I believe that most of the data were collected from various sources by Brad, with certain additional data supplied by my dad. Why Dad's name appears on every page, instead of Brad's, must have something to do with the program Dad was using to print it from his desktop computer. Eagle Scout and clergyman Dad would never have tried to claim someone else's work as his own. You'll have to trust me on that.

Since I'm not a genealogy software expert, and to date I haven't been able to make contact with Brad, I must conclude for now that this is almost entirely Brad's work, with some additional information provided by Dad.

Tom Witheridge
January 20, 2023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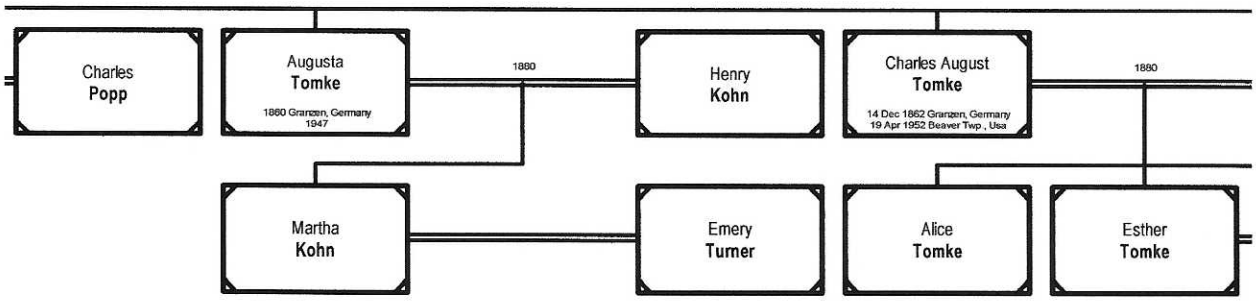
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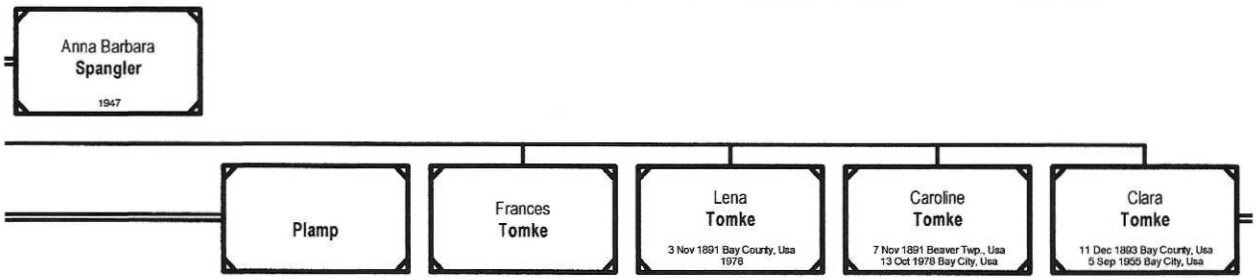
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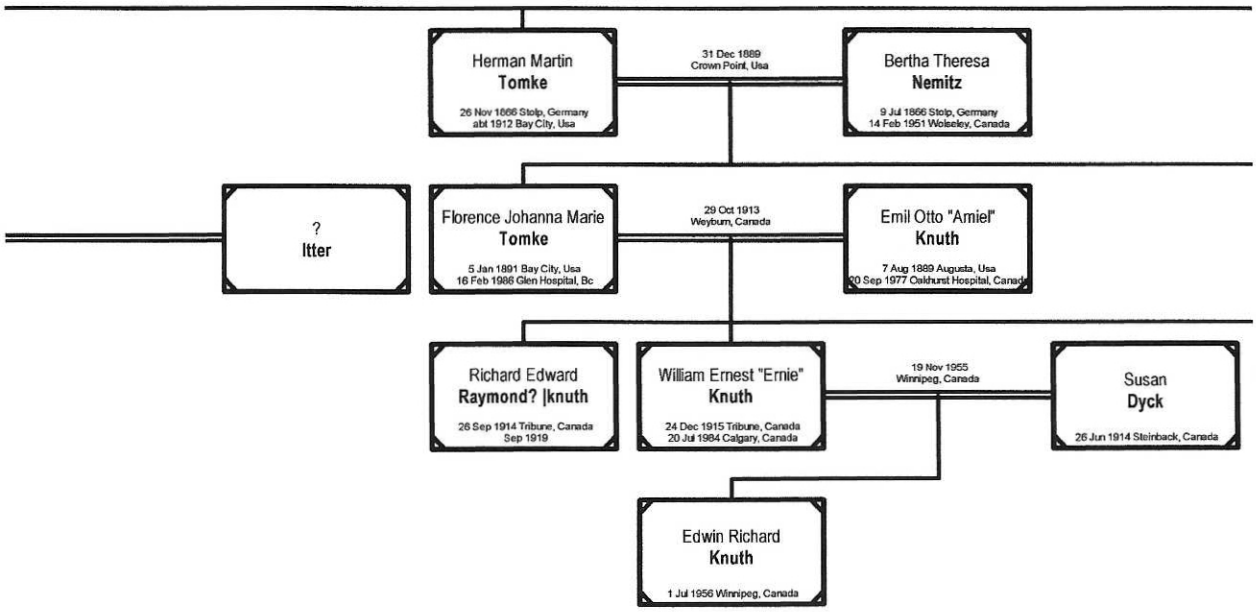
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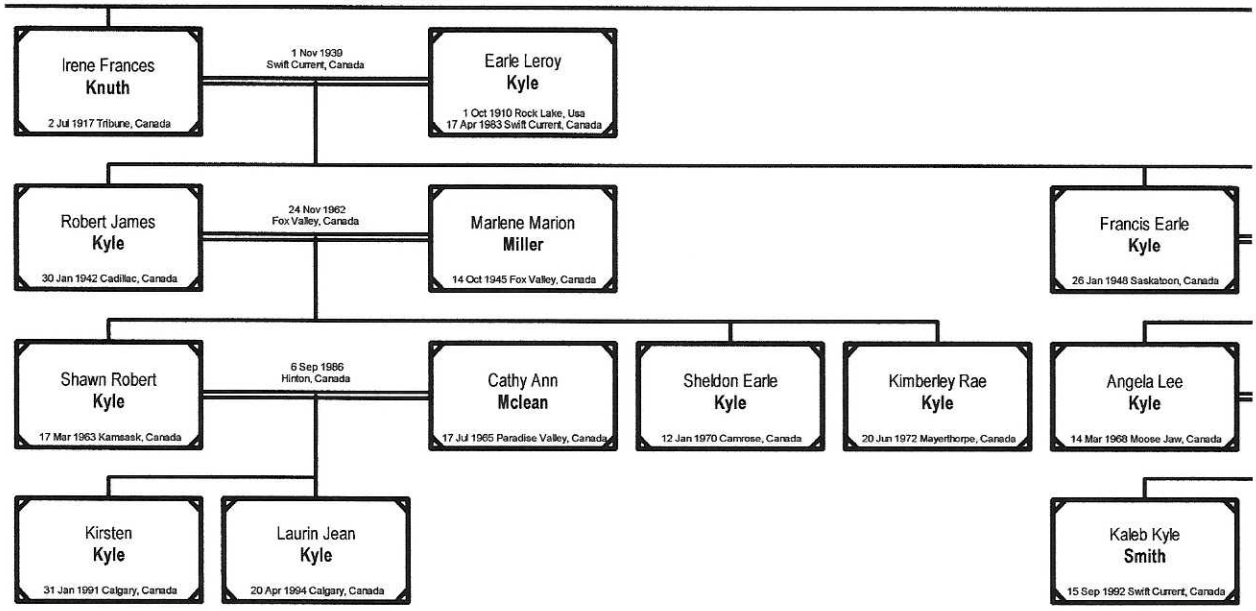
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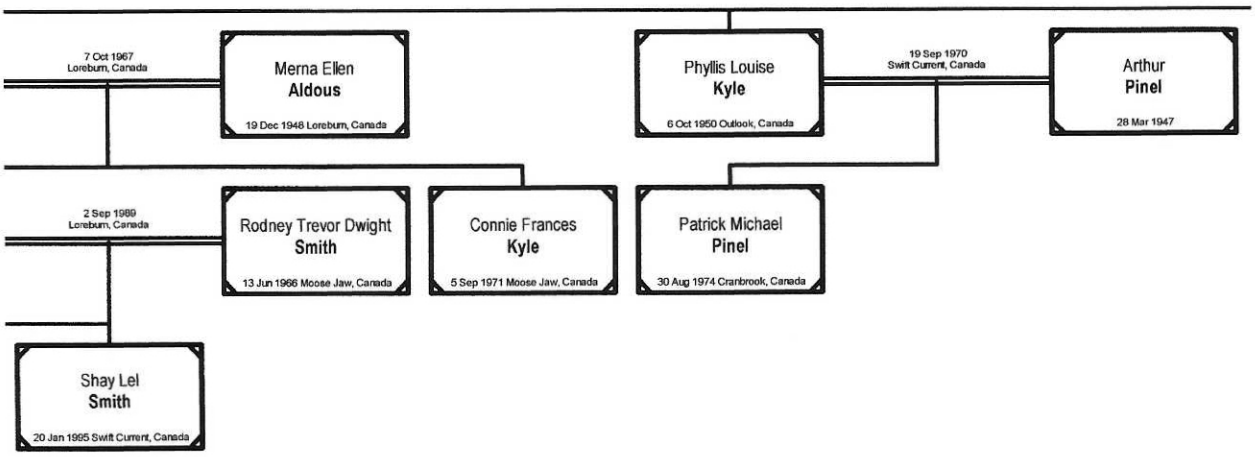
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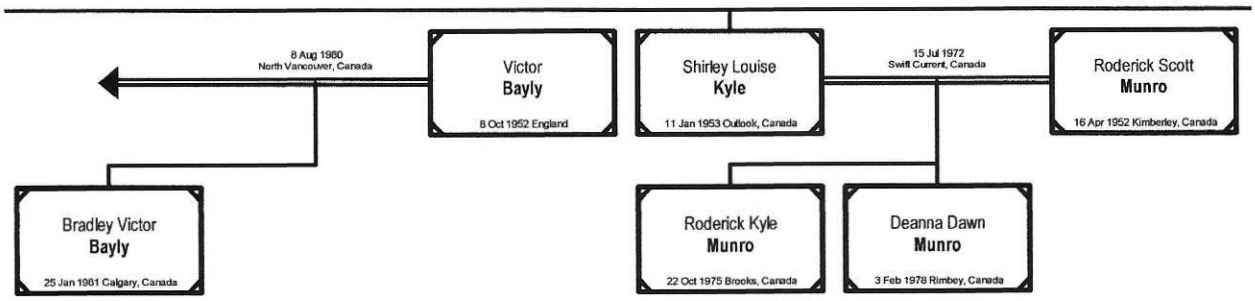
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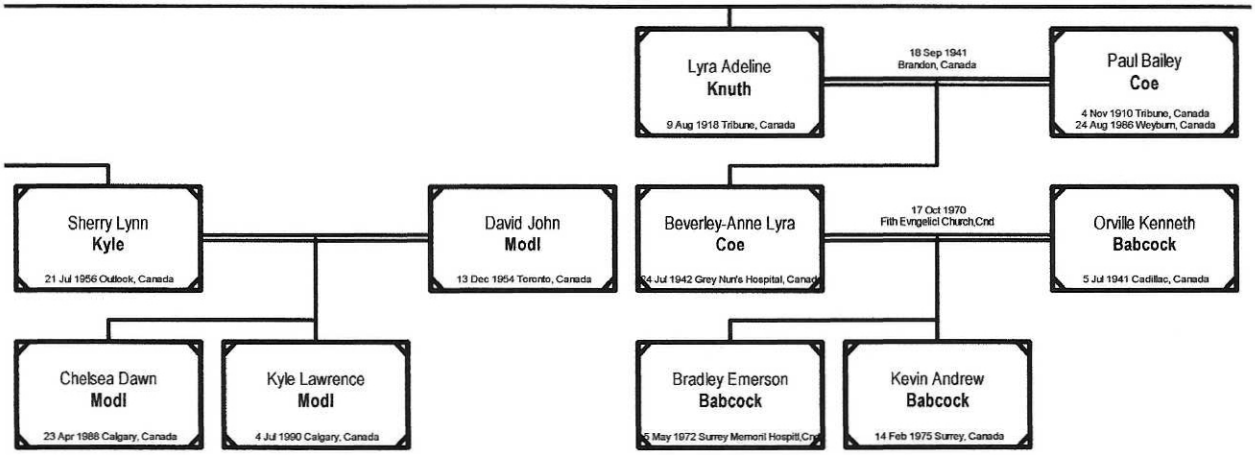
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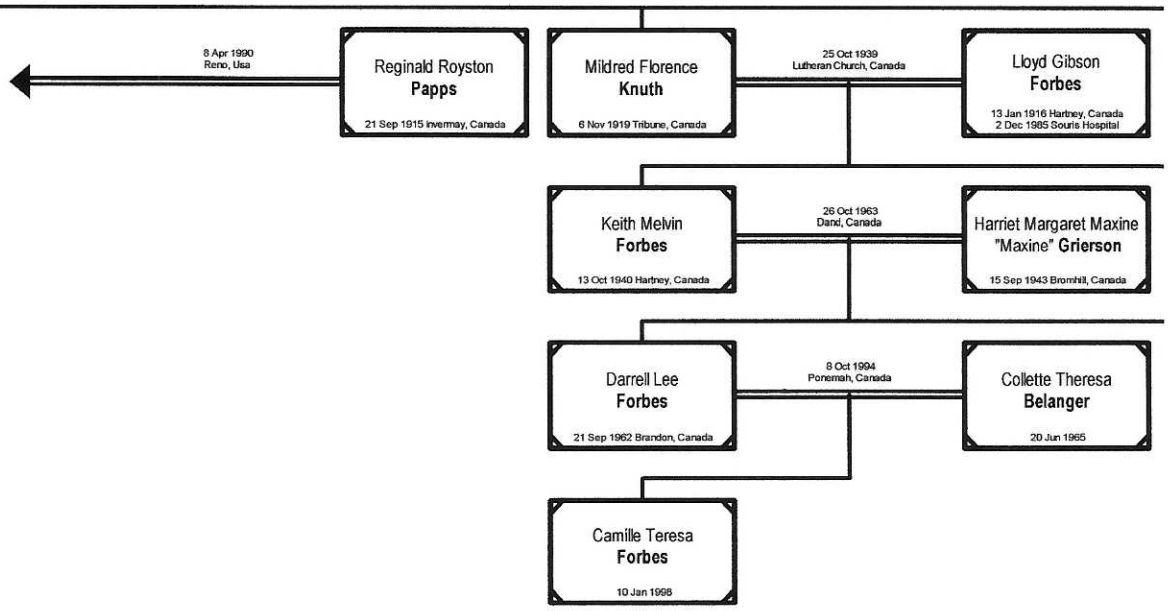
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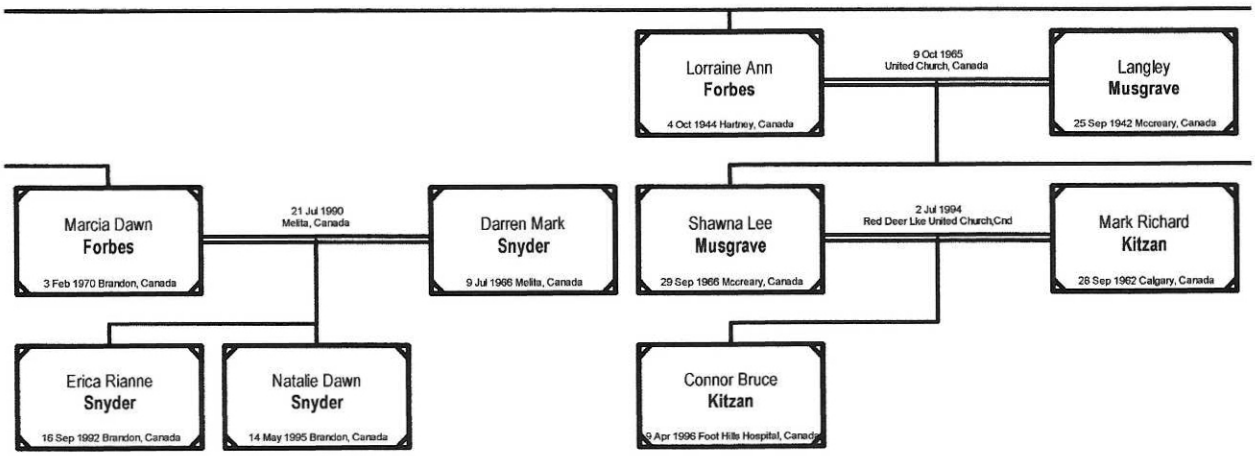
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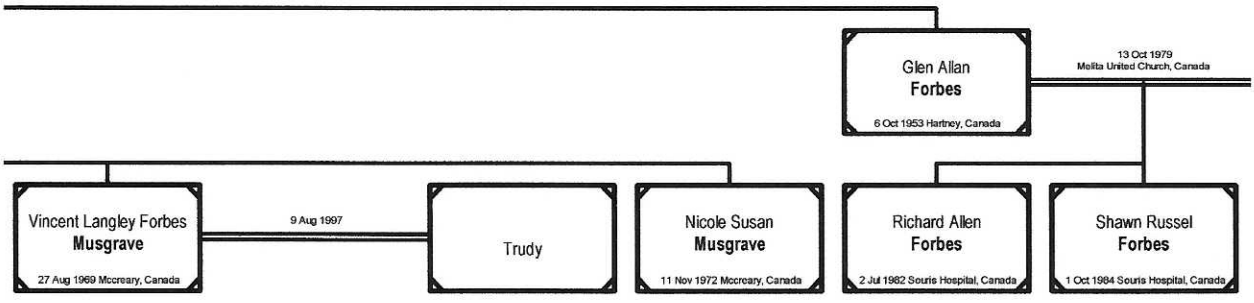
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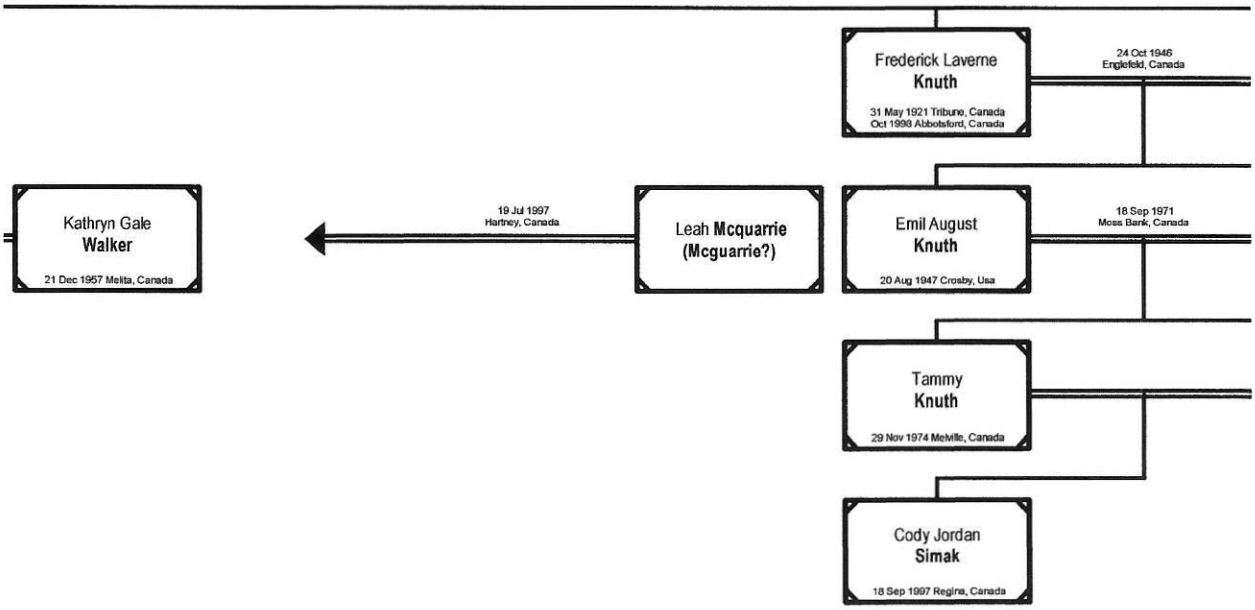
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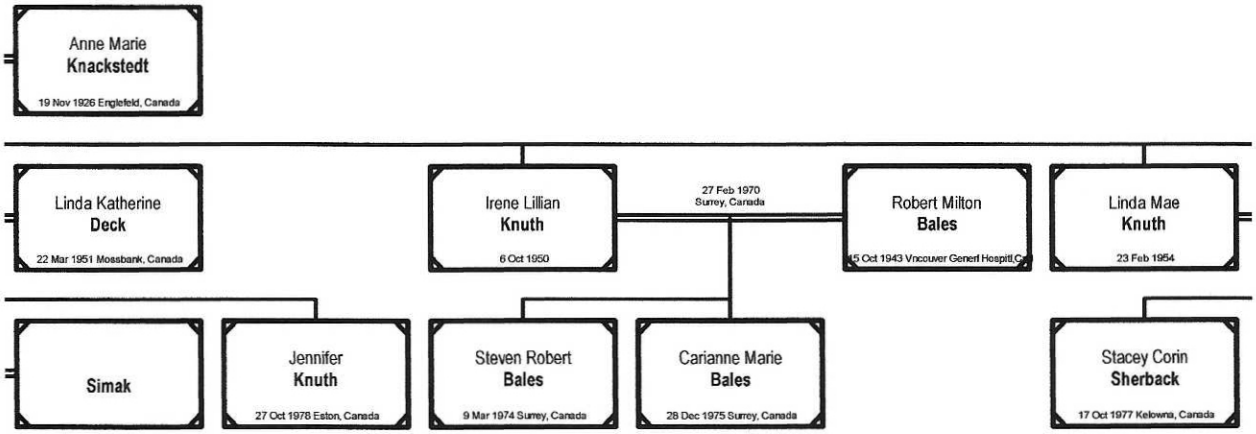
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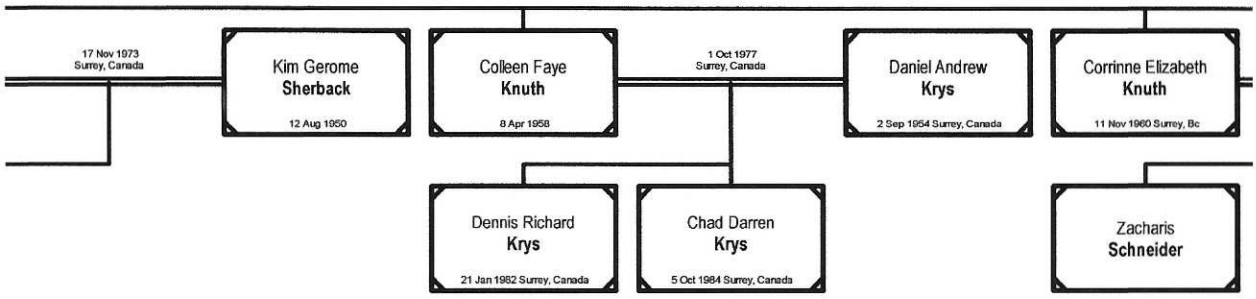
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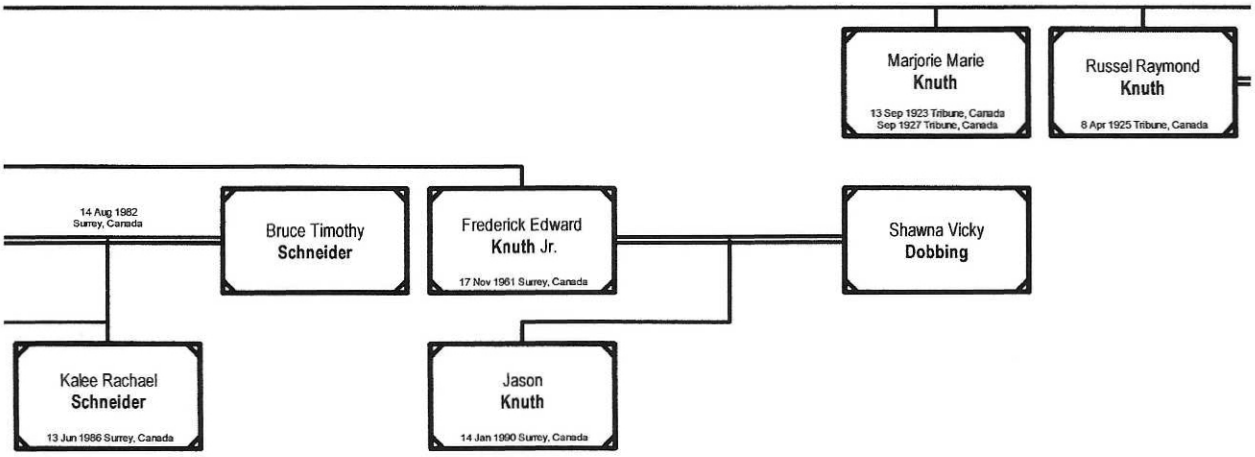
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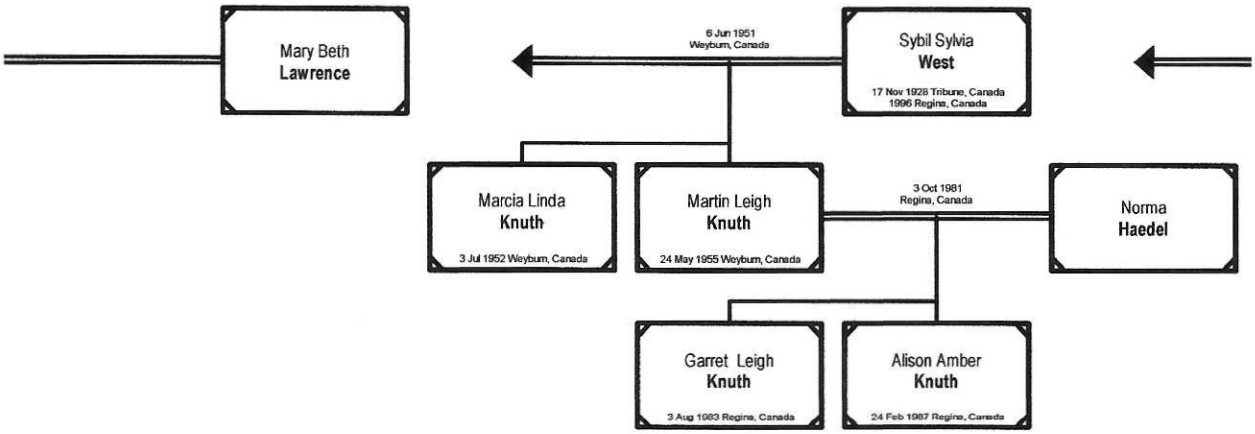
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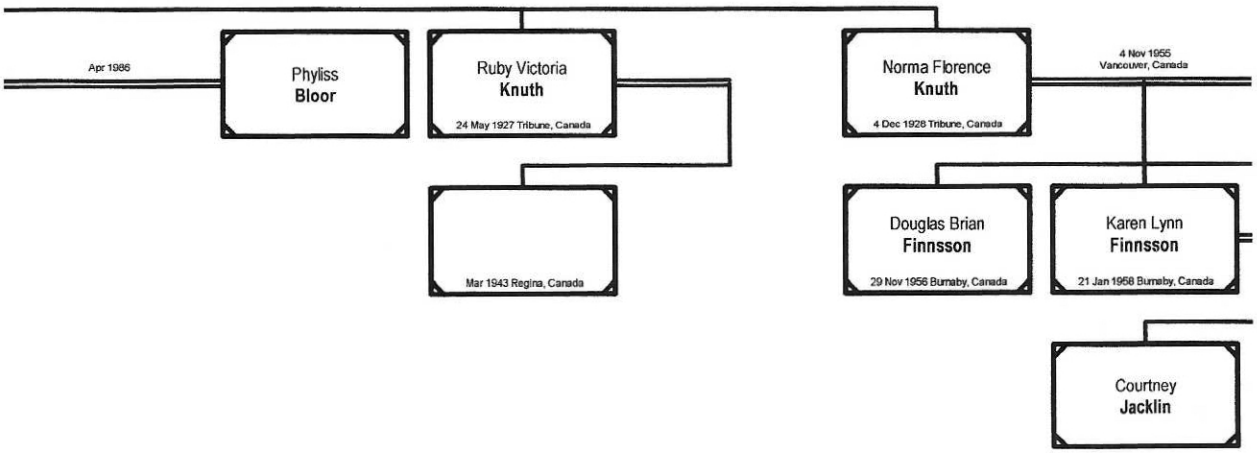
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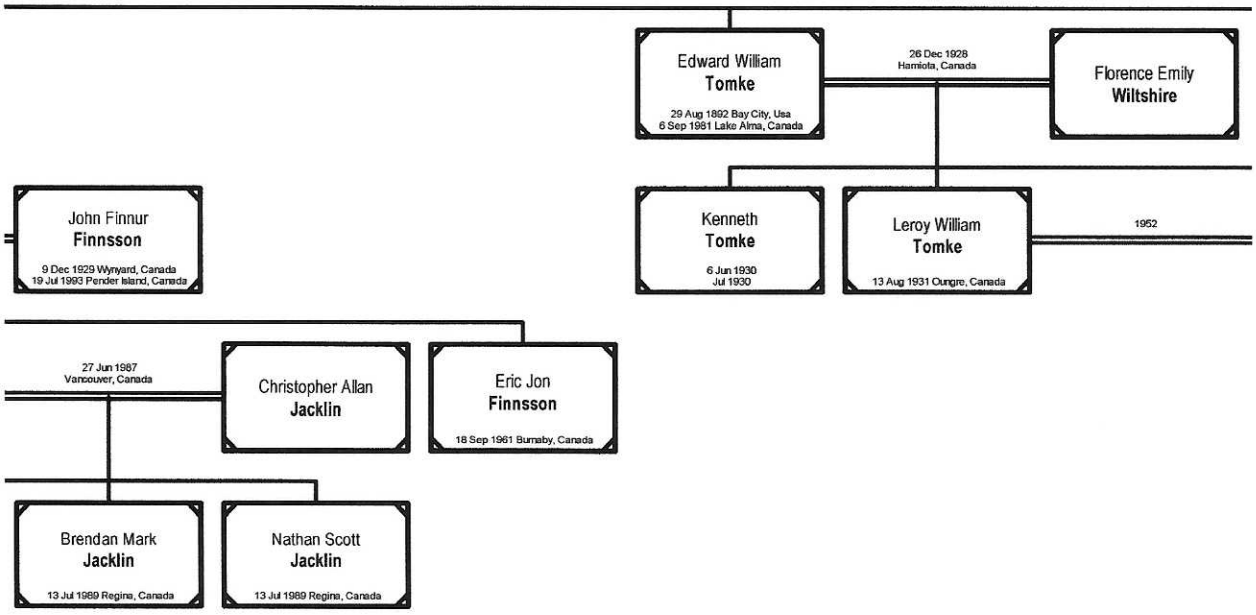
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Jul 1930
Leroy William
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1952
John Finnur
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27 Jun 1987
Vancouver, Canada
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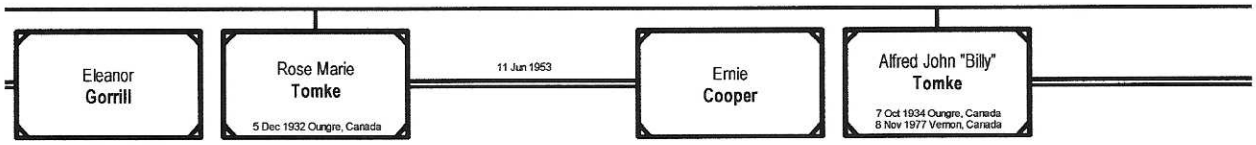
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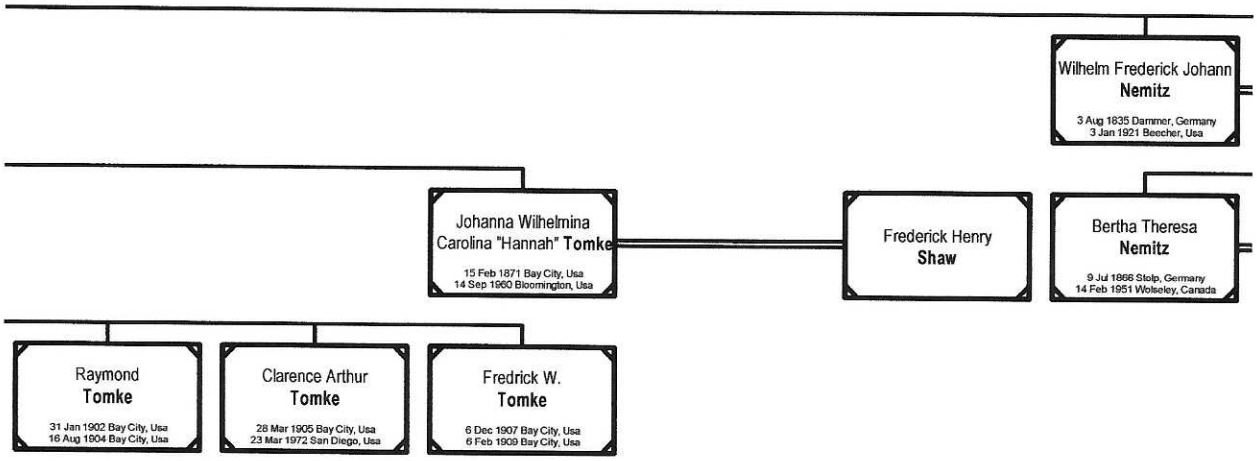
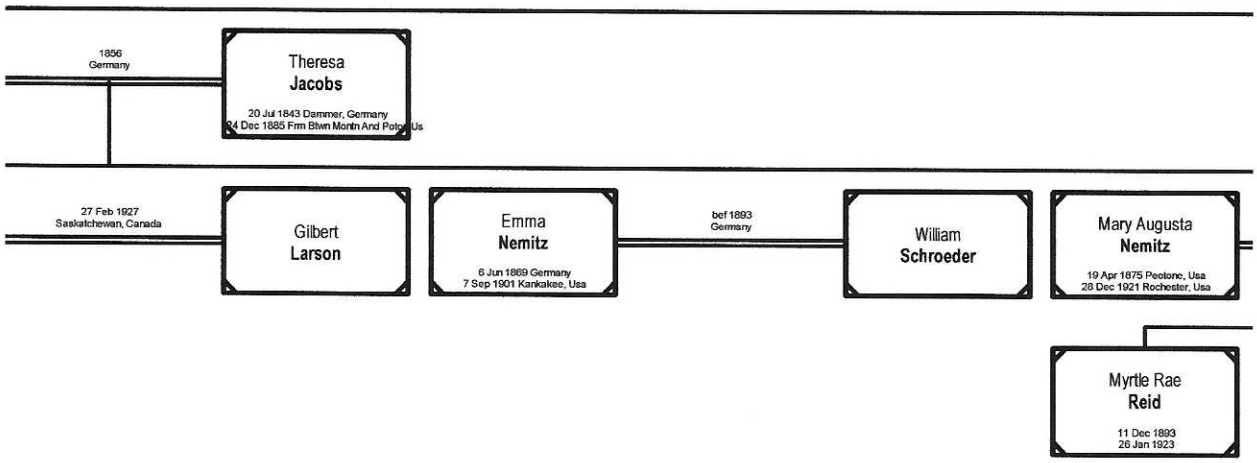


Descendants of Heinrich Nemitz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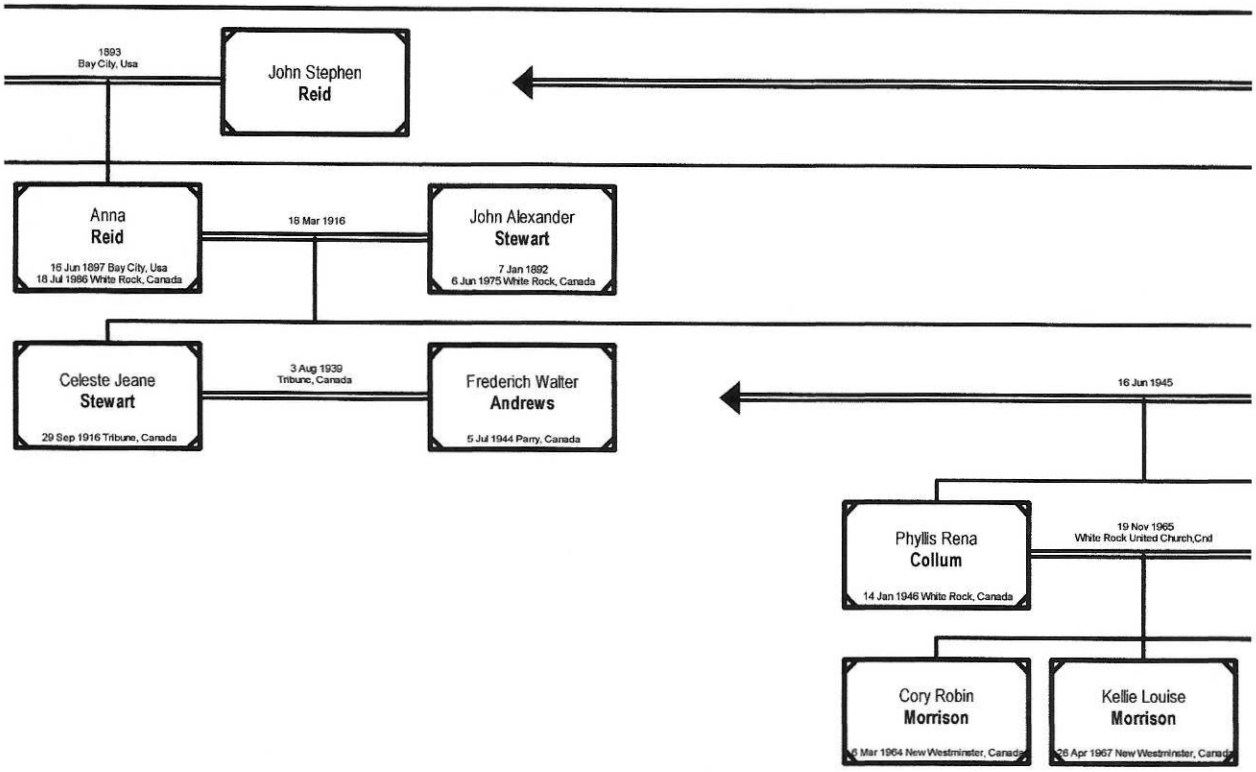
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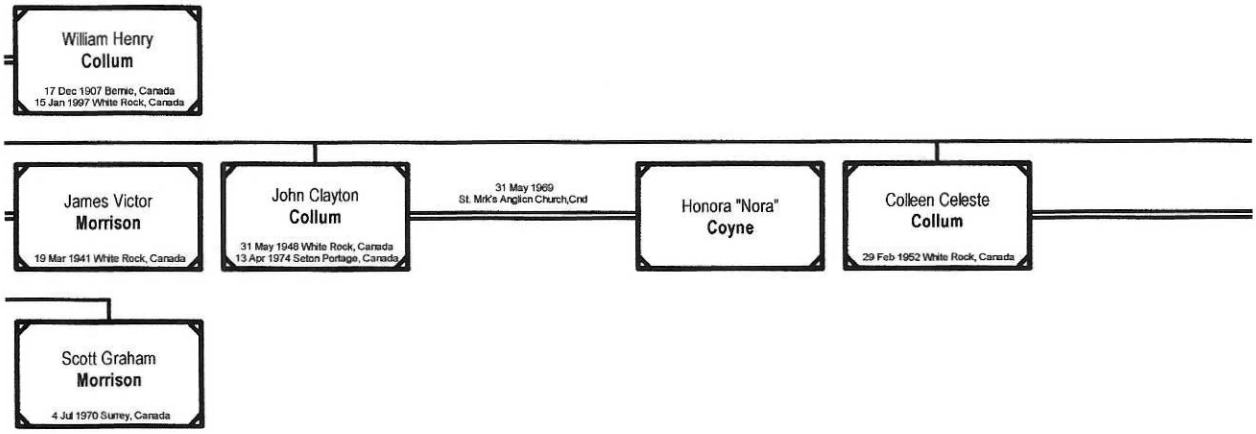
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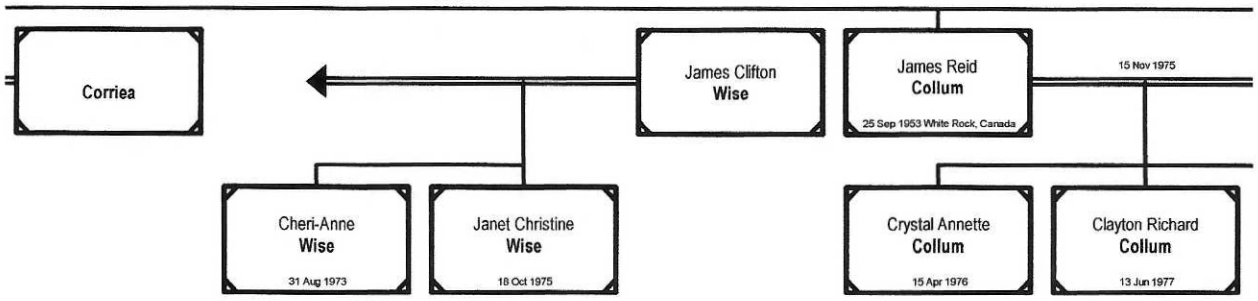
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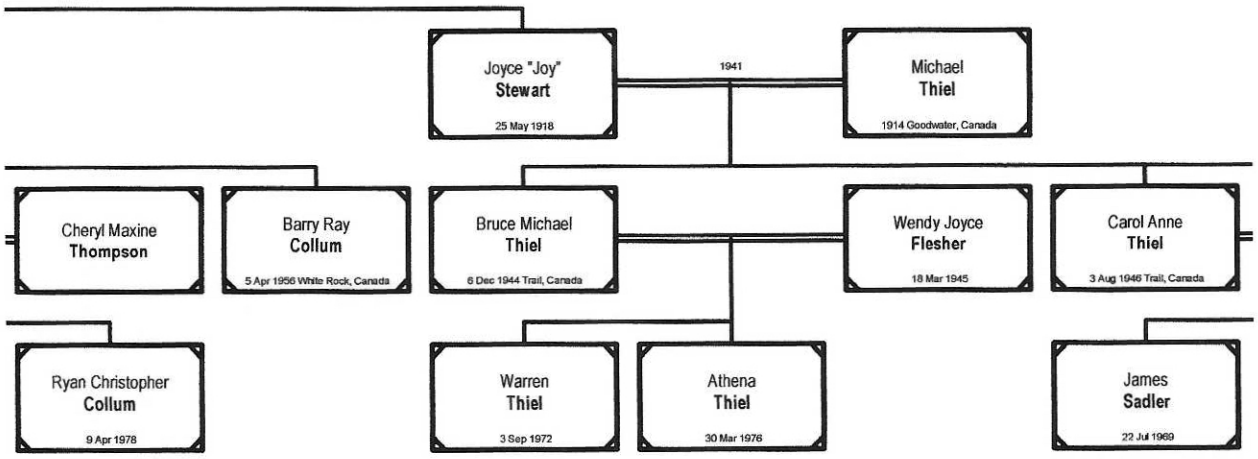
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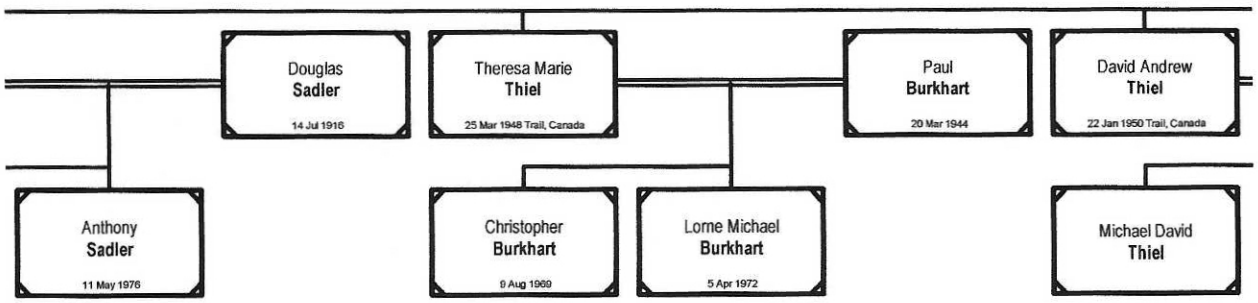
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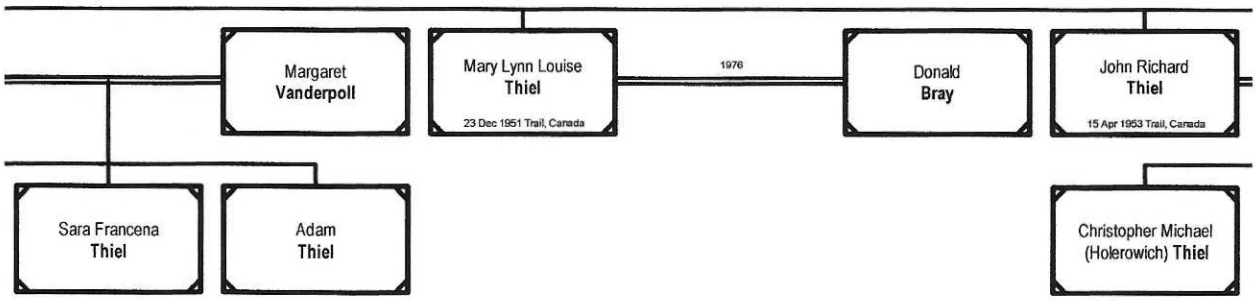
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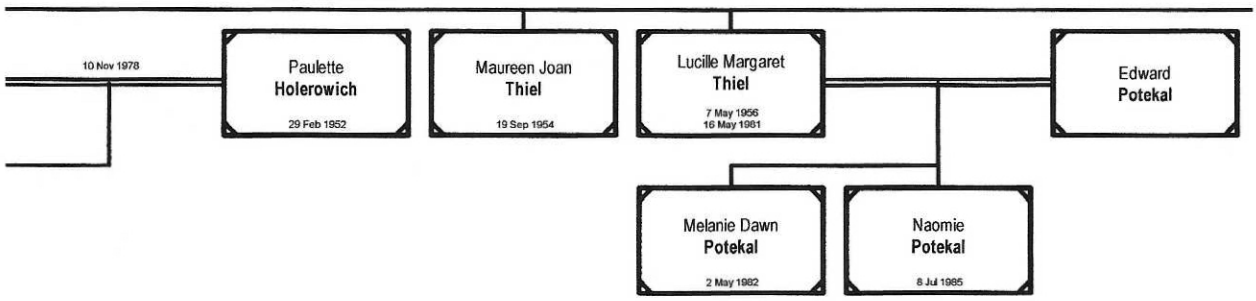
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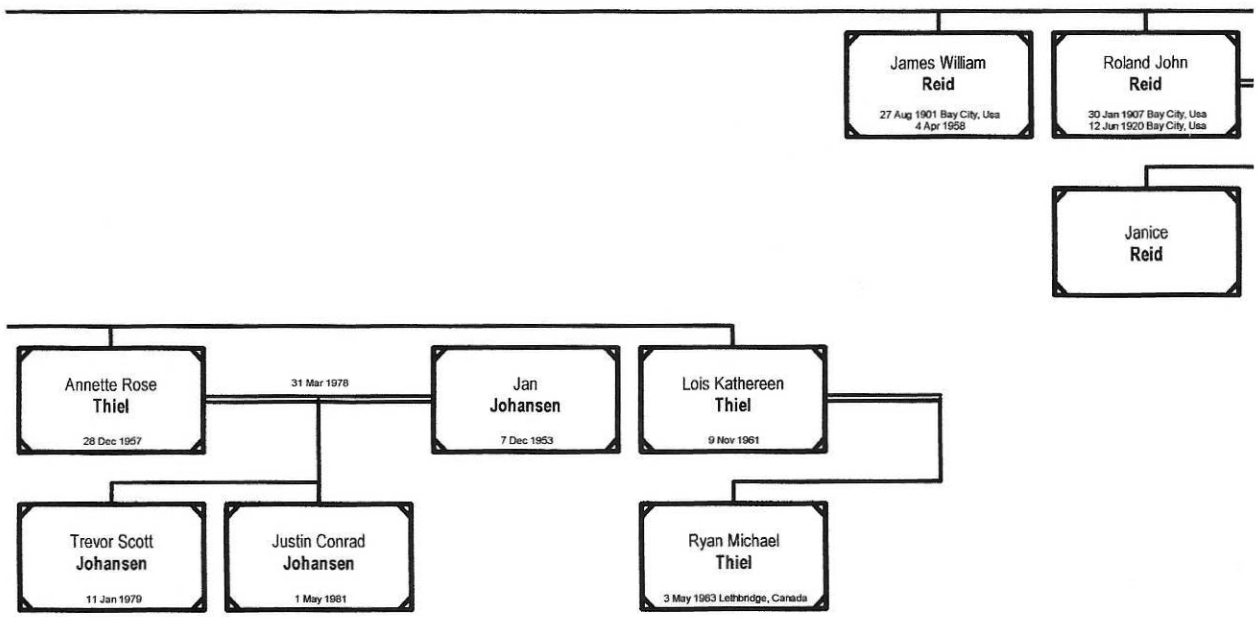
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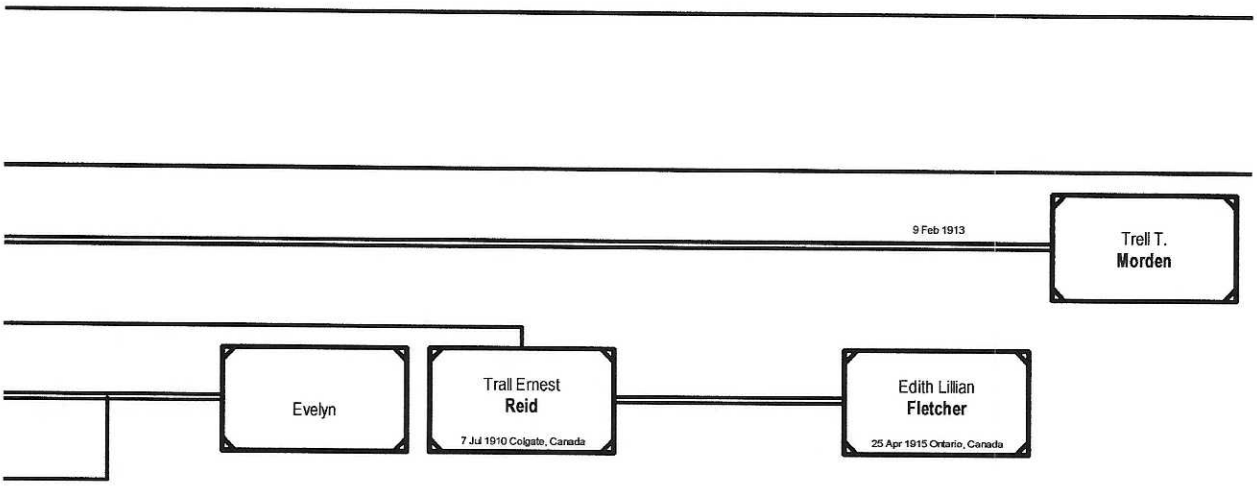
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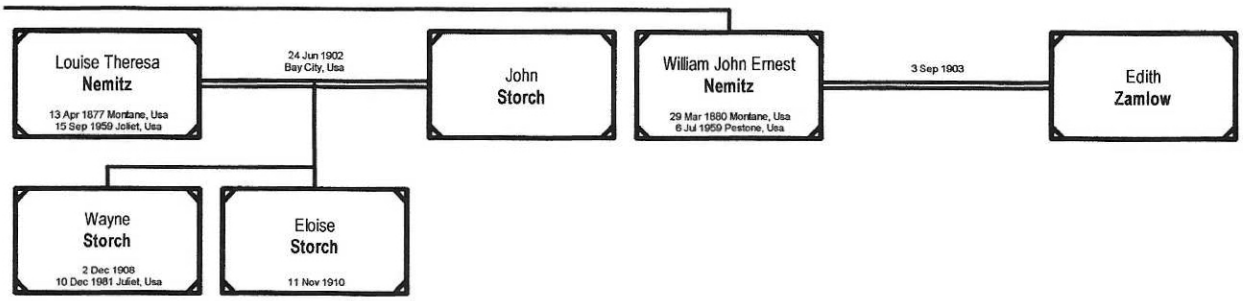
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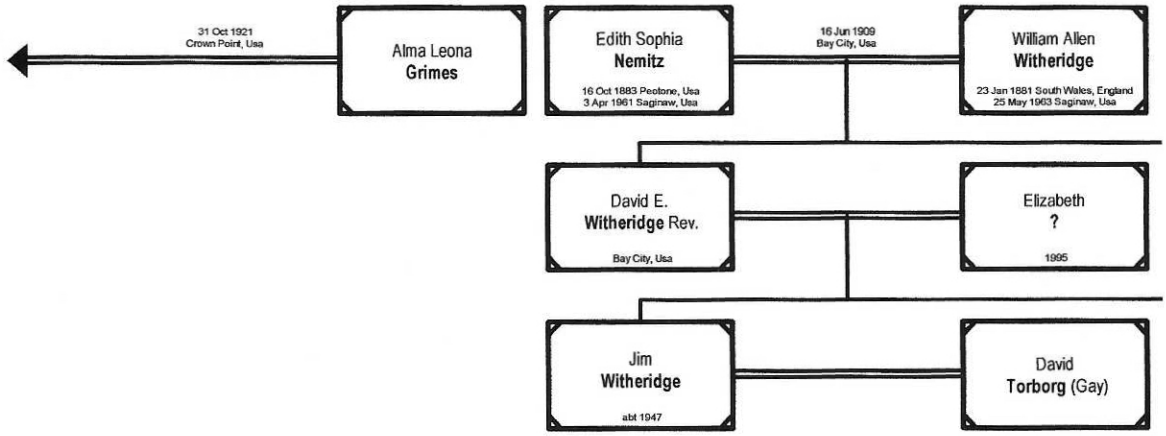
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25 May 1963 Saginaw, Usa
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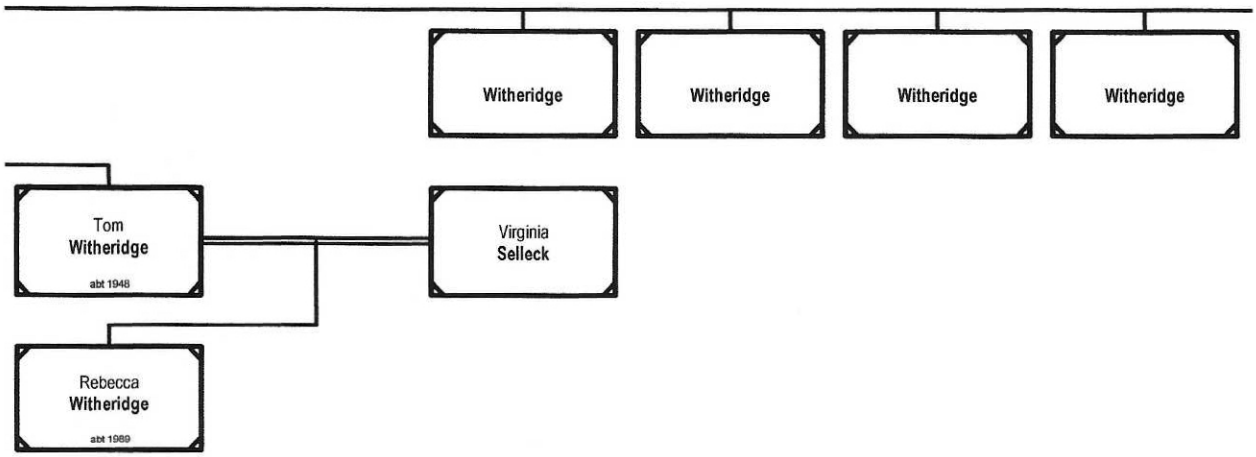
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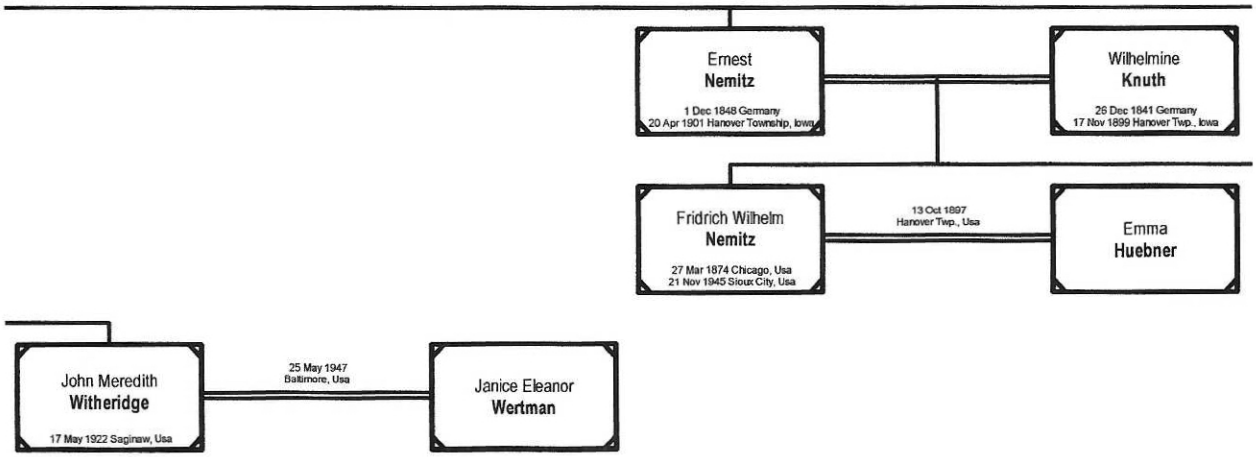
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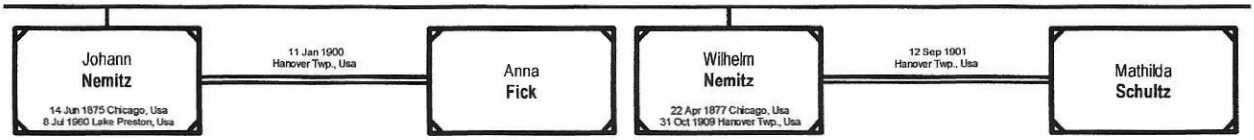
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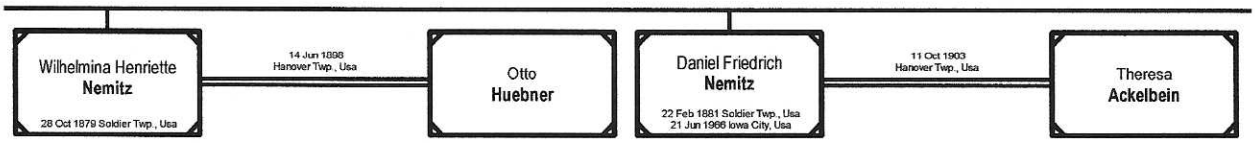
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Daniel Friedrich
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22 Feb 1881 Soldier Twp., Usa
21 Jun 1966 Iowa City, Usa
11 Oct 1903
Hanover Twp., Usa
Theresa
Ackelbein

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Florence Anderson

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(Florence Pearl Hass [b. 1917])

Westby, Montana
July 2, 1974

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

The letter which you sent my mother came to us as my mother doesn't live at Westby now. She has been living in the Nursing Home at Plentywood, which is around 35 miles from us.

It will be three years next November since she had two strokes which left her paralyzed on her right side, so she spends most of her time in a wheelchair. She isn't able to walk or use her right hand, so she isn't able to write letters. My mother's mind wasn't affected so she knows her family and is able to visit with us when we visit her. We are surely thankful Mom is alert in her mind. She doesn't talk as much as she did at first, but I guess that

is to be expected because of her age and her sickness. She is 81 years old.

We are real glad she has a very nice Home to be in as she gets the best of care, which she needs being she's helpless. This Home is connected with the Hospital so it is always easy to get medical help from her doctor whenever needs be.

I'm sure my mother would be happy to see you. It seems she remembers things in the past better than what has happened recently. She would remember your family and all connected with you, I think. It would be nice if you could come and if you could let us know when you would be in Plentywood, we could try to arrange to come also, as it would be nice to meet you.

We live north of Westby, around eleven miles, on a farm.

We expect some of our family home for a visit this month, but if they haven't arrived yet, you are surely welcome to stay over at our home, if you plan to be around for a day or so.

This is Emil Knuth's address now — 916 Blundell Rd. ← Emil Otto ("Amiel") Knuth (b. 1889)
V6Y 1K3 Richmond, B.C.

Ed. Jonke still lives in Lake Alma, Sask. as far as I know. His wife passed away at the first part of ~~the~~ this year.

Please let us know when you will be in Plentywood and we will try to arrange to see you too. Our address is:

Adolph Anderson's (my name is Florence)
Rt. 2 Pt. Box 74
Westby, Mont. 59275
Phone No. 385-2538 (direct dialing)

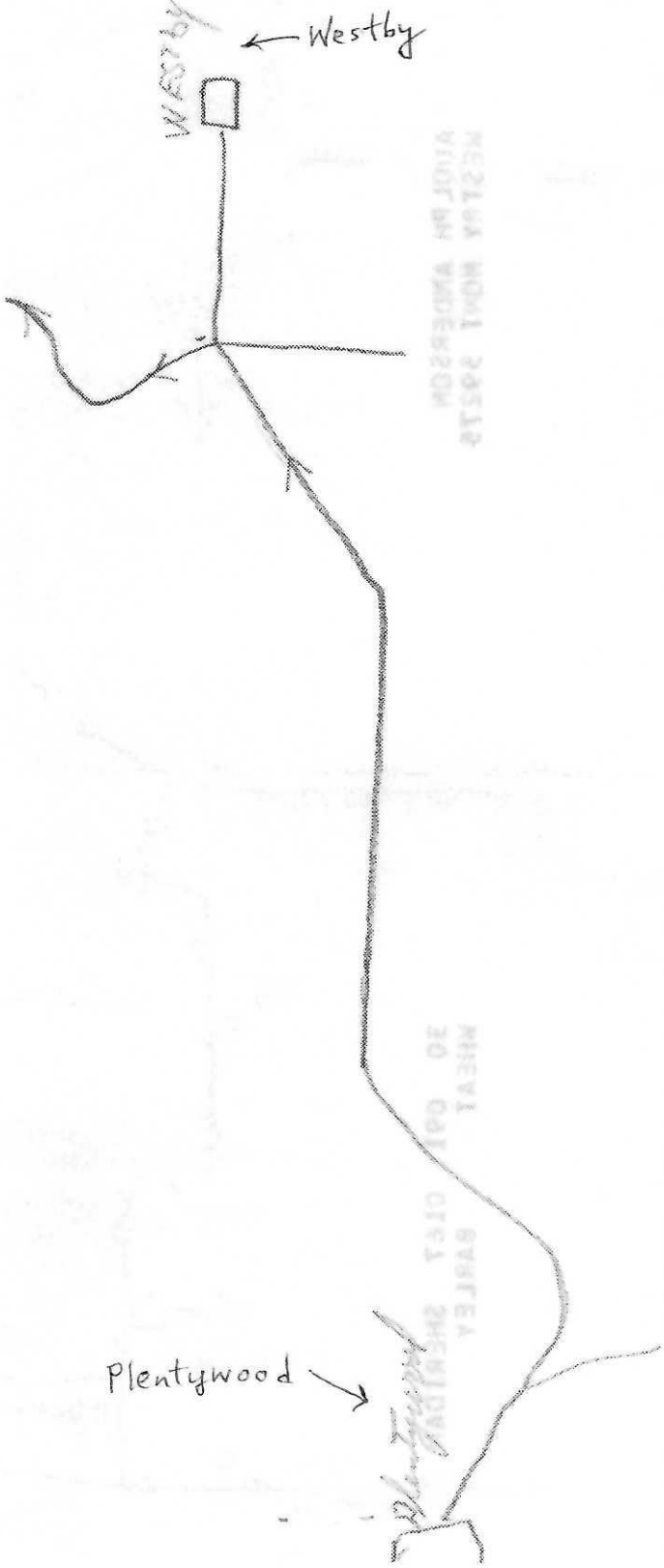
Thank you for writing and have a real nice trip. You would enjoy seeing Glacier National Park.

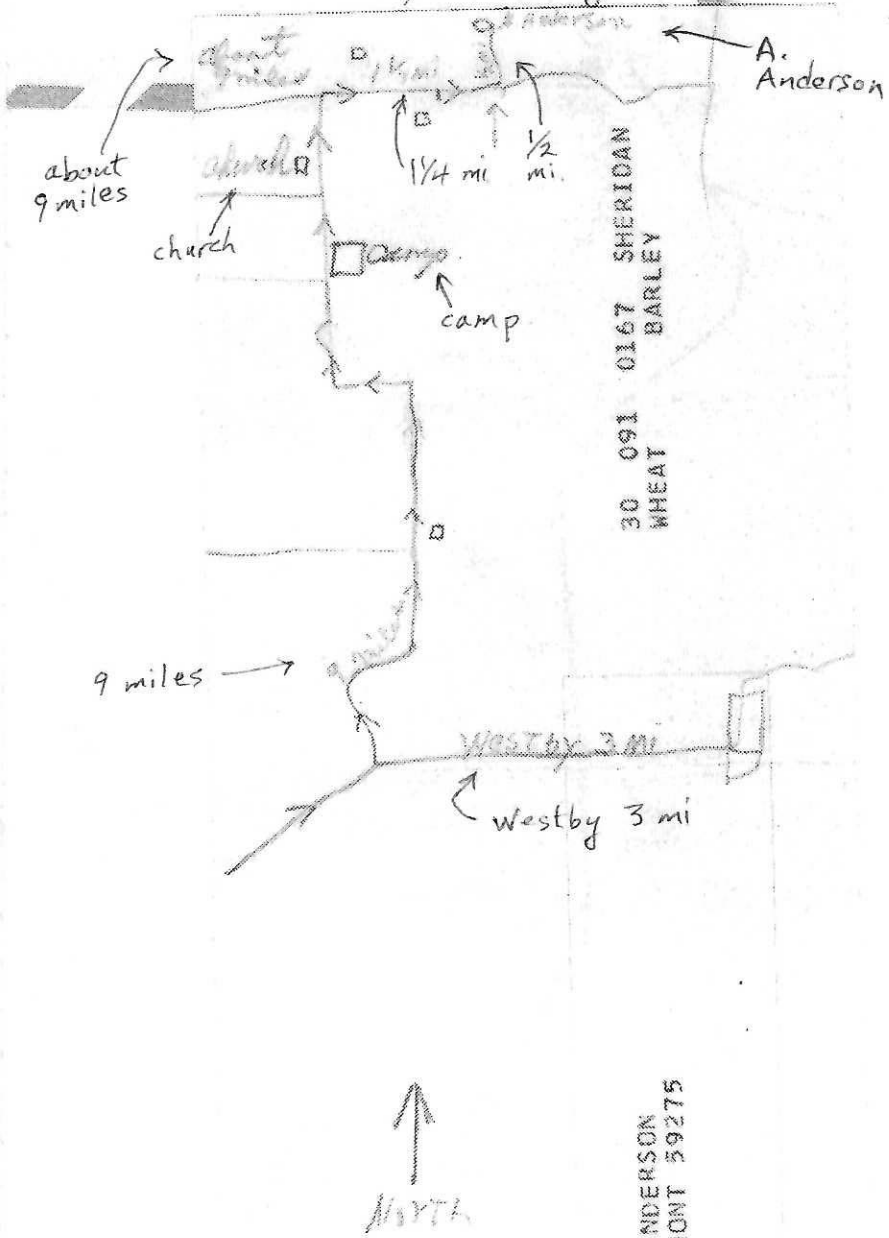
Sincerely,
Adolph'ne Florence Anderson

Adolph Anderson's
Box 74
Westby, Mont. 59275

US 11c
AIR MAIL

Rev. David E. Witheridge
c/o Mr. Edward A. Witheridge
206 Reed Street
Port Townsend, Washington





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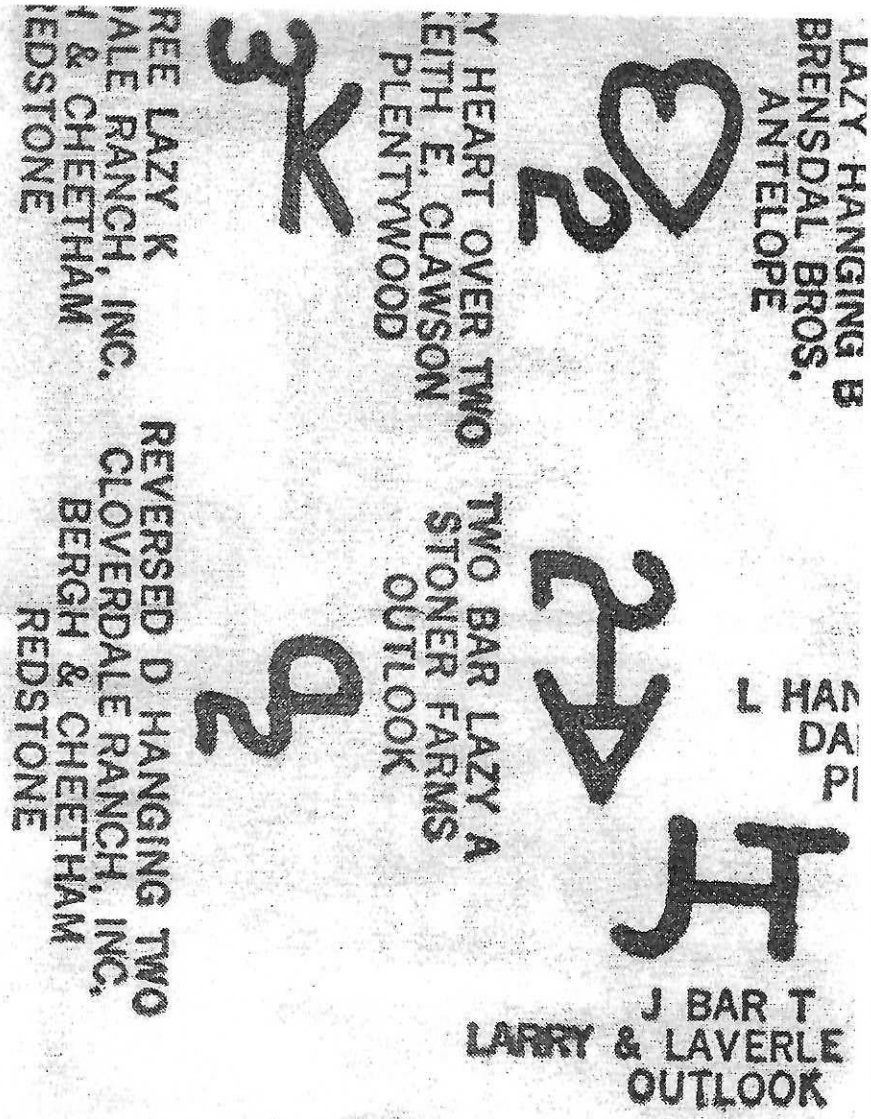

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MRS. CATHERINE
RESERVE

Westby, Montana
August 20, 1974

Dear Elizabeth and David,

Please forgive me for not answering your nice letter before now. It was good to hear you made it home fine. We enjoyed getting to know you folks and having you come to visit us.

Thank you for the picture of the Knuths. It is a good picture of them — they are surely looking fine.

Thanks ever so much for sending us a copy of your book, Elizabeth. I had to sit down and read it right away and found it very interesting. You surely have done real well as an author — that was interesting to hear you had so many books published. You had many exciting experiences while a little girl on the farm. Did your folks live in California for awhile?

We are all fine and busy with different things this time of year. My mother was feeling quite well last Sunday when we visited her. She enjoyed seeing the picture of Ruth's too.

Our weather is quite a bit cooler now and we have had quite a bit of rain, so the harvesting is being held up some. Adolph plans on doing some swathing as soon as it dries up. Our crops aren't looking too bad - the cooler weather has helped a lot for the heads of grain to fill, but now it would be good to have warm weather to help along the ripening.

Our garden has been doing pretty well. We are using our potatoes and have had all the peas and beans we want to eat. My tomato plants are loaded

with tomatoes, but whether we will have a late fall, so they get to ripen, is the next thing. We will probably have to make relish out of some of the green ones. Theda and I blanched and froze around 50 ears of corn yesterday, and there are more ears coming up. I have my beets to pickle yet too.

We had a nice visit with our daughters, Merna and Marlene, and their families last month. They were able to all visit at the same time and Vicki came home on the weekend, so we were all together for a change. It would have been nice if Darrell & Gloria could have been here also.

Marlene and Neil's little boy, Chad, really enjoyed the farm while he stayed here with us a

few days longer, while his folks attended Expo at Spokane. He kept Theresa and I a-hopping! Ha. He would go out to the barn and see the kittens, and down to my garden and pick peas to eat. He surely liked fresh peas. He will be 2 years old Oct. 10th and he is such a big boy. He says quite a few words and some phrases. He'd say, "Hello kitties," when he went to the barn to see them, and he'd talk to the dogs. He didn't go for our dog, Abie's, loving ways! Ha.

We all went out to Deer Lodge for a short visit when Marlene and Neil got back home. Ted was glad to see them again. He didn't cry for them anytime while he was here, so I was glad of that.

I'm enclosing most of the information you need for the family tree. I wrote to some relatives in Wisconsin to find out about my grandfather and grandmother, on my dad's side, but I haven't heard so will send that later when I receive it.

Thanks again for the copy of your book. We surely appreciate your thoughtfulness. You must write again whenever you can. Hope this finds you both well.

Sincerely,
Adolph, Florence, Theresa, & Ruby

P.S. Here is Evelyn Philpot's address which I promised to send you:
Mrs. Ronald V. Philpot
813 E. Main Street #207
West Chicago, Illinois
60185
Believe it or not, but Evelyn & I have corresponded since I was 7 years old.

Darrell Wesley Anderson (b. 1943)

Darrell's 1st marriage date -
June 15, 1964
place - Honolulu, Oahu - Hawaii
His daughter - Laurel Renee Anderson
born - October 15, 1967 - Missoula, Mont.

Darrell's 1st wife -
Bonita Marie (Heaton) Anderson
Born - May 12, 1944 - Oakland, California
Bonita's mother -
Amelia Rose (Belzer) Heaton
Bonita's father - John Doyle Heaton

Merna Verlee Anderson (b. 1945)

Merna Shane - year of marriage -
December 17, 1966
James Lawrence Shane (second name)

Neil Duane Grant (second name)
Born - July 26, 1948 - Deer Lodge, Montana
Neil's father's name -
Marvin Eugene Grant (deceased)
Neil's mother -
Velma Marie (Cole) Grant

Darrell's wife's name -
Gloria G. B. (Hoodson) Anderson
(Sometime when I talk to Darrell I'll find out what Gloria's two initials stand for (unless that isn't necessary).

My sister, Muriel's address -
Mrs. William H. Otto
1514 First Street
Havre, Montana 59501

Darrell's address -
513 Greenleaf Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Merna's address -
Mrs. James L. Shane
3402 51st Street
Moline, Illinois 61265

Marlene's address -
Mrs. Neil Grant
329 Stark Street
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

[Aug. 28, 1974]

[The original was a faint carbon copy.]

8/28/74

Dear Jimmie and Ralph:

We've been home now a couple of weeks, but it seems to take the long trip out and rolling again. It was felt quite hot when we got home, but now it's cooling off a bit. We had nice cool northern nights as long as it was at home.

We both took with great pleasure on the night we spent with you. It was fun just getting to know you people. The time around the pools was something we would always remember! You are lucky to have such pleasant place to live and work.

We also had nothing but good luck and fun. It seems so good to have been around such wonderful people as our kin relations. We are so happy we veered up into Montana and could see you and Jimmie!

I'm sorry we didn't get to meet your sister Myrtle. I don't remember when you said she lives, but I wish you would send us her address, as well as the addresses of your children.

I also wish I had got to write from the

name and date and place of birth of your own Donald's daughter. I think the little four then feel you were going to send me, too, I see I'm also indebted to whom Donald and Christ were married.

I'm sorry we haven't developed the roll of film in which we took your picture. It has 36 of them, and we just haven't finished it yet. However, we thought this one of the Smiths is so good that you'd like to have a copy. We'll send the other later.

In all our conversation we forgot to mention that Elizabeth is an author. She has had seven books published so far — mostly for younger children, though the latter ones have been more for older children or young people.

One of them — Heart Springs Farm — is about the farm she grew up on in Michigan, and we think you'd like to read it. So she's going to send you a copy in the near future.

Now I must close with the thought I offered earlier that we are so happy to have found you, and we hope we can keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Donald + Elizabeth

[Sept. 22, 1974]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
September 22, 1974

Dear Florence, Adolph, and Theresa:

Your last letter was so full of news and information! I do thank you and apologize for not answering as soon as we got the enclosed pictures. I think they turned out beautifully. I'm sending copies to Dorothy and to Florence Smith and eventually to Muriel and to Evelyn Philpot when I get around to writing them. If you want other copies of either picture, let me know and I'll have them made.

We heard from the Smiths that they made a trip east last month and were able to fit in a short visit with Ruby but couldn't get out to see you. I know how time flies when you're on a trip.

Elizabeth says to tell you that her family never lived in California, nor did her parents ever go to Bagdad. Those were items put in for the purpose of developing the plot. Many of the other events in the story, however, actually happened on her farm.

Last night we had 28 degrees here, according to official reports--the coldest on record for this date. That was probably at the airport, and I don't think it was that cold where we are. I picked all the roses that were out (10) and covered the bushes. Nothing seems to have been hurt, so we'll have many more roses, I'm sure.

We're glad you had such a good family gathering. Some day when you have some good snapshots of your children and their families, we'd like to have copies.

Our son Jim starts back at the University of Minnesota tomorrow. He has almost enough credits to complete his sophomore year. Our son Tom in Chicago begins a new job tomorrow in a psychological research project related to Michael Reese Hospital there. He got his master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago in June and plans to take further graduate work in gerontology later.

Thanks again for your good letter. We'll be expecting another one of these days.

Sincerely,

Paul + Elizabeth

Westby, Mont.
December 12, 1974

Dear Elizabeth and David,

It is such a long time since we received your letter and the pictures, I feel ashamed for not answering sooner. Thank you so much for the pictures — they turned out real well.

Hope this finds you all fine as we are. My mother stays about the same, but she seems to feel pretty good. We visited with her again last Sunday. Dorothy and Edwin visited also.

We have been having real nice weather with temperatures up in the 40's, but last night it started snowing and today it has been snowing some, so it looks more wintery now, and is a little colder.

The time is going so fast, Christmas will soon be here, and

another New Year will be arriving. Vicki will be the only one of our family, who will be home for Christmas. The others don't have that much time off from their jobs, to do any traveling. Vicki is still working as a dental assistant in Plentywood.

Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

I finally received the rest of the information concerning my dad's side of the family.

My grandfather's name:
Fredrick Edward Hass

My grandmother's name:
Juliana Constine Lambrecht

My dad was born near
Fall Creek, Wisconsin
July 25, 1883

This is my sister, Muriel's, address:
Mrs. Wm H. Otte
1514 First Street
Havre, Montana 59501

Have a very nice Christmas and write again sometime. Thanks again for the pictures.

Sincerely,
Adolph and Florence

Answered March 17 - 1975

Thursday
March 13, 1975

Dear Elizabeth,

I received your letter yesterday so will try and get this off to you today. We are all fine, including my mother. We were in Plentywood yesterday and visited with her for awhile.

Our weather has been pretty nice, especially yesterday, and it is already 35° this forenoon and suppose to get up to 40-45° today. We don't have very much snow.

Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

Thresa Anderson → Thresa and Vicki are at Helena, Montana now — they left yesterday after Vicki got off work, and drove as far as Havre last night. Our Westby Basketball Team ~~were~~ was Class B Champions, so they are at Helena playing for State Champions. Hope they do real well. They were State Champions in 1972. There aren't many people left in Westby and

around the vicinity as they have all gone to Helena. Ha.

Vicki's fiance is assistant basketball coach and he drove the team bus to Helena. Vicki wanted to go too so Shaen went along to keep her company.

Wayne Koterba

I must tell you Vicki and Wayne Koterba were engaged at Christmas and plan to be married May 31st. Vicki is planning a church wedding at Shelby, so she is busy making plans.

It sounds like your rubber plant is really growing. Yes, I think you can cut off that shoot and root it. I usually take a container like one of the plastic pails that have ice cream in it and put a little water in the bottom and add some soil. Then I just set the shoot in that and let it sit until roots start forming at the bottom. It doesn't matter if the shoot and leaves sit somewhat

slanting in the containes as long as the leaves aren't hurt. Have the soil and water mixture come up a little ways on the branch. It will take a little while before the roots will form, but whenever there seems to be enough sprouts, then you can transplant it into a big pot. I usually keep plenty of water on the soil so it stays moist. That way if you want to check on roots you won't break off any if you lift it up. Hope you make out fine with a new plant. I have to do the same thing with some new shoots.

I must tell you we have another new grandson. Marlene and Neil Grant at Deer Lodge got a baby boy February 6th. They named him "Aaron Douglas". He weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. and is a very

good baby. Adolph and I were out to Deer Lodge for a week and a half after the baby was born, so I helped Marlene out for awhile.

Greetings to David and write again whenever you can.

Love,

Florence and Adolph

1975

With many good wishes
for the holidays and the coming year.

Adolph, Florence, Theresa, & Ruby

Hope this finds you all fine. We are fine.
Mother isn't feeling the best right now.
Have a very happy & blessed Christmas. Love,
Florence

Christmas letter - 12/9/96

Friday
January 9, 1996

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Just a few lines to let you know, my mother passed away last Friday, Jan. 2nd. She had been in the hospital since Dec. 15th because of fluid in her system. Her heart wasn't able to pump it out of her system, so it built up and she was quite congested, so she wasn't able to breathe very well. After giving her a shot to remove the fluid and extra oxygen, she felt fairly good for a few days and was able to enjoy Christmas Eve with us. She was weak and wasn't able to say many words but she enjoyed seeing her gifts and having us with her. We were thankful she was able to be with us at Christmas.

During her last days she slept most of the time, but she knew

when we were with her. We are thankful to the Lord that she could just slap away without any pain. It is so sad to lose a loved one, but in Mom's case it was for the best, so she didn't have to linger on and on. She had failed a lot since you were here.

Our weather wasn't the best at the time of the funeral, so none of the grandchildren, except Vicki & Wayne, were able to come home. Muriel wasn't able to come because her husband, Bill Otte, had had a heart attack recently, so she wasn't able to leave him alone. Uncle Ed. Lomke from Lake Alma was here and Russell Knuth from Tribune were also here for the funeral.

I'm enclosing a little note, "In Remembrance" for you. I let the Storks & Evelyn Philpot know. Hope this finds you all well.

Love,
Adolph & Florence, & Thom

[Jan. 5, 1976]

In Remembrance

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepareth a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

RUBY HASS

APRIL 29, 1894

JANUARY 2, 1976

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MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1976
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Edmer Westgard — Sven Bervik
Ben Anderson — Idor Ekness
Erling Tangedal — Cal Peterson

FULKERSON FUNERAL HOME

[Christmas 1976]

1976

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10

David and Elizabeth –
& family

This brings a prayer at Christmas time
That God will always bless your home and you
and those you love with lasting happiness.
Adolph, Florence, + Theresa

How are you folks? We are fine. Thank you for the card you sent. I'll bet you had a very interesting trip. Have a happy Christmas. Love, Florence

[Dec. 13, 1980]

Dec. 13th
1980

Dear David and Elizabeth,

It's that time again when we keep in touch. Hope this finds you folks feeling fine as we are. Christmas will be here before we know it. We have some snow and our weather is quite nice right now – above zero. We will be spending Christmas Eve with Vicki and family. They are all fine.

I must tell you we have another new grandson. Vicki & Wayne got a big healthy boy Nov. 25th, so now they have 3 boys. They named him, "Luke Jeremy" and he weighed 10 lbs. 4 ozs – 21½" long. Wasn't that a big fellow? He's a real good baby and Kyle (3½ yrs) and Beth (15 mos.) surely think the world of him. Theresa is helping Vicki out for the time being.

We had a pretty good year – it was dry during the summer, but our crops turned out pretty good anyway. You must have a very happy Christmas & blessed New Year.

Love,
Adolph, Florence, and Theresa

May you have, at Christmas time,
The peace He came to bring,
And may He grant you,
all year long,
The best of everything.

Seasons Greetings!

Adolph, Florence, and Theresa

[Dec. 15, 1981]

Dec. 15th
1981

Dear Folks,

Hope this finds you doing well. We are fine here, including Vicki, Wayne & boys. Luke celebrated his 1st birthday on Thanksgiving Day (it was Nov. 26th but he wanted a day!), so all the family near by were together at Vicki's. Seth was 2 yrs. old (Sept. 13) and really is a talker. Kyle will be 5 yrs. next April. He is busy learning his letters and numbers and really enjoys that.

Marlene would like us to spend Christmas with them at Deer Lodge, but it might not be the best to get out on the roads with little folks, being we have to drive on mountain roads too. Our weather is beautiful now, but a little colder. We have some snow. You folks have a very happy Christmas.

Love,
Joseph, Florence & Theresa

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The hills are dark against the winter sky now -- The earth's at peace, and sleeping in the darkness -- while far above ---- a Star begins to glow. -- B.J. HOFF

[Christmas 1982]

Christmas Greetings!
Adolph and Florence

See enlargement on next page →

Dear Folks,

We are fine and hope this finds you the same. We are getting more snow today so will have a white Christmas. We will be spending Christmas with Vicki, Wayne & Greg. They have moved into their new home in Hartley now - really enjoy it.

Have a very happy Christmas.

Love,

1982 Adolph & Florence

Adolph and Florence
Christmas 1982

[Dec. 1983]

Dec. 1983

Dear David and Elizabeth,

It is that time again when we want to remember our friends & relatives. Hope this finds you all doing well. We are fine and are looking forward to being with Vicki, Wayne, & family at Christmas time. They have a new baby girl born Sept. 17th, so we are really happy to have another granddaughter. They named her "Brian Joy", and she is a sweet baby. She weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21½" long, so she is a good size. The boys - Kyle, Beth, and Luke really think she's tops. Kyle was 6 yrs. last April, 24th and is in the 1st grade - Beth was 4 yrs. last Sept. 12th and Luke was 3 yrs. Nov. 25th. Now we have 2 granddaughters and 5 grandsons!

We had a good year, although the hot weather in July & Aug. was terrible. The humidity really was the worst. It all did affect our crops so they weren't the best. We are having cold wintery weather now but not a lot of snow.

Love,

Florence & Family

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Luke 2:10

David, Elizabeth, and family

May Peace

and Joy be yours

at Christmastime and

throughout the New Year.

Have a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Love,

Adolph, Florence, & Theresa

[Christmas 1985 and 1986]

Hi Folks, 1985

Hope this finds you doing well. We are fine and busy preparing for Christmas. Our son and family plan to be us during Christmas, if things work out for them. We will be together for Christmas at Vicki & Wayne's home. "Briann Joy" their little girl was 2 years Sept 17th. She is so great. All the boys have grown so much. Have a nice Christmas and Happy New

Dear Folks,

Hope this finds you doing well. Right now Adolph has a bad cold, but it seems to be getting better. We are all fine otherwise. Our weather has been so nice lately. It is really a treat. We don't have much snow. Vicki, Wayne, & family are doing fine and very busy. Wayne is still Elementary Principal besides teaching science and computer at the Westby School. Vicki is still working as Parish Secretary at our church (3 churches in all). Their 3 boys are in school now — Kyle in the 4th grade; Seth in the 1st grade; and Luke in kindergarten. Their little girl, Briann, was 3 years old last Sept. 17th. Our son Darrell is out west in Mont. right now, doing some skiing at White fish with his daughter, Laurel. She is attending the University at Missoula and getting along fine. Merna, our oldest daughter lives at Omaha, Neb. She is busy going to school to become a lawyer and also works part-time ~~for~~ the Staff for Northwestern Bell. Marlene & her family are still at Deer Lodge, Mt. They have their own Garage Business (Gas & Repair Service). We had a good year. Since Adolph retired we take it easy & enjoy the grandchildren

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
— Luke 2:14

[Christmas 1987]

Dear David & Elizabeth,
How are you folks? We are all fine and enjoying nice weather for this time of the year - no snow. We had a good year - went on some trips with our family. Our oldest daughter, Merna lives at Omaha & works on the staff for Northwestern Bell. She is also going to law school. She won a week's stay at a condominium at Dillon Colo. last July, so she invited all our family to come & stay with her. We had a happy family reunion, took in all the sights, saw some beautiful mountain scenery (this is in skiing area) and relaxed. Really beautiful in that area. We spent Thanksgiving with daughter, Marlene & family who live at Deer Lodge, Mt. Also visited Adolph's brother, Ossie & wife at Helena Mt. and my sister, Muriel & Bill Otto at Havre. They are fine. We will be spending Christmas with our daughter, Vicki and family who live at Westby. We enjoy having those grandkids near by. Hope we have a nice winter so we can get around some to visit neighbors.

Merry Christmas!
Adolph, Florence, Theresa 1987-

1987

Joyful carols
are gladly telling
"Christmas day
will soon be here;"
God give you
His richest blessings
To bring you joy
that lasts all year!

Have a blessed Christmas
and a wonderful New Year!
Love,
Adolph, Florence & Theresa

"Let the whole earth be filled with his glory."
—Psalm 72:19

[Dec. 16, 1988]

Dec. 16th 1989 ← ?

Dear Folks,

It is that time again to keep in touch. We are fine and hope this finds you doing well. We had a busy year with Westby celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in July. Most of our family came home for it. We also had Adolph's cousins from Norway come and visit us this summer. They are such nice people. We had visited them when we were in Norway on a tour in 1982. Our family is doing well and they are busy it seems. We are living in Westby for the winter as we have a shortage of water on the farm. The drought we had this summer caused a lot of wells to go dry or almost. It was a hot + dry summer. We have a cozy 2-bedroom apartment at the Manor for senior citizens. We get to see Vicki and family more often now. They are all fine and busy.

"Let the whole earth be filled with his glory." Psalm 72:19

Have a very blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year. Love, Florence 1983

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Joyful carols
are gladly telling
"Christmas day
will soon be here;"
God give you
His richest blessings
To bring you joy
that lasts all year!

Lovingly,

Adolph, Florence, + Theresa

1939 - September 24 - 1989

We thank you dear friends and relatives
for your presence at our Anniversary.
It has meant so much to us to
have you share our day.
We thank God for the many blessings
we have received and ask that He would
shower His blessings on you.
Thank you all again for remembering
our Golden Wedding day.

Adolph and Florence

[Sept. 24, 1989]

50th Wedding Anniversary

Adolph and Florence
Anderson
1939 - September 24 - 1989

September 24, 1939

Adolph and Florence
Anderson

1989

Our Family

Darrell and Gloria
Laurel

Merna

Marlene and Neil
Thad and Aaron

Vicki and Wayne
Kyle, Seth, Luke & Briann

[Dec. 12, 1989]

They moved their farm house into town!

Dear David and Elizabeth, Dec. 12, 1989

Hope this finds you doing well. We are quite well here except for colds. We have had a busy year. We took on a big project and had our house out on the farm, moved to Westby in August. Everything went fine and the movers did a good job. We had to do a little fixing in the house where the plaster crumbled and there were a few cracks, from the moving, but we are pretty well settled now. It's a good feeling to be back in the home we're use to. We had lived in Westby at the Manor last winter because we had a shortage of water on the farm. Then we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 24th, with many friends and relatives helping us celebrate. All our family ~~were~~ was home for the occasion. I'm enclosing a folder and picture from our Anni. We will be with Vicki + family for Christmas.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory."
John 1:14

God bless your Christmas with
the embracing warmth of friendship,
the precious joys of sharing,
and the gentle touch of His presence.

Christmas Blessings to You.

Have a happy and blessed Christmas
and a wonderful New Year.

Lovingly,
Adolph and Florence

[July 18, 1997]

See the index entry for: Pommerntag, Milwaukee, WI

Friday Eve
July 18, 1997

Dear David,

I've been going to write to you before and I'm finally getting it done. We made it home fine. It was raining in Williston and rained most of the way to Westby. We needed rain and lately we have been getting more rain, so the crops are looking good.

I'm really glad that our trip went so well, and I'm really glad Thresa and I decided to go with Vicki. It was great to meet Friedrich — he is such a pleasant person.

Thresa Anderson and Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Vicki has gotten most of her pictures developed. She has another film left to finish, so I'm anxious to see how they turned out. I have a few left on my camera too. How did your pictures turn out?

It was great to see you again, David, after all these years. It made it nice that you could sit with us

so we could visit during our train ride. I'm also glad Darrell and Theresa's sister, Mabel, and her daughters, Nedra and Marlys could be with us.

We have been having quite high temperatures and humidity lately. The humidity surely gets to me. I'm not able to do much when it gets high temperatures.

My flowers have been blooming so nice. I have a big yard with lawn. My grandsons, Seth & Luke, mow the lawn for me, so they keep it looking nice. Seth will be a senior at the Westby high school this coming year and Luke will be a ~~sophomore~~ junior, so I won't have them to help me soon, when they go to college. Vicki & Wayne's daughter, Briann (ē sound), will be in the 8th grade.

Adolph not doing well — apparently in the Plentywood facility

Adolph has been feeling pretty good. We visited him today when we went to Plentywood. He sleeps a lot. Being he can't talk, it's hard to know

if he recognizes us or not. Some days he's a little more alert.

Vicki and Wayne left on a little trip yesterday morning for Utah, just to get away for a few days and relax, before Wayne has to be back at school. They were going to go to Salt Lake City too and Vicki was going to look up some more information there, pertaining to family records at the Headquarters. Their daughter, Brian, has been visiting some relatives in Denver, Colo. so they were going to get her on the same trip. Beth + Luke and several other young folks plan to fly to New Orleans July 22nd for a National Youth Organization gathering. I think there are 15 boys + girls going, our minister, Pastor Bob Westhoff + two chaperons. The young folks have been busy this summer putting on

different gatherings to make money to pay for their airfare and other expenses. I hope it won't be too hot for them, but I guess they have information to follow to keep in shape.

No, it is bedtime so will call this good. Hope this finds you doing well. Greetings to your sons. It would be nice hearing from you again.

Love,

Adolph, Florence, & Theresa

[Aug. 5, 1997]

August 5, 1997

Dear Florence,

Thank you for your letter and for all the information. I, too , think we had a wonderful trip, and I was very happy to see you and Thresa again and to meet Vicki and the others. I was especially pleased to meet Friedrich, and I know he enjoyed it all very much.

I've been very busy since I got home, and it isn't over yet. Jim reported that we had a bad wind storm that tore a number of shingles off the roof. It's a very old roof, so I knew I had to get a new one. But before I could make arrangements for that, we had some very hard rains, with water leakage to the ceiling of three upstairs rooms. I've had to spend a lot of time getting bids for a new roof and trying to get the insurance company to pay for the water damage. Now they are ready to start the roof in a week or two, and that will be a mess for a while.

Jim and David bought a new computer, and they gave me their old one. I'm glad about that, but it has taken a lot of time to find a place for it, set it up, and learn how to use it. Yours is the third letter I've written on it, and things seem to be going all right.

Tell Vicki I'll be writing to her soon and sending her some pictures. I found some extra prints of the pictures of some of your Tomke relatives that I think Vicki wanted. I'm glad she and Wayne had a chance to get away for a while

I hope that you are all well and that your weather has been better. I'm glad that Adolph has been feeling well most of the time. My health remains good, and I am continuing my schedule of walking and exercising. Well, I guess that's all for now.

Love,

FA080497

[Oct. 11, 1997]

IT RAINED WEDNESDAY ... THE KIND OF DAY THAT MAKES A FARMER GLAD HE FINISHED HIS FIELD WORK THE DAY BEFORE.

TO DAD, SECTIONS OF HIS FARM WERE "PLACES." THE COWS NEEDED TO BE MOVED TO "PAUL'S PASTURE". THE GRAIN NEEDED TO BE CHECKED TO SEE IF IT WAS RIPENING ON "PETE DAHL'S". OR SOMETIMES, DAD WAS DOWN AT THE "HOME PLACE" OR "THE OTHER PLACE", AS WE CALLED THE LAND WHERE HIS PARENTS LIVED AND RAISED THEIR FAMILY.

DAD WAS ALWAYS ON TOP OF THINGS, AHEAD OF THE GAME, WHENEVER POSSIBLE. HE DIDN'T LEAVE THINGS TO BE DONE ANOTHER DAY IF HE COULD TAKE CARE OF IT SOONER.

DAD CONTINUALLY HAD HIS EYE ON THE WEATHER. HE ALWAYS MADE SURE TO GET THAT LAST BIT OF FIELD WORK DONE ... JUST IN CASE THE WET, STORMY WEATHER MIGHT DELAY HIM FROM FINISHING.

I AWOKE TO THE SOUND OF RAIN WEDNESDAY MORNING, AND I THOUGHT "HOW APPROPRIATE ... THAT DAD FINISHED HIS 'FIELD WORK' ON THAT BEAUTIFUL TUESDAY EVENING ... JUST AHEAD OF THE RAIN ... AND JUST IN TIME ... TO MOVE HIS MACHINERY TO HIS NEW 'HOME PLACE'".

vk

Adolph P. Anderson

Born
February 18, 1908
Coon Valley, Wisconsin

Died
October 7, 1997
Plentywood, Montana

Services
10:00 AM Saturday, October 11, 1997
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Westby, Montana

Officiating
Pastor Barbara Westhoff

Music

Pianist
Kendal Tangedal

Vocalists
Mike Kittelson

"I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Beyond the Sunset"

Congregational Hymns:
Processional Hymn: *#165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"*
Recessional Hymn: *#448, "Amazing Grace"*

Bearers:
Bazil Anderson, Ellis Hagen, Lawrence Heppner
Bernt Ward, Bruce Westgard, Marty Westgard

Honorary Bearers
Richard and Renetta Westgard
Maynard and Clara Eggen
Chester and Eunice Solberg
Kenneth and Palma Heckman
Present Sheridan Electric Cooperative board members and employees and those who served Sheridan Electric while Adolph was on the Board of Directors (1950 — 1986)

Ushers
Myron "Doc" Meyer, Bennett Krowen

Interment
Westby Cemetery

All are invited to return to the church for luncheon and fellowship following the interment rites

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood

Farming

I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat and the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its' hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned no other way.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of the wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I belive when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

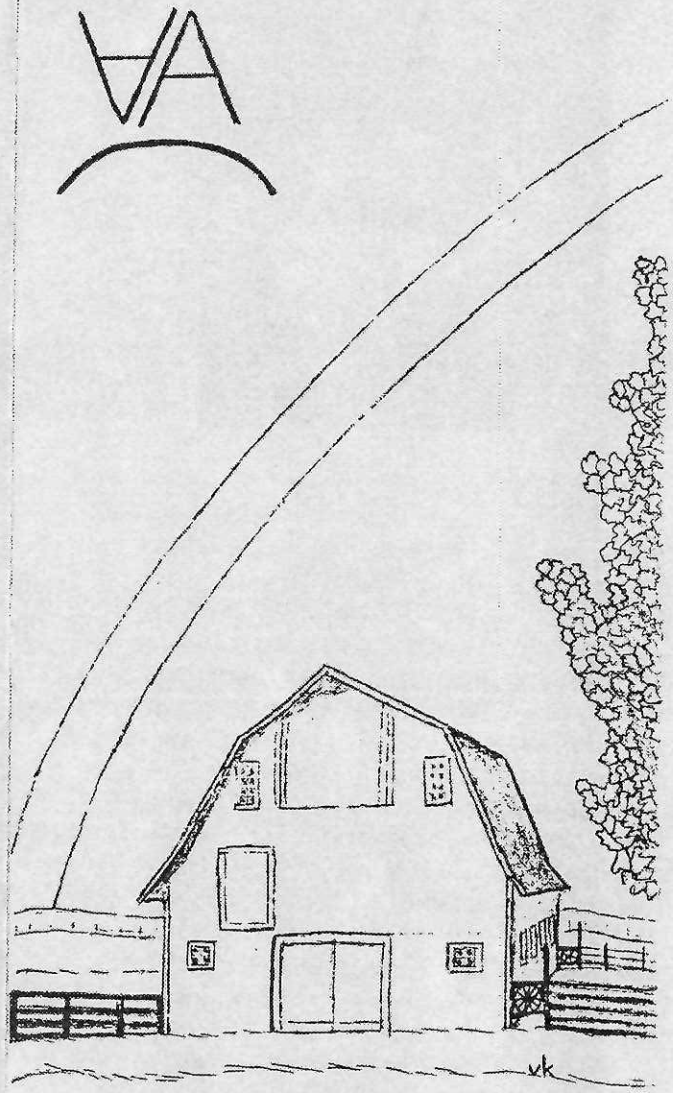
I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

Adolph was born at Coon Valley, Wisconsin February 18, 1908; the son of Reinhardt and Trina (Thomte) Anderson. The family moved to Montana and settled northwest of Westby, where Adolph attended the Pleasant Valley school. He was baptized in Coon Valley, confirmed at the Overland Church (although in Saskatchewan, just across the boundary from their farm, it was the closest church to their home — and in those days the international boundary didn't matter much!) and for many years was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church until it merged with Immanuel Lutheran Church at Westby. When he was 19 years old he took over the family farming operation, and farmed until he retired. He married Florence Hass at First Lutheran Church in Westby September 24, 1939. They lived on the farm, raised wheat and barley and registered Angus cattle, and simply enjoyed being near the land. He enjoyed hunting and trapping, and as a youth, Adolph played the accordion for dances in homes throughout the community. A hard worker, Adolph was a good manager ... his family remembers that he could solve just about any problem that came along by applying his intelligence and great common sense. If someone came to him with a problem, he often said "I can show you how I'd do it; it might not be the way you're supposed to do it, but it'll work!" For 36 years, from 1950 to 1986, Adolph served on the board of the Sheridan Rural Electric Cooperative, and often traveled to REA conventions. He served on the Westby school board, and on the Immanuel Lutheran Church council. He and Florence celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on September 24. Although he entered Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in September 1990, Westby has remained his home.

Adolph is survived by his wife, Florence, of Westby; by four children and their families: Darrell, of Wilmette, Illinois; Merna Thane, of Denver, Colorado; Marlene and her husband Neil Swant, of Deer Lodge, Montana; and Vicki, and her husband Wayne Koterba, of Westby. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Laurel Anderson-Rostami, of Renton, Washington; 2LT Thad Swant, stationed at Vance AFB at Enid, Oklahoma; Aaron Swant, of Deer Lodge; Kyle Koterba, attending Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota; and Seth, Luke, and Briann Koterba, at home in Westby. He also has a great-granddaughter, Hannah Swant, of Helena. Adolph has one surviving brother, Orris, and his wife Audrey, of Helena; and two sisters: Thresa Anderson, of Westby; and Mabel, and her husband Norbert Mientke, of Wausau, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by a brother, Christian, who died in 1915 at age 4.

TREASURED SEASONS

For everything there is
an appointed season
And a time for everything
under heaven —
A time for Sharing
a time for caring
A time for loving
a time for giving
A time for remembering
a time for parting.
You have made everything
beautiful in its time
For everything you do
remains forever.



In Loving Memory of

Adolph P. Anderson

February 18 1908 ✝ *October 7 1997*

[Oct. 22, 1997]

October 22, 1997

Dear David,

I must write and tell you, Adolph passed away October 7th and his burial was October 11th. Toward the last he was having trouble swallowing his food and liquids so he hadn't taken any food for several days. He slept most of the time and gradually got weaker during the end of a week or so.

Merna, our oldest daughter, who lives in Denver, Co. came home and stayed with him for two nights. He had no pain it seemed. Theresa and I and Vicki stayed with him during the days, so I'm glad we were able to be with him.

He passed away peacefully, so I'm thankful he wasn't in pain. It is a blessing Adolph is in his heavenly home with his Lord. He was in the Nursing Home for seven years but he never complained.

Our minister, Pastor Bart Westhoff,

had a very comforting service. She is a wonderful person and does so well. A young fellow in our church, sang so beautifully, and the Ladies Circle that Theresa and I are with, served a real nice lunch. So many came to Adolph's funeral. All our family came home, and my sister, Dorothy & her husband, Edwin Hansen came and Mabel, Theresa's sister, from Wisconsin, and her husband, Norbert Mientke also came.

I'm enclosing a folder in memory of Adolph. Vicki added so much with her drawing on the front cover, and the write-up below Adolph's picture on the second page.

Hope this finds you doing well. I have been feeling quite well. It is so comforting knowing Adolph is at peace.

If you write to Friedrich, please tell him Adolph has passed away. Thank you. Greetings from Theresa and Vicki & family. Vicki is such a big help. Lovingly,

Florence & Family

[This may have been a draft for a sympathy card.] [Oct. 28, 1997]

10/28/97

Dear Florence, Theresa, Vicki, + all,

I weren't surprised when I got the news about Adolph, but I was deeply moved, as I thought of all the lovely times you all had together and ~~all~~ the sadness of recent years. It is better both for you and him, but there will be moments of grief from time to time and a period of adjustment. I'll be thinking of you and remembering you in my prayers. I'm so glad we had those days together in June.

Love,

David

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Dear David,

Thank you so much for the generous gift in memory of Adolph, to be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your comforting words of sympathy. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

I'm so thankful that Adolph passed away peacefully. After so many years of lingering. Now he is at peace with his Lord in his heavenly home.

We will miss him but it is a blessing he doesn't have to suffer anymore.

I'm so glad too, that we could all be together for the gathering in Wisconsin last June.

Thank you again.

Lovingly,

Florence and Family

and Therese

Vicki, Wayne, + Family

We are doing quite well.

[July 19, 1998]

See index entry for Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

Sunday
July 19, 1998

Dear David & Family,

I'm sorry I'm so slow getting a letter sent to you. I don't know where the time goes, but it is really going!

We want to thank you for your wonderful hospitality while at your home. Thank you so much for all the delicious food! It was great to meet all the cousins and friends from all directions! You did a good job, David, in planning all the get-togethers and where we would be staying. We enjoyed seeing Friedrich again and his wife, Renate, is so special.

We had a nice visit with Rose's sister, Mabel and Norbert Mientke at Wausau, and we also saw Marlys Mientke and Nedra and John Voettner. Marlys is working at a Bank in Milwaukee, so she is kept busy. Nedra + John have a nice

home near Marshall, Wi. John hauls milk to different states, so he is kept busy.

We experienced several electrical storms while in Wisconsin - it was kind of scary. There were several storms and strong winds that did some damage, and there was power outage about the time we were going back to Minneapolis. Our train was several hours late, so we got back to Minneapolis at 2:30 in the morning! Vicki + Wayne were back from China, so they were waiting for us at the depot!! They had a wonderful and interesting trip.

We have been having quite humid weather, so it is nice having air conditioning.

Hope this finds you doing well. Thanks again for everything - we really enjoyed ourselves.

Lots of love,

Florence and Theresa

Sunday [Nov. 21, 1999]
November 21, 1999

Dear David,

Looking through my letters, I found your letter and the picture taken when we were visiting you at your home. Also all the other interesting material you had sent. I'm very sorry I didn't write sooner. I hope this finds you doing well. We are all fine and busy some way or other. Our weather has been great so far. We haven't had any snow yet, so I suppose it will surprise us one of these days!

I must tell you, we plan to help Theresa celebrate her 90th birthday next Sunday, Nov. 28th. Her birthday was Nov. 8th, but all the Sundays were taken up, so we will be celebrating next Sunday following our 10:00 o'clock services at our church. We will be serving birthday cake and coffee during coffee

hour and then there will be a Birthday luncheon served a little later after services, for whoever can attend. I was hoping my family could come home for it, but I guess they can't get away, being they all have their jobs. Vicki will be the only one, being they live close. They are fine and busy with their jobs. Wayne is still Superintendent of the Westby Public School and Vicki is a Transcriptionist right in her home. She enjoys her work.

Their three sons, Kyle, Seth, & Luke are attending College. Seth & Luke are attending Concordia College at Moorhead, N. Dak. and Kyle is attending NDSU at Fargo, N. Dak. They will be coming home for Thanksgiving. Brian is a Sophomore at the Westby School. Time really flies!

Merna, my oldest daughter, was just home for a recent visit. She is living at Evergreen, Colo. and still working for U S West at Denver.

Marlene & Neil Duant are still at Deer Lodge, Mt. Marlene is the Secretary at the Powell Hi School and Neil is Supervisor of the Bus Drivers for the school. Their son, Thad is a 1. Lt. in the Air Force and flies the cargo planes. He just returned from an assignment overseas in Saudi Arabia and is stationed in North Carolina. He has a 5-yr. old daughter, so I have one great-granddaughter (Hannah). She is with her mother who has re-married. I understand, he calls Hannah every night, so ~~the~~ she keeps in contact with her father. She is a very bright little girl. I haven't seen her for sometime. Aaron, Marlene & Neil's other son, lives right in Deer Lodge and has a good job.

Darrell and his wife, Natalie, live in Seattle, Washington. They

like Seattle much better than Chicago and are kept busy with their jobs. Theresa and I flew out to Seattle last year in July. We had a nice visit with them. Darrell's daughter, Laurel, also lives in Seattle, so they get together often. She is married and they both have jobs too. So we got to visit with them too.

What do you hear from Friedrich? Vicki was saying he isn't feeling well. I hope he is feeling better.

I hope this finds you doing well, David. Write when you can and come and visit us, if it works out for you. Someone can come and pick you up at Williston, if you decide to come.

Lots of love,
Florence and Theresa

P.S. Thank you for your card, picture and the other interesting material you sent. I'm sorry I waited so long to write. Florence

Ilse Babiel

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
November 26, 1984

Frau Else Babiel
2070 Ahrensburg/Holst.
Gerhard-Hauptmann-Str. 12
Federal Republic of Germany

[See N20]

See next few pages →

Dear Frau Babiel:

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, came to America from Stolp in 1873. I am trying to find someone in Germany who is related to him.

The Heimatortskartei Nordosteuropa gave me your name and address and said that your maiden name was Nemitz and that you were born in Stolp. Do you know enough about your Nemitz ancestors to know if they were related to my grandfather?

In about 1860 he married Theresa Jacobs, perhaps in Stolp, because their daughter Bertha was born there on July 9, 1866. Another daughter, Emma, was born on June 6, 1869, probably also in Stolp.

Wilhelm had two sisters who came to this country. Wilhelmina was born in Stolp on March 17, 1851, and married Charles Schroeder there, the son of John Schroeder. His other sister, Johanna, married John Tonke. Their son Herman was born in Stolp on November 26, 1866.

At least one brother--possibly named Ferdinand--remained in Germany. In 1913, just before World War I, one of my relatives visited a cousin in Stolp who was a postman (letter carrier).

Wilhelm Nemitz told his children that he was born in Dammer. There were apparently four Dammers in Germany, all in Silesia rather than in Pomerania. So now we think he may have been born in Dammen near Stolp instead of in Dammer.

Can you tell from this information whether or not you are related to my grandfather's family? Can you give me the names and addresses of any of your Nemitz relatives who might have more family information?

I look forward to hearing from you. Enclosed are three International Postal Reply Coupons for your reply.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[See previous page]

2425 Irving Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Nov. 12 1984

Dear Kent,

Here is the letter I'd like to send to Fran Ilse Babiel. I'd be very grateful if you make a German translation I could send along with it.

You'll notice I've dated the letter November 20th so you won't be under any pressure to do it right away.

I'd like to pay you for this, so please let me know how much it should be

Sincerely,
Dave

address

26. November 1984

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BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND

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Ich freue mich auf Post von Ihnen. Ich schliesse hiermit 3 internationale Rückantwort-Gutscheine ein.

Hochachtungsvoll

Dear David,

Here is your German translation. You wrote a nice clear + concise letter. Hopefully it will bring you good results. I translated the likely 15T names of 3 of your ancestors, too. These I marked with an 'x'. I spent 1½ hours translating this, so at $5/hour that would be $7.50.

Thanks, Kent

November 28, 1984

Dear Kent,

Thank you very much for sending my German translation so promptly.

I have now sent it off to Dear Cabiel, and we shall see if anything comes of it.

Here is your check for $7.50, which is certainly very reasonable.

Sincerely,

Dave

N17(b)
Log 662

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
26. November 1984

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2070 Ahrensburg/Holst.
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David E. Witheridge

N 20
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April 25, 1985

Ilse Babiel
2o7o Ahrensburg/Holstein
Ahrensfelderweg 17 a
Bundesrepublik Deutschland

[See N17]

Lieber Herr David E. Witheridge !

Bitte entschuldigen Sie, daß meine Antwort erst so spät kommt. Ich habe mich mit meiner älteren Schwester, die in der DDR wohnt und dort noch viele Bekannte aus Stolp hat, in Verbindung gesetzt.

Ich kann Ihnen jetzt mitteilen, daß von meinem Vater, der 189o im Kreis Schlawe geboren ist, ein Onkel väterlicherseits nach Amerika ausgewandert ist. Eine andere Familie Nemitz ist weder meiner Schwester, noch ihren ehemaligen Schulfreundinnen in Stolp bekannt gewesen.
Meine Schwester, die 192o geboren ist kann sich entsinnen, daß meine Mutter, als wir noch klein waren, mit ihren Verwandten brieflich in Verbindung stand. Diese Verbindung ist dann mal abgerissen.
Mein Großvater hieß meiner Meinung nach mit Vornamen Wilhelm.
Ob meine Eltern Besuch aus Amerika im Jahre 1913 hatten, kann ich nicht sagen, da wie bereits erwähnt, meine älteste Schwester erst 192o geboren wurde.
Es tut mir leid, Ihnen keine nähere Auskunft erteilen zu können.

Hochachtungsvoll
Ilse Babiel
Ilse Babiel

April 25, 1985

Ilse Babiel
2070 Ahrensburg/Holstein
Ahrensfelderweg 17 a
Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Dear Mr. David E. Witheridge!

I beg your pardon that my answer is coming so late. I have established contact with my older sister, who lives in the DDR and still has many acquaintenances there from Stolp.

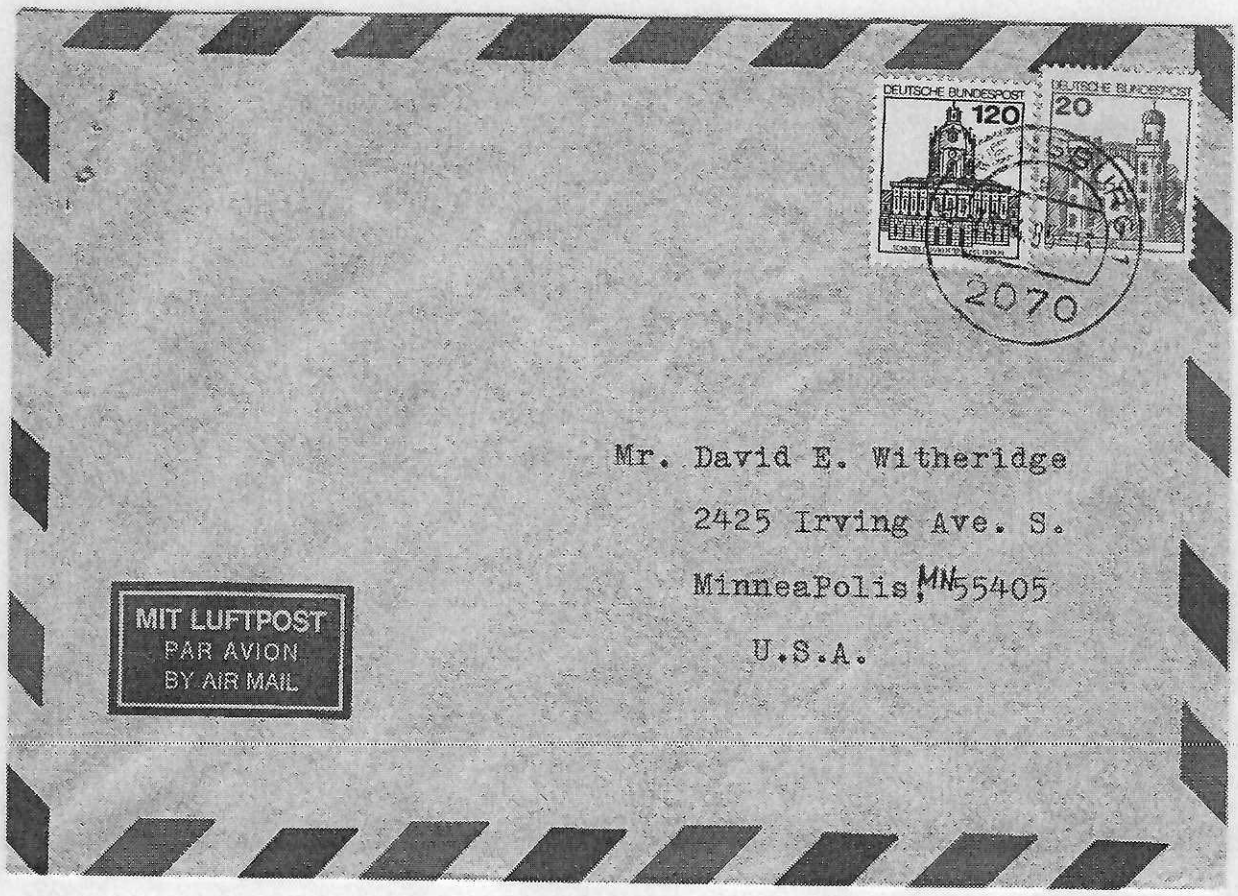
I can now inform you that my father, who was born in 1890 in Kreis Schlawe, had an uncle on his father's side who emigrated to America. Neither my sister nor her former schoolmates know of any other Nemitz family in Stolp.

My sister, who was born in 1920, remembers that my mother, when we were still young, was in contact with her relatives by letter. Eventually, this correspondence was broken off. I think my grandfather's first name was Wilhelm. Whether my parents had a visit from America in 1913, I cannot say; for, as already mentioned, my oldest sister wasn't born until 1920.

I am sorry not to be able to give you further information.

Most respectfully,

Ilse Babiel



[May 22, 1985]

5/22/85

Dear Kent,

Thank you for agreeing to translate my reply to Ilse Babiel. My letter this time is written in a little more complex style of English than last time, but I hope it won't be too difficult to translate into German. If you want to make any changes, please do so.

I'm enclosing copies of my first letter, and of Ilse's reply and my translation of it. I'd appreciate having any corrections or improvements you could make in my translation.

We'll be away from May 28th to the evening of June 9th.

Sincerely,

Dave

N22 (a)
Log 749

N22 (a)
Log 749

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
June 12, 1985

[See N26]

Dear Frau Ilse Babiel:

I was very happy to receive your letter and to realize that I am actually in contact with a member of the Nemitz family of Stolp. Before your letter arrived, I had come to the conclusion that you were no longer at the address I had used and that the post office was unable to forward my letter. Fortunately, they had your address, so now we have found each other!

Thank you very much for getting in touch with your sister and giving me some information about your father and his uncle. Although we cannot tell yet whether or not your family and mine are related, I think they probably are, especially since your sister and her friends were not aware of any other Nemitz family in Stolp.

It's good to know that your sister is still in touch with others from Stolp. I appreciate their help and hope they will try to answer some additional questions. I'm confident that, with many people helping in the search, we shall eventually determine how we are related.

One of the main sources of information we need to find is the parish register of the church in Stolp where you and your sister were baptized. Was it Protestant or Catholic, and what was its name? I understand the church records from areas that were formerly in Germany, but are now in Poland, have in most cases been transferred to church archives somewhere in Germany. Would your sister or her acquaintances have any way of finding out where these records are?

I'm sure you and your sister will want to collect all the information you can find about your family from living relatives and family records. We need as many dates and places of births, marriages, and deaths as we can find. This will help us extend your ancestry backward to see if it connects up with mine.

Before closing I will just say that my wife Elizabeth and I both grew up in Michigan, where my grandgather, Wilhelm Nemitz, had gone to work on a farm, after settling first in Chicago. We have two sons: James, who is single and lives in Minneapolis; and Thomas, who is married and lives in Chicago. Enclosed is a picture of Elizabeth and me taken last January. We look forward to hearing from you again.

Yours very sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

N22 (b)
Log 749

N22 (b)
Log 749

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
den 5. Juli 1985

Liebe Frau Ilse Babiel!

Ich freute mich sehr über Ihren Brief und über die Verwirklichung, dass ich mit einer, die zur Nemitz Familie aus Stolp gehört, in Verbindung bin. Bevor Ihren Brief ankam, meinte ich, dass Sie umgezogen sind und dass die Post meinen Brief nicht nachsenden konnte. Glücklicherweise wusste sie doch noch Ihre Anschrift und somit sind wir jetzt in Verbindung.

Ich danke Ihnen vielmals, dass Sie sich mit Ihrer Schwester in Verbindung gesetzt haben und für die Auskunft über Ihren Vater und dessen Onkel. Obwohl wir noch nicht feststellen Können, ob unsere zwei Familien verwandt waren, glaube ich es schon, besonders da Ihrer Schwester und Ihren Schulfreundinnen Keine andere Familie Nemitz bekannt gewesen ist.

Es freut mich, dass Ihre Schwester überhaupt noch mit anderen aus Stolp in Verbindung steht. Ich bin sehr dankbar für ihre Auskunft und hoffe, dass sie noch einige Fragen beantworten Können. Ich bin sicher, dass wir schliesslich herans finden werden, wie wir miteinander verwandt sind, wenn viele Leute uns dabei helfen.

Eine wichtige Auskunftsquelle, die wir finden müssen, ist die Kirchenbücher von der Pfarrkirche in Stolp, in der Sie und Ihre Schwester getauft worden sind. Wie hiess diese Pfarrkirche? War sie evangelisch oder Katholisch? So viel ich weiss, sind die Kirchenbücher aus dem Ostgebeit oft mitgenommen und befinden sich heute in den verschiedenen Staats- und Landesarchiven der BRD und der DDR. Kann Ihre Schwester oder können Ihre Bekannten vielleicht heraus finden, wo heute diese Kirchenbücher sind?

Ich bin sicher, dass Sie und Ihre Schwester alle mögliche Auskunft über die Familie Nemitz sammeln werden wollen, und zwar von Briefen, Familiendokumenten und Fragen an die Verwandten. Wir brauchen möglichst viele Daten und Ortschaften, d.h. wann und wo sind Ihre Verwandten und Ahnen geboren, getauft und getraut worden und wann und wo sind sie gestorben. Somit können Sie Ihre Ahnentafel rüchwärts erforschen und damit können wir feststellen, ob wir verwandt sind.

Bevor ich Schluss mache, teile ich mit, dass meine Frau Elizabeth und ich im Bundesstaat Michigan aufgewachsen sind, wo dort Grossvater Wilhelm Nemitz auf einem Bauernhof arbeitete. Früher wohnte er in Chicago, gleich nachdem er auswanderte. Wir haben zwei Söhne: James, der ledig ist und in Minneapolis wohnt und Thomas, der verheiratet ist und in Chicago wohnt. Ich schliesse hiermit eine Aufnahme von Elizabeth und mir ein, die vorigen Januar genommen wurde.

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Ihr ergebener

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Ihr ergebener

Hi David!

Here's your translation.
I didn't have room for
the final salutation:

Ihr ergebener Your name

Sincerely yours
or
Hochachtungsvoll,

This letter took 3 hours
to translate.
oh, a hint on possibly
finding the church records
of Stolp — use Glenzdorfs

to contact other genealogists
researching in Stolp maybe
one of them knows
where the church records
are,

Good luck!

Kent

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[This is a revised translation; see the following few pages.]

Ahrensburg
April 16, 1986

Dear Witheridge Family:

I can finally answer your letter of July 5, 1985. In the meantime I have taken the greatest pains imaginable to find out something about our ancestors. I have written to every possible place, and after much time have come to the conclusion that no documents exist in the BRD from the Evangelical Church of Stolp. My sister, who is visiting me at the present time, brought the same information from the DDR. She has also tried to obtain such documents.

I am still unable to tell you even when or where my parents were married, for we arrived from Stolp without papers. The Poles and the Russians confiscated everything from our places in Stolp.

During my investigations I have indeed discovered something. I've found a cousin on my father's side about whom I haven't known anything since 1945. I have looked her up, but she, too, was unable to tell me anything; but she suggested that you should contact her brother sometime (therefore my cousin), who has lived in Chicago 31 years. Perhaps he knows more. Also, it is easier if you can possibly make contact in person. Surely in this way questions and answers can be more easily exchanged. The address is enclosed.

I thank you in addition for the picture, and I am sorry not to be sending better information to you.

With friendly greeting,

Horst and Ilse Babiel

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Ahrensburg, 16.4.1986

Liebe Familie Witheridge !

Ihren Brief vom 5.7.1985 kann ich endlich heute beantworten. Ich habe in der Zwischenzeit mir die erdenklichste Mühe gegeben, um etwas über unsere Ahnen herauszufinden. Alle möglichen Stellen habe ich angeschrieben und nach langer Zeit denn den Bescheid bekommen, daß von der evangelischen Kirche aus Stolp in der BRD keine Unterlagen existieren. Meine Schwester, die z.Zt. zu Besuch bei mir ist, brachte die gleiche Nachricht aus der DDR mit. Auch sie hatte versucht, Unterlagen zu erhalten.
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Ich danke Ihnen noch für das Bild und es tut mir leid, Ihnen keine besseren Nachrichten zu übermitteln.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen :

Horst u. Ilse Barbiel

Mr. & Mrs.
Gerhard Nemitz
10040 S. 82nd Place
Palos Hills, IL 60465

← Gerhard Nemitz is the Chicago-area cousin referred to in this letter.

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continued

[April 27, 1986]

4/27/86

Dear Kent,

Thanks for checking this over and giving me a more accurate translation. There's no hurry, as long as I know what she said.

Please let me know what the cost is when you reply.

Sincerely,

Dave

Dear Dave

I would make 2 small changes:

2nd sentence in your 2nd paragraph

The Poles and the Russians confiscated everything from our place in Stolp.

middle sentence - 3rd paragraph

You should contact her brother sometime (Dorothy my cousin) who has lived in Chicago 37 years.

Hosband's name is HORST

(over)

I would just add that your translation would sound a little smoother if you rearrange the English word order so that it sounds best in English

This didn't take much time so there's no charge.

Yours,

Kent Cutthorp

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See revised translation ← [3 pages back]

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[See N22]

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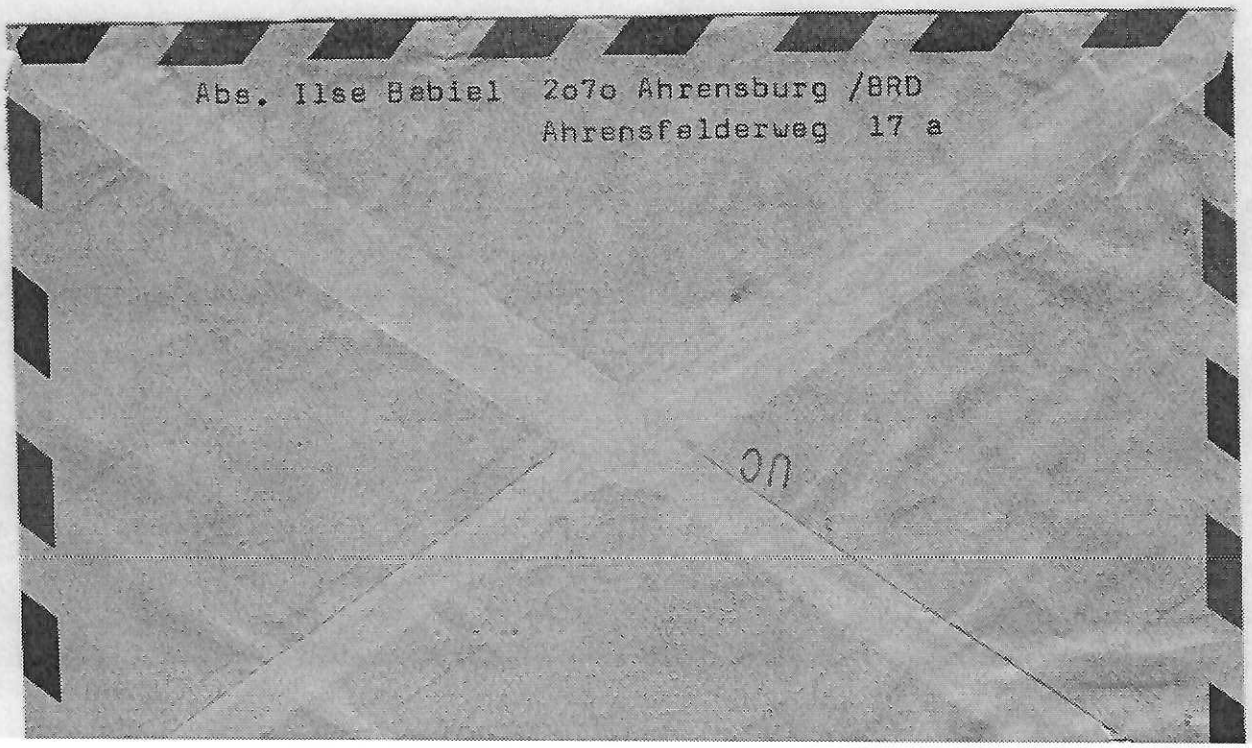

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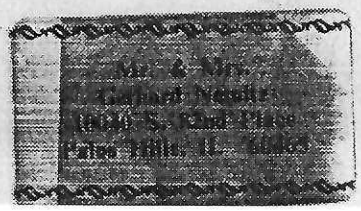

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Das Deutsche Reich
in 4 Blättern (Blatt 2)
Von C. Vogel

From Stieler's Hand-atlas (Plate #11)

See the next two pages →

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Wusterwitz:
approx 54° 20' N
16° 40' E

Wusterwitz

One km. of Schlawe
Between Janewitz & Schlawe
Köslin District
[About 20 km (?) from Stolp]

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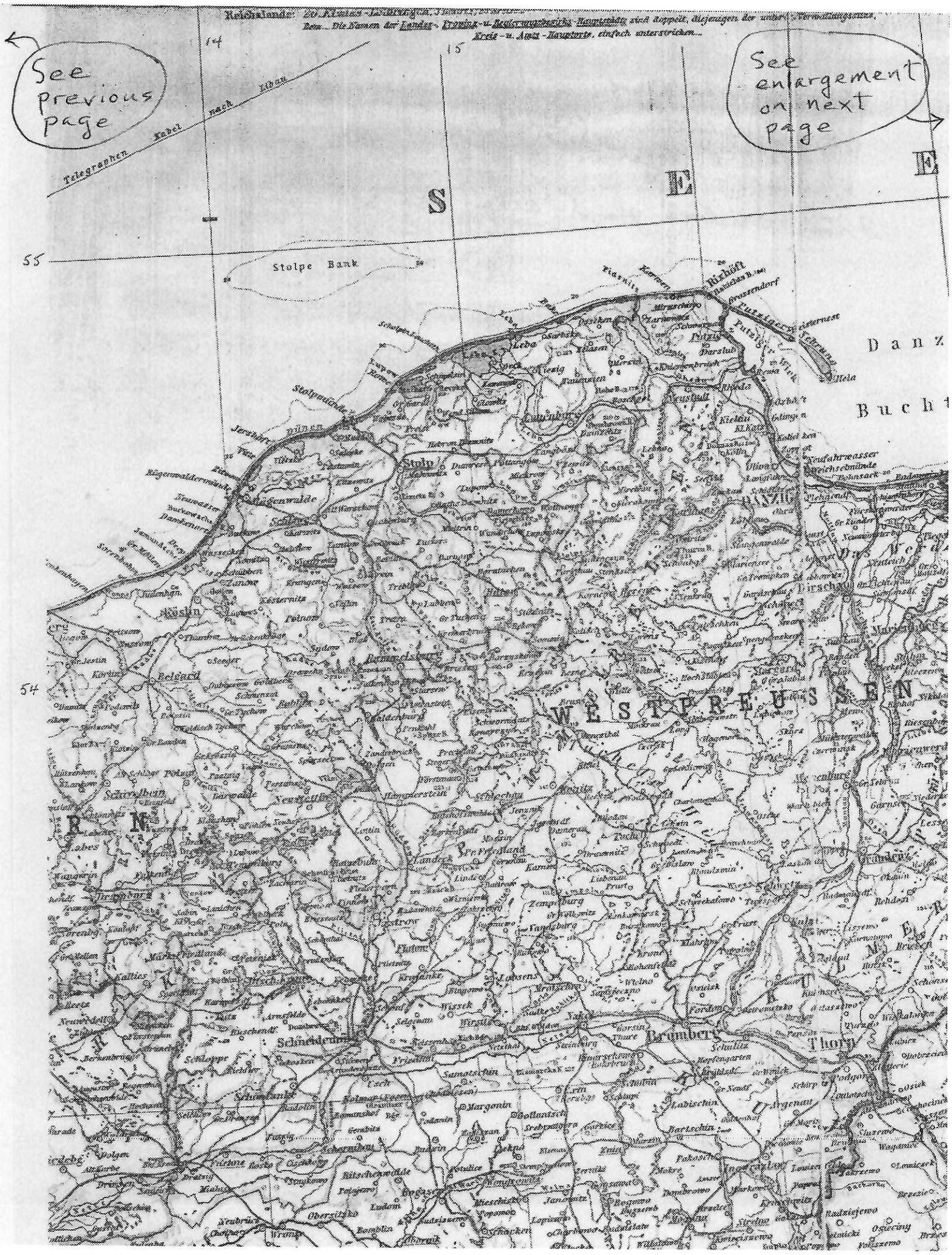
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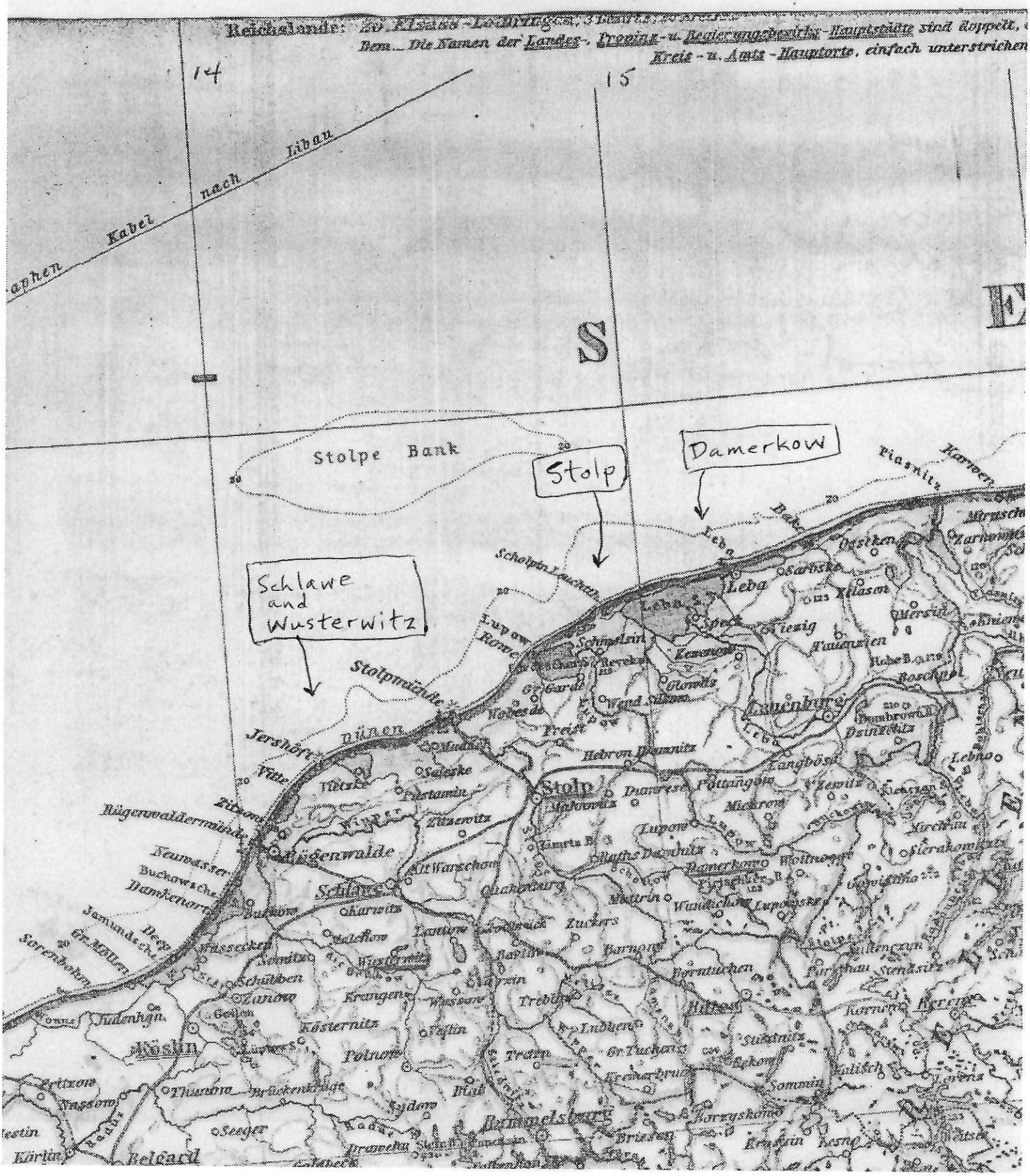

[Aug. 17, 1986]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
August 17, 1986 [See N44-45]

Dear Ilse and Horst,

Your letter of April 16th was very welcome, even though we haven't made much progress toward finding out if and how we are related. I am very grateful for the efforts you and your sister have made to try to find the old records from the Evangelical Church of Stolp.

Gerhard Nemitz

Most of all, I was pleased to learn that you have a cousin, Gerhard Nemitz, living in the Chicago area. It so happens that Elizabeth and I are very familiar with Chicago, having lived there six years before coming to Minneapolis. Our son Tom and his wife Virginia live there now, as I think I told you in my last letter.

We had already planned a trip to Chicago to visit Tom and Virginia, so I wrote to Gerhard suggesting that we might also visit him at the same time. We had a friendly letter back from Edith and Gerhard, and we visited them in their lovely home on the 9th of August.

We had a very enjoyable time getting acquainted with them and talking about our possible family connection. Gerhard showed me his father's Familien Stammbuch going back to the marriage of his and your great-grandparents, Ludwig Nemitz and Emilie Kohlhof, in Balenthin in 1861.

I took down all the names and dates and places and copied them onto the family group sheets I use in my genealogical work. I sent Gerhard a copy, and I hope he will be able to show this to you when he and Edith come to Germany in September. I also hope that you and some of your relatives will take the time to add to and correct the information I have begun on these sheets.

See next 8 pages

Once again let me thank you for writing to us and helping in our search.

Yours sincerely,

[See document N51 on the previous page.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHBN8

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Ludwig NEMITZ (a)	Emilie KOHLHOF (a)
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth	Birth
Marriage Feb. 2, 1861 - Balenthin, Schlawe, Pommern (a)	Death
Death	
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Ludwig Friedrich August (a)	Birth	Sept. 15, 1865	Wusterwitz, Schlawe, Pommern (a)
	Married to	Marriage	Feb. 7, 1890	Wusterwitz (a)
	Bertha Wilhelmina ZOSKE (a)	Death		
2		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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	Married to			
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	Married to			
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	Married to			
7				
	Married to			
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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(a) Familien Stammbuch of Berthold Friedrich August Nemitz; Doc. N47 - Log 897

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[See the Gerhard Nemitz index entry]

1- Recorded in Wusterwitz Evangelical Church Register, No. 1 (a)

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHBN 4

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Ludwig Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Ludwig NEMITZ (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Emilie KOHLHOF (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Sept. 15, 1865	Wusterwitz, Schlawe, Pommern (a)
Marriage	Feb. 7, 1890	Wusterwitz (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Bertha Wilhelmina ZOSKE (a)

Father's Name: Karl ZOSKE (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Augusta Friedrika STEINKOPF (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Feb. 21, 1867	Wusterwitz (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Berthold Friedrich August (a)	Birth	Apr. 30, 1893	Balenthin, Schlawe, Pommern (a)
	Married to	Marriage	May 24, 1918	Egsow, Schlawe, Pommern (a)[1]
	Ida Martha Bertha LUEBKE (a)	Death		
2	Max (b)	Birth		1890 – Kreis Schlawe (c)
	Married to	Marriage		
	Ida ——— (b)	Death		
3	Martha (b)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4	Hedwig (b)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5	Metha (b)[2]	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		See footnotes on next page →
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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9		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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10		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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(b) Inf. from Gerhard Nemitz; Doc. N47 - Log 897

(c) Letter from Ilse Babiel; Doc. N20 - Log 735

1 - Recorded in Besow Evangelical Church Register, No. 3 (a)

2 - One of Metha's granddaughters works in an office where marriages are recorded. (b)

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHBN2

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Berthold Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)	Ida Martha Bertha LUEBKE (a)
Father's Name: Ludwig Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)	**Father's Name:**
Mother's Maiden Name: Bertha Wilhelmina ZOSKE (a)	**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Birth Apr. 30, 1893 - Balenthin, Schlawe, Pommern (a)	**Birth** Nov. 11, 1891 - Egsow (a)
Marriage May 24, 1918 - Egsow, Schlawe, Pommern (a)	**Death**
Death	
Other Places of Residence:	**Other Places of Residence:**
Other Wives:	**Other Husbands:**

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) — the number "1"

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Anna Gertrude Hedwig (b)	Birth Mar. 11, 1921 - Egsow (b)	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
2	Gerhard Heinrich Bruno (b)	Birth Jan. 15, 1926 - Egsow (b)	
	Married to Edith SCHOLZ (b)	Marriage June 25, 1949 - Berlin (b)	
		Death	
3		Birth	See footnotes on next page. →
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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(b) Inf. from Gerhard Nemitz; Doc. N47 - Log 897

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHB

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Max NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name:
Ludwig Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Bertha Wilhelmina ZOSKE (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	1890	Kreis Schlawe, Pommern (b)
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Ida _____ (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Irmgard (a)	Birth	1920 (b)	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Ilse (a)	Birth		Stolp, Pommern (c)
	Married to	Marriage		
	Horst BABIEL (b)	Death		
3	Horst (a)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
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	Married to			

(a) Inf. from Gerhard Nemitz; Doc. N47 - Log 897
(b) Letter from Ilse Babiel; Doc. N26 - Log 877; Doc. N20 - Log 735
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LeAnn Bench

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June 18, 1997

Dear Ben David Witheridge,

In May of 1991 I received a letter from Amelia Nemitz with some Nemitz history. At that time my son, Eric Engelhart had been critically injured & I put all of her information aside.

This coming August the John Nemitz families (the 2nd child of Ernst Nemitz) will be gathering together. I'm preparing a booklet to distribute then.

In gathering information for this I ran across this letter from Ameka in which she wrote that you were doing a book on the Nemitz history. I'm only hoping that your address hasn't changed since 1991.

According to her letter you came from the branch of William Nemitz. Do you have any information on William's parents? I would be

very interested in this.

Because of information given to me by my grandmother, Anna Fick Nemitz, it leads me to believe that Ernst lived through the Chicago fire. It is also possible that his brother William was there at that time.

I would be delighted to receive any information that you have.

LeLenn Nemitz Bench
520 5 CARNAHAN RD
Spokane, WA 99212-0343

God Bless you & Thank you so much!

Johann Nemitz (b. 1875)

Anna Fick (b. 1881)

Johann Nemitz & Anna Fick were her grandparents.

Le Lenn is 69 — born about 1928

Carl Otto Fritz Nemitz (b. 1903)

Her father was Carl

Her father was Carl

DEW's notes

Her husband had died & he was hit a various accident some years ago.

Dr. Le Lenn Nemitz Bench
7311 52nd Ave N.E.
Seattle, WA.
98115

Cousin - not
Carl's child
Ernst's twin brother died young

July 18, 97

Dear David,

I take the privilege to address you as David. Perhaps because you are a long lost Cousin I feel proper in so doing.

Thank you for all of the information that you have given me. Since most of the story that I was writing was almost finished we put an "update" at the end with your info.

Please excuse my long hand. my typewriter is out of Commission and I dont have a Computer. (my brother Carl did all of the Computer work for our booklet.)

We have the ultimate of reunions scheduled and I pray daily that God will grant us a joyful Celebration. It starts at 6 O'Clock on Friday (Aug 1st) nite with a gathering at my brother Carl's here in Spokane, since all of the Out of Towners will be in by then. They are having food Catered in. Then of Course on Saturday is our big Celebration at the park in Post Falls, Idaho. On Sunday Morning we are all gathering at Peace Lutheran, Close to Idaho State Line, for the worship service. All of those who can sing will deliver the Anthem. We have 3 violinists who will play during the offering. For the Prelude we have organ/Piano duets — all Nemitz's! We feel privileged that

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We have been blessed with voice and other musical talents. I recall that my grandparents didn't sing much. Even my father, although he could play the mandolin & Harmonica, could not carry a tune. Perhaps we got our musical ability from my Mothers side.

The invitation to our Reunion is still open to you. By now all of the Remitz's know of you and all would love to have you. Also, we have another Pastor in the family. Doug Remitz, who is Carl's (my brother) son, & has 2 grown Daughters, just graduated from Pacific Lutheran seminary. He is still awaiting a call. They will be here for that weekend. You don't have to worry about a place to stay; with all of us here there is lots of bed space available. We'd feel honored if you could be with us.

How did your meeting in Milwaukee go? We're anxious to hear about that. Dr Jeffrey Remitz (our dentist) was interested when I told him about Frederick & looked up Stolp on his German Map. They visited Germany

several years ago & then too, he was stationed in Germany when he was in the army. We wished that we would have had this information then.

Must close – ah yes, I had my phone number changed & it will no longer be in the directory. It is: 509-536-1168.

LeAnn Bench
520 S CARNAHAN RD
Spokane, WA 99212-0343

[Aug. 6, 1997]

August 6, 1997

Dear LeAnn,

Thank you for your letter. I was glad to hear about all your reunion plans, and I hope everything went as planned. I would love to have been there, but that was impossible after my two trips this summer. I hope you have an extra copy of the booklet you can send me.

See Pommerntag, Milwaukee, WI

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Our meeting in Milwaukee went very well, and I know Friedrich enjoyed it all. He is a very nice man, and we were very glad to meet him. Besides me, there were four other relatives of his there. We communicated reasonably well with the help of our German-English dictionaries and the assistance of people nearby who could speak both English and German.

Now he is planning to come back next year--this time with his wife and with a cousin and his wife and an uncle. They will come first to Minneapolis for several days starting June 19th, and then go to Milwaukee again for the Pommerntag weekend. They will stay at a downtown hotel, because I can't accommodate them all here. There are many Nemitz relatives in the Twin Cities and near here, and I hope most of them will get to meet Friedrich and the others.

He especially hopes that Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz will be able to come to Minneapolis while he's here, and he has already written to him and made that suggestion. Maybe you could start saving up enough money to come, and also others of your relatives out there. We might have another mini-Nemitz reunion!

Well, that's all for now. I hope to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

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Aug 22 '97

Dear David,

Yes, our reunion went very well! It was the Ultimate of All Reunions! It began on Thursday evening already as my sister from Seattle Area, along with her daughter + family from Maryland, arrived on Thursday; we got together that evening (all those in this area who were singing) to practice. Sunday Morning service was icing on the cake! It was very special to be able to communion together. We had different faiths but each in our own way could praise God! There was even a couple who were not Hemitz's that attended. Their daughter had married into the Hemitz family. My Uncle Robert, who will be 92 in October, + his wife from Anacortes, Washington were here. They came with their daughter + her husband. He hopes to be able to attend another reunion. He had tears running down his cheeks when we sang on Sunday Morning.

Another reunion is already being discussed. This one will be held in the Seattle area with Doris (Uncle Roberts daughter), my sister Helen and Dr. Jeffrey in charge. They are planning it

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for the year 2,000.

Jeff did get a letter from Frederick before the reunion. He made copies for all of us. I plan on writing to him. Enclosed in the letter there was a picture of his family. He has a nice family. How where you able to "uncover" this relative in Germany? Did you have to go through the Mormon church? In any event, we all thank you for your efforts. I'm also gratiful to Amelia Nemitz, it was through her that I got your name & thus a whole string of relatives!

you wrote that there are Nemitz relatives in Minneapolis & in surrounding areas. Are some of these your children?

My main goal now is to get to Charles oak, Iowa before the next reunion. Chicago is also a sight I'd like to visit. I'd like to see the farm that Ernst & Wilhelmina lived on - also the John Nemitz farm. I'm sure that I can get more accurate information to update the book, which I am sending you. My brother saved all of the information (pages) of the book so it can be rewritten.

I hope to hear from you again.

Your relative, Helenn

P.S. I think that Jeff would go to the June '98 mtg if others would go too. They're thinking about it.

[continuation of Aug. 22 letter]

8/23/97 DEW's date

About the book (A walk with the Nemitz's).

My given name is Leola Anna Marie – I use Le Ann (dropping a few letters) as my husband didn't like the name Leola – unfortunately, I never liked it either. I like to believe that my mother was still under the influence of ether when she named me! We decided to use my given name in the book.

I guessed at a lot of history in the book. For instance, coming up with the idea that Ernst was younger than Wilhelmina. According to the info from Frederick that is correct. Then also, I had her death at 57, that is accurate with Fredericks info – I think she would have been 58 the month after she died.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz

Some of Fredericks info didn't blend with what my grandmother told me. He wrote that the brothers migrated in the yr 1872 – Grandma told me 1870. He also stated that both had families. Wilhelm may

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have had but Ernst did not. My writing is incorrect with putting Ernst as the eldest. He actually was quite a bit younger. Then too, Wilhelm may have gone on to Michigan before the Chicago fire. I guessed at that - praying that I wasn't too far off in my calculations.

Keep in mind that I hurried through with the story & I'm already making changes. I should have started writing it in January already.

[Christmas 1997]

Wishing you and your loved ones the blessings of this holy season!

Lelinn Bench
&
Eric Engelhart

The Christmas Story according to Luke

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem . . . To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. *Luke 2:4–14*

(509) 536-1168 [Dec. 1997]

A Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to all! 1997

LeAnn's son, Eric

In our tiny corner of the world we move along with the flow of things. There are times when I'd like the world to stop or maybe even back up a bit. Not so with Eric; time moves too slowly for him. However, I seem to get everything done when it needs to be.

The big excitement of this past year was the Nemitz family reunion. It had been 5 years since our last one. The turn out was good, although we missed several cousins and their families and one aunt, a few nephews and nieces.

Who would have ever thought that we could put a choir together when we were scattered from Seattle to Maryland. But it worked! The day after the reunion, on Sunday, 20 voices blended in thanks to God with several anthems at Peace Lutheran Church. It was great! Thanks to all of you: Soloist, pianists, organist, violinists and choir director, all part of our family. Thanks to all you who eagerly lifted your voices to prayerful song. It was a fun time!

DEW

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz

Also, as we were planning the reunion, I ran across an address from a relative that we had never contacted. In writing to this relative, Rev. David Witheridge (his mother was a Nemitz), we learned that there are lots of our relatives in the Minneapolis area. Also, he gave us the name of Dr. Frederick Nemitz from Stolp, Germany who is one of us. Dr. Frederick did write to our Dr. Jeff who is also a dentist. Dr. Frederick is planning on a trip to Minneapolis next June. Hopefully some of us will get to meet him. This was exciting! In fact, the excitement became so great that there were nights that I experienced sleeplessness!

LeAnn's Aunt Selma and Uncle Robert

Not long after the reunion, it seemed like I hadn't even gotten my wind back yet, I regretted the phone call that said Aunt Selma had passed away. She and my Uncle Robert, who is 92, were both here for the reunion. She lived a full life and we're happy that she could spend a few of her last days with us.

No great changes in our household could be viewed as a blessing and I will accept it as such. We have had intruders this past year though. A family of skunks live under our house! Thanks to our friends at Peace Lutheran for helping to get rid of them the first go around. Just recently they dug themselves back in again. They are pretty creatures and if they'd only keep their scent to themselves I'd gladly share my home with them. Right now I have moth balls and ammonia in containers by the openings. I'm not sure if they are still with us.

I want to thank the Bucher family from Peace Lutheran for giving me a hand with my car and the lawn this year. Jesus surely loves them for their kind deeds. Thanks!

Her brother Carl and sis.-in-law Marlys

Thanks to my brother Carl and his wife Marlys for helping out when I had a leak in my roof. They both got up on top of the house and fixed the problem. I was losing my kitchen ceiling and they saved the day! Again thanks!

Her brother Dave

Also to my brother Dave, I owe my thanks. My organ became silent and I hate to be without it. It only needed to be oiled. If any of you own organs be sure to check that out yearly. Thanks to you too Audrey, for the many times I've taken Dave away from you for the favors he does for me, like keys that won't unlock my door.

Her nephew Doug (and wife Pam)

And a thank you to Doug and Pam (nephew and niece in law) for taking apart that faulty lock to the main door of our home and also for coming to the rescue when it seemed like we had a problem with ourelectricity.

Aren't you folks happy that you don't live close to us! I see the face of Christ in every one of those who helped and we thank God for them!

Doug and Pam

Our congratulations to nephew Doug and his wife Pam as they begin their new Ministry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Montana. We pray that God will send His spirit to guide them in their new endeavor. Doug will be the assistant pastor there beginning in December.

What a coincidence that they should be going to Bethlehem in Kalispell. I have been corresponding with Luther and Jerri Wachholz who live in Kalispell. Luther baptized Eric way back in February of 1996, when he was our pastor at Zion Lutheran in Monticello, Iowa. Doug and Pam had brought back a directory from Bethlehem after their interview there and low and behold Luther's and Jerri's picture are in that directory! What a small world.

May your New Year be filled with God given blessings. For those of you who don't have my new phone number, it is no longer under my name but is listed under Eric's (Engelhart) at; (509) 536-1168.

12-9-97

Dear David,

I hope that all is well in your household. Since I haven't heard anything from you, I'm questioning.

I did mail the Nemitz booklet to you shortly after the Reunion. Did you get it? Please let me know.

Our weather has been mild so far. We had our 1st snowfall Sun eve & Monday.

Doug's ordination service was filled with God's Spirit & was also a beautifull service. It was nice to also visit with some of the Pastors of our past!

Here's hoping that all is well with you & your families. By the way, how many children do you have?

God Bless!

LeLenn Reuch

[DEW's notes, perhaps for his Christmas card to Le Ann] [Dec. 20, 1997]

12/20/97

Dear Le Ann,

I'm very sorry I didn't get a chance to answer your letter of August 22nd. This has been a very difficult and hectic year for me, and I'm not caught up yet. In the midst of Christmas cards and preparations I can't take the time to answer your letter, including your various questions, but I promise to do so after the first of the year. Let me just say thank you for the book and compliment you on your good job. I'm glad to hear that Dr. Jeffrey Hanity is hoping to come to Minneapolis next June, and I hope you can arrange to come, too. Have a blessed Christmas and a good year ahead.

Sincerely,

David

[Jan. 21, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
January 21, 1998

LeAnn Bench
520 S. Carnahan Rd.
Spokane, WA 99212-0343

Dear LeAnn,

Finally I am getting around to writing. You have been very patient, and I appreciate that. As I stated earlier, my life has been very difficult, but yours has been, too--perhaps even more so!

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz

The main thing I want to emphasize is that I am looking forward to next June, when Friedrich and several of his relatives will be coming to Minneapolis. This time his wife Renate will be coming, as well as his cousin Hans-Joachim and his wife Helga. Hans-Joachim's father Johannes (also known as Hans) will also come. He is Friedrich's uncle, of course, and Friedrich says his uncle and I look somewhat alike. We shall see!

Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

They will be staying at a downtown hotel, because I cannot accommodate a group of that size in my house, and I wouldn't attempt to be host to such a large group, anyway, since my wife died of Alzheimer's two years ago. I think they will arrive on Friday, June 19, and stay until the next Thursday, when they will go to Milwaukee to join a group coming from Germany to attend the Pommerntag like last year.

I'm hoping there will be many Nemitz relatives, both from here and elsewhere, who will be able to be with them, at least on that weekend. Some may be able to be around also during the early days of the following week. Those from out of town may want to stay at the same hotel where Friedrich will be, and I may have to rent a meeting room there for a short period to enable us all to be together.

Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz (and Marsha, his wife)

From what you have said, I'm really counting on Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz coming, and perhaps his wife, if he is married. I know you would like to come, and I hope you can work it out. Perhaps there are others of your relatives who would also like to meet Friedrich and many "new" Nemitz relatives.

My own immediate family, whom Friedrich and the others will be able to meet, consists of our two sons. Fortunately, they both live in Minneapolis. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter, Rebecca. Tom and his wife have separated, and he now lives with me. Rebecca is with us about half the time. Jim is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg, in an

apartment about a mile from me, so I am able to see him about once a week.

Tomke family

Johanna (b. 1833), Wilhelm (b. 1836), and Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Also living in Minneapolis are some descendants of the Tomke family of Bay City, Michigan. Johanna Nemitz, a sister of Wilhelm and Ernst, married John Tomke. One of their daughters was Hannah Shaw, who came to Minnesota. She had a daughter, Carrie Gillooly, who was my second cousin. After we moved to Minneapolis, I met Carrie a few times, but she died several years ago. She has several descendants in this area, but the only one I have met is Sharon Rose. I hope Sharon and a number of her relatives will be able to be with us in June.

Iowa Nemitz branch

Then, there are some of the Iowa Nemitz family living here, but I haven't met them yet. I've only talked to them on the phone. They are Timothy Greene and his sister, Cheri Schwalbe. They descend from Ernst's son Daniel. I was urging them to go to Milwaukee last June to meet Friedrich, but they couldn't work it out. They should be able to meet Friedrich and his family when they come to Minneapolis this year.

Another descendant of Daniel Nemitz is Marjorie Lackmann, who lives in Sauk Center, Minnesota, about 75 miles northwest of here. I'm sure she will make a special effort to come when Friedrich is here, because she also has a daughter and a son living in Minneapolis.

I'm also trying to convince a few of the Nemitz relatives who live in Iowa to come to Minneapolis when Friedrich is here, but that may not be possible.

Florence Anderson, Vicki Koterba, Thresa Anderson

Last summer a few of my Nemitz relatives made the trip to Milwaukee to meet Friedrich all the way from Montana. They are descendants of my mother's sister Bertha. Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, and Florence's sister-in-law, Thresa Anderson, came by train through Minneapolis, where I joined them on the same train going to Milwaukee. They enjoyed meeting Friedrich very much, and they'd like to come to Minneapolis this year to see Friedrich again and to meet the others, if they can work it out.

So you see, this really could be quite a gathering of Nemitz relatives if even half of these people can make it. I hope you and Jeffrey are still planning to come.

Friedrich

I know you want to know how Friedrich and I got in touch with each other. Years ago I subscribed to a newsletter for descendants of Pomerania, the part of Germany Wilhelm and Ernst came from. The eastern portion of Pomerania had become part of Poland, and it was very hard to find and work with the records. But I sent to this publication all I knew about my ancestry back to my grandfather's birthplace, the small town of Dammen,

near Stolp. They published it, but I forgot all about it, thinking nothing would come of it. Then "out of the blue" last fall I got a letter from Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist in Loitz, Germany. That is in the western part of Pomerania, the part that had stayed in Germany.

He said he had received my name and address from Martha Riggle in Wichita, Kansas. He said his great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother, had emigrated to Milwaukee in America about 1870, and he wondered if I could tell him anything about these three Nemitz brothers. He said his great-grandfather had been married in Dammen, the town where my grandfather had been born.

The mention of Dammen made me think there must be at least a distant connection between our families. But in our family there were only two brothers who came, and they went to Chicago, not to Milwaukee, and their mother didn't come with them. As I thought about it, however, and looked at my records, I saw that they did have a brother Ferdinand who stayed in Germany; and though their mother didn't come with the brothers, she did come later with the two sisters who went to Michigan. Perhaps the information passed on from his great-grandfather was just a little inaccurate.

So I wrote to Friedrich and said my mother's cousin in Michigan had told me that the brother in Germany was Ferdinand, that he was a mail carrier, and that he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse. If that was true of his great-grandfather, then we were indeed related. He wrote back and said that his great-grandfather was indeed a mail carrier, and that he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse. I nearly broke down and cried. Here after 125 years of separation, our families had finally found each other. It was almost a miracle.

I called Martha Riggle in Wichita to find out how she had discovered Friedrich. It turned out that she had been born in Germany, but had lived a long time in England and America. She writes a column for a publication in Germany and had mentioned that she might be able to help people find their relatives in America. Friedrich saw that and wrote to her. She saw the information about my ancestry in that earlier publication and figured there was a connection because we both mentioned Dammen. Isn't that a great story?

The "lost brother"

By the way, Friedrich and I are now hoping eventually to find the lost brother who came to America. My family always thought there were two brothers who stayed in Germany. But if that were so, Ferdinand certainly would have known, and he apparently insisted that he was the only sibling who stayed in Germany. So now I think the third brother came over here after all the others had come, but he never did locate them, and they

didn't know he ever came. That's a good problem for us to solve some day.

Regarding Wilhelm, Ernst, and the Chicago Fire, I have ship passenger lists that show that Ernst came in June, 1872; and Wilhelm and his family came in July, 1872. So they both missed the Chicago Fire, which was in 1871. I'm afraid you'll have to pull that reference out of your booklet, but I'm glad they didn't have to endure that disaster.

Well, this has turned into quite an epistle, and I hope I've answered most if not all of your questions. Next time I hope I won't have to wait so long to answer.

Yours sincerely,

LB 01/2/98

[postmarked June 6, 1998]

Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

Dr. Jeffrey and Marsha Nemitz

Sat

Dear David,

Just a real quick letter to let you know that I'm planning on being at the reunion. Jeff & Marsha have made it possible for me to come & we will be flying together. We'll arrive Minneapolis Thurs evening 10:40 P.M. — or there abouts. Jeff has made the hotel reservations & I think that they are at the Regency Plaza Hotel.

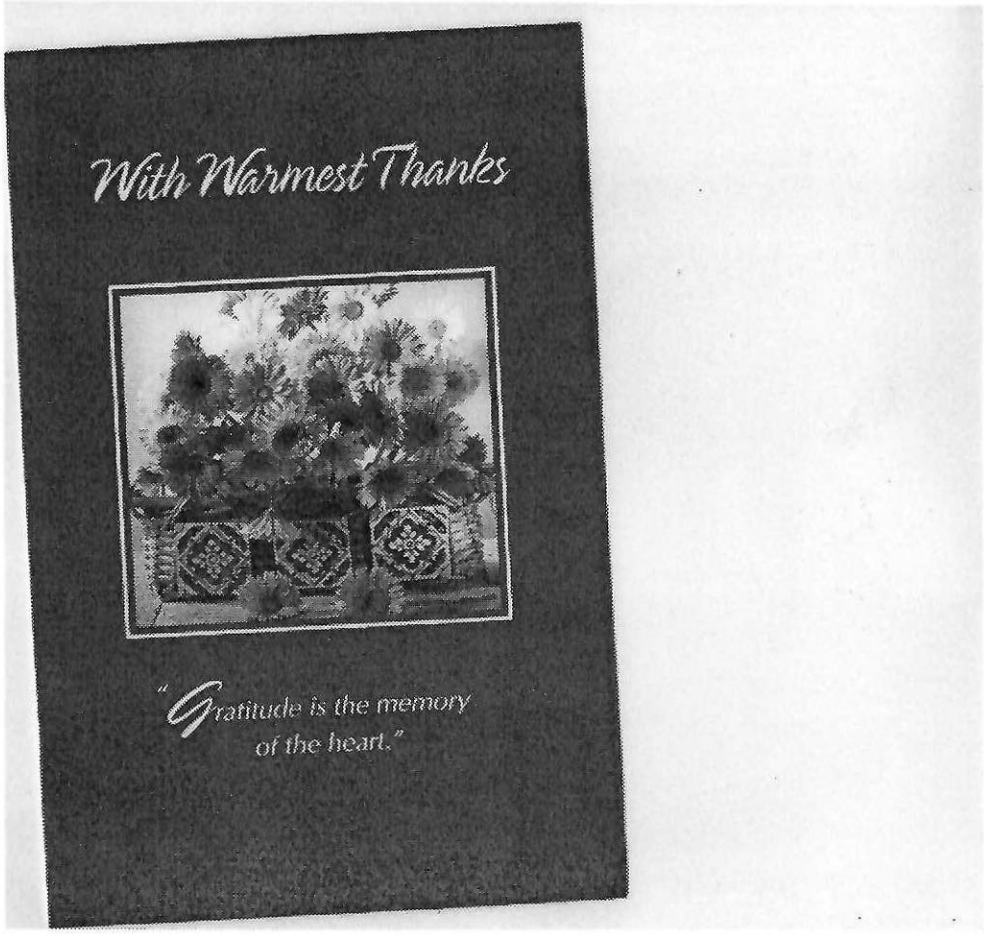
We plan on breakfast with the group Friday & then have decided to decide about meals from then on.

We're all anxious to meet you & it sounds like you have a great reunion planned.

See you soon —

LeAnn Beach

[July 10, 1998]



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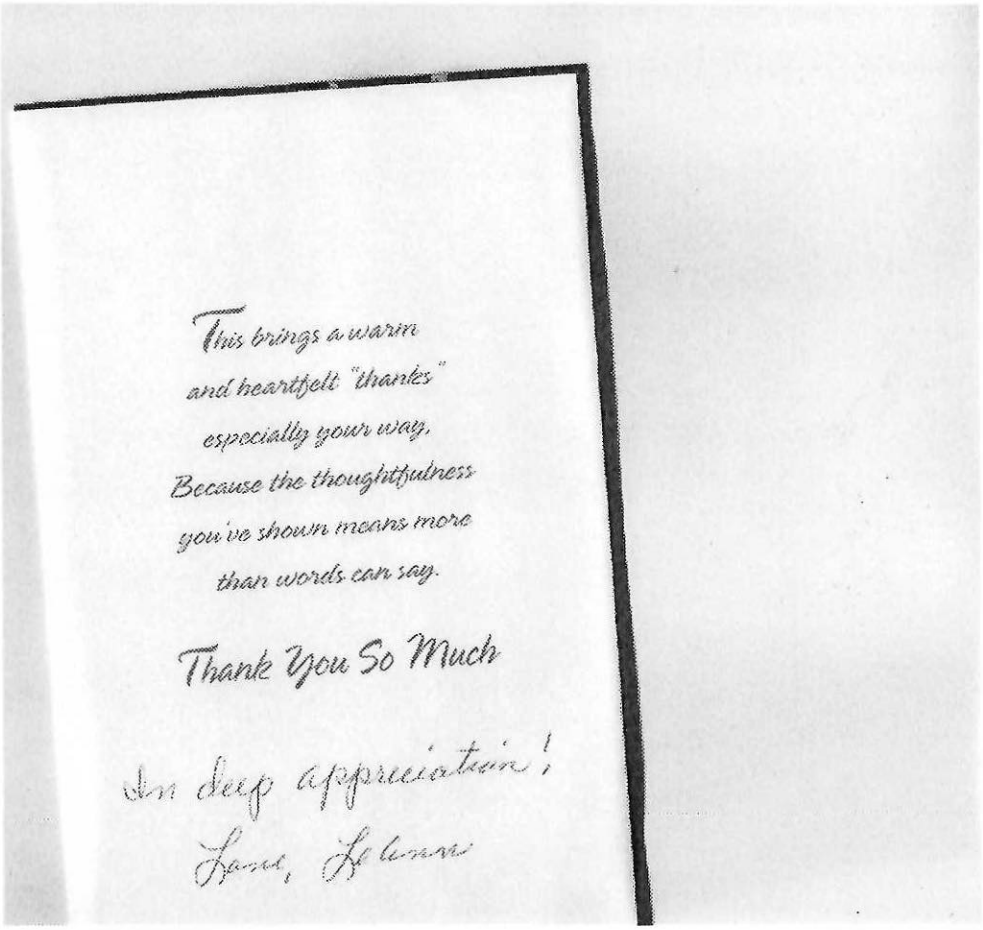

July 10 '98

See previous page

Dear Daniel & Family,

It was nice meeting you — Now I have a face in mind when I write to you!

Thank you so much for putting the mini reunion together! It was thrilling to meet all these relatives!

Thank you also for your hospitality & the very tasty lunch! You have a lovely family!

I hate to impose upon you as you seem to be a very busy man — but — could you send me a copy of the picture of your great grandfather. We one (over.)

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

seems to have one of Ernst. Since we have one of Ferdinand & if we could get one of Wilhelm, perhaps that would give us some idea of what Ernst might have looked like.

Ferdinand Nemitz (b. 1844)

I also would like a copy of the Video that Tom took the Sunday we were at your home. I would tremendously appreciate this!

Alas, that video seems to have gone missing.

TFW
Jan. 30, 2023

Give me an idea of the cost & I'll gladly send the money.

(See also the Oct. 12, 2000 document below)

Thanking you again!

God Bless you!

Love, JeAnn

[Sept. 23, 1998]

September 23, 1998

Dear Le Ann,

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

Here at last is the picture you wanted of my grandfather, Wilhelm, and my grandmother, Theresa. Of course, I never knew my grandmother, as she died when my mother was only a few years old. I saw my grandfather briefly when he was much older than this, but I don't really remember him, except through pictures, as I was less than six years old at that time. He went to Saskatchewan with his daughter Bertha, Vicki Koterba's great-grandmother.

Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

I'm also enclosing a few pictures from our get-together. They aren't the best quality, but I hope they bring back some good memories of those days. I'm so grateful that you were able to come. It was wonderful to meet you at last, and I know our relatives from Germany and America enjoyed meeting you and each other.

I told Tom you'd like a copy of the video, but he hasn't had it made yet. When he gets it, I'll send it to you.

Don't worry about the cost of these pictures. They're a gift from me. The copy of Grandfather's picture was done by Kinkos, and I think they did a very good job, but it really didn't cost much.

Thanks again for coming.

Love,

David

LeAnn 0923981

[Jan. 2, 1999]

Jane Pejsa, DEW's Minneapolis neighbor (see pp. 15-16, folder 2.3)

See DEW's reply, next page →

Jan 2, 99

Dear David,

Thank you for your lovely Christmas Card, letter & the articles you mailed.

How interesting that your neighbor received from Germany, the clipping of the Nemitz reunion! The letter & article were enjoyable readings.

My days are busy but did want to run this past you — my parents received some information from some Nemitz's who live in Calif. My father didn't feel that we were related. He gave me the info that they had gathered. I put it away & I actually forgotten about it. ← had actually forgotten about it.

(over)

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When I moved I ran across the box I had stored it in. The info is 48 pages long. It's the family tree of Ludwig Nemitz. Could this possibly be the brother who might be missing? The name is spelled exactly like ours.

The name I have - I believe it to be the person who talked to my father is:

Orval Nemitz
8301 Mission Gorge 252
Santee, Ca 92071

Let me know what you think.

Must run —

God Bless You!

LeAnn

[Jan. 7, 1999]

See previous page

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

January 7, 1999

Ms. LeAnn Bench
7800 E. Alki, Sp.#23
Spokane, WA 99212-2774

Dear LeAnn,

Ludwig Nemitz was not the Nemitz "lost brother"

Just a quick answer to your question about Ludwig Nemitz and his family before your letter gets tucked under a pile on my desk and I forget about it.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

No, he is not our "lost brother." I know that, because he turned up as a result of the visit Friedrich and I (and a few other American Nemitz relatives) made to the 1997 Pommerntag near Milwaukee.

Trinity Evangelical Church, Freistadt, WI

We visited the Lutheran Church in Freistadt (the oldest Lutheran Church in Wisconsin) and found some Nemitz graves in the cemetery. By studying the published history of their church and by getting a list of all the Nemitz baptisms, marriages, and burials in their church book, I grouped all the Nemitzes into two families, one of which descended from Ludwig. The church history identified where he came from in Pomerania and when he came to this country, and he was definitely not part of our family.

Gary Nemitz (of Austin, MN)

By the way, my wife Elizabeth and I happened to meet a descendant of Ludwig, Gary Nemitz, in Austin, Minnesota, years ago when Elizabeth was there speaking to school children about writing books. We talked with Gary about his ancestry, and he later sent us some material showing how he came from Ludwig's family.

I can't spend any time now looking up any of this material, but I just wanted you to have this information.

Love,

(LeAnn010799)

[DEW's draft of a note or card for LeAnn]

[Oct. 12, 2000]

10/12/00

Dear LeAnn,

Here is the money you sent to me for a copy of the videotape Tom made at our Nemitz mini-reunion in Minneapolis. I'm sorry he could never find it. It would have been interesting for the people to have seen at your reunion in Seattle.

Jeff and Marsha sent me some materials from the reunion, ~~and it all looked wonderful~~ including the lovely card that you and so many others signed. I know you all had a great time, and I'm sorry I couldn't be there.

I hope all is well with you.

Love,

David

[DEW's discovery of an earlier ancestor in his Nemitz line] [Dec. 14, 2000]

(save) 12/14/00

Dear Le Ann,

I recently had great genealogical good luck. Going through the old German churchbook of Lupow at the Mormon branch library, I found the baptismal record of Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz, my grandfather's father, born on March 25, 1810, the son of Michael Nemitz and Maria Louisa Pappen. These are thus my great-great-~~great~~ grandparents, and this takes me back another generation further in the Nemitz line than I had known. Heinrich was also the father of your ancestor Ernst, so this takes you back another generation, too. This is a great discovery for us all, and something more to add to your records.

Of course, since we hadn't known that Ludwig was Heinrich's middle name, we will have to confirm that this is our Heinrich through some other records later. But it seems very likely, because his wife Henriette gave Rambow as the town she had come from on the ship's passenger list in 1879, and Rambow is in the Lupow parish.

Love,
David

[Dec. 27-28, 2000]

[Feb. 14, 2001]

Subj: **Thanks!**
Date: 12/27/00 7:29:50 AM Central Standard Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

Hello David! I just received the nice letter from Christoph and your E address was on there so now I have it. I had received an E from you before, I believe, but then my computer was on the "fritz" and I lost all my address's. Thank you for your very exciting letter. It is just marvelous that you found another set of ancestors! Even though you want to do more research on it, it does sound very authentic to me. Thank you for searching! Without you we would never have found our German relatives. Also, Amelia Nemitz was instrumental in getting me going, having given me your address. I understand that Amelia has been in the hospital. Haven't heard anything yet this week. She was a 100 years old last July. Thanks again! Oh yes, another thing that I found interesting is that his name was Michael. Rarely do you find a German, way back then, with that name. Perhaps they were Catholic at one time? Just a guess. Love, Le Ann

Amelia Nemitz, age 100.

Subj: **Re: Thanks!**
Date: 12/28/00 3:52:04 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Writerleann

Hi, Le Ann,

Just wanted to say I got your message and to thank you for it.

Love, David

Amelia died.

Subj: **Amelie**
Date: 2/14/01 7:26:35 AM Central Standard Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

Dear David, Here's a wish that you are doing OK, then too, a wish for a Happy Valentines Day. I had an E from Lois Kuhlmann yesterday. Within the content of that letter she said that Amelia Nemitz died. Her funeral is today. Had she lived until July she would have been 101. Since she is the person that gave me your address I felt that you had probably met her. I have not personally met her, although I've know her daughter since about 1950. After my son was seriously hurt, Amelia and her daughter Lajune, phoned me and since then Amelia and I had corresponded. I had just mailed her a valentine and I'm sure that it had not even reached her before her death. How is the search for relatives coming? My book is doing OK. They finally sent me the book in page form, via E-mail. They did not change it much at all. It's basically the way that I presented it to them. They are now wanting my 2nd book which I have not finished yet. I'm hastily trying to get it finished. I probably have about 6 pages to go. Must run ..... As ever, Le Ann

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[Mar. 22-23, 2001]

Subj: **Your book**
Date: 3/22/01 2:16:38 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Writerleann

Dear LeAnn,

Congratulations on your new book! I ordered a copy yesterday, and I can hardly wait to read it. Hope your next book goes well, too. Thanks for your Valentine's greeting. I was sorry to hear about Amelia's death, but she lived a long and wonderful life.

Love, David

Subj: **Re: Your book**
Date: 3/23/01 7:34:11 AM Central Standard Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

Dear David,
Thanks for ordering. I hope that you were able to get a price. I've received many calls and letters because someone got too ambitious and sent out the letter before they knew the price. Thanks also for your greetings!

Love, Le Ann

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Willem Meiners, Publisher

[June 14, 2001]

Subj: **Your Book**
Date: 6/14/01 11:12:10 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Writerleann

Dear LeAnn,

I received your book, and I had a hard time putting it down, it was so interesting. I have now finished it, and I liked it very much. It was a fascinating story and kept up my interest to the very end.

Love, David

Subj: **Re: Your Book**
Date: 6/14/01 5:09:03 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

Iowa reunion

Hello David, I had just been thinking about you, then went to my computer and low and behold there was a letter from you! I am very pleased that you enjoyed the book. There is a sequel that is already at the publishers. They take their time though and I don't think that we'll see it until the first part of next year. Although I am not a sophisticated writer I do like to write. Last night I had my first book signing at our church. There were 32 present. Our congregation is very small so that was a good turn out. I've had good reports. Thank you for giving me yours. Do you hear from the Iowa group and are you planning on going to the reunion there next year? Herb Kuhlmanns cancer returned. I believe he has had all of his treatments again. We pray for his recovery. Write again. Le Ann

[Mar. 28 - Sept. 19, 2002]

More on the Iowa reunion

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 3/28/02 5:30:00 PM Central Standard Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

Mar. 28

Hello David!

Here's hoping that this letter finds you in good health. We are eagerly awaiting spring here.

I'm hoping that I'll see you at the reunion. My uncle Robert who is 96 is planing on going. He's quite the man! He thinks that he has 2 reunions left in his body yet!

Wishing you a Happy and blessed Easter! Take care and God bless!

Love, Le Ann

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 5/3/02 8:20:49 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

May 3

Attendees from Germany

Hello David,
Just a quick note before I leave to take care of an elderly lady. I hope that we will see you at the reunion even now that Freidrich and Renate' are not coming. I understand that Dieter and Hilda are coming and possibly their son Rainer.

Also, I'm about to begin the book "Arise My Love." It will be about Ernst and Wilhelmina. Can you forward the town in Germany where they came from? I don't have that information in my files.

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848) and Wilhelmina/Wilhelmine Knuth (b. 1841)

I am scheduled for a book signing in Newton, Iowa on August 14th. So I guess we better make arrangements to get there.

Must run.....Take care and God bless! Love, Le Ann

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 9/19/02 9:06:58 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Writerleann
To: DWitheridg

Sept. 19

Hello David,
I'm hoping that you are doing okay. You were very much missed at the reunion. Your name came up a lot. You are the one that is responsible for getting us all together. I'm very elated about meeting all of these folks and thank you very much for taking the time to gather all of the Nemitz information. That had to be a huge undertaking.

Could you give me the town in Germany where Ernst Nemitz came from and also where Wilhelmina came from. I'm about ready to start on my next project - the story
of Ernst and Wilhelmina. I'll be forever indebted to you for that info.

I'll be going over to my brother Dave's home soon. They'll be leaving for Alabama for the winter the 1st of October. He has this new digital camera that works with his computer. Dave took all of the reunion pictures on that camera. I'll have him send some through to you.

Take care and God bless. Love, Le Ann

[Nov. 13, 2002]

Subj: **About the ship Auguste**
Date: 11/13/02 10:27:27 AM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@aimcomm.com (Le Ann Bench)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Dear David,

Mark Henige

I hope that you are doing fine. I have some pictures for you and will mail them off in a week or so. There was a young man at the reunion by the name of Mark Henige. His mother was a Nemitz. He too is from Ernst Nemitz but had the opportunity to have someone mail him a picture of Henriette's tombstone. Do you have a picture? Maybe I should ask, would you like a copy? He did forward that photo to me. Her tombstone is not as elaborate as Wilhelmina and Ernst' which makes us think that Ernst must have done quite well in Iowa.

Another party at the reunion gave me details on The ship that Ernst came over on. She wrote down for me that he arrived in Baltimore June 11, 1872, on the ship Auguste. Does this coincide with your records? I questioned it because most of the emigrants arrived at Ellis Island. I would really like to know those specifics since that portion of my book, (the book I am writing now, Arise My Love - from the Bible- The song of Solomon) can be accurate. It will be mentioned in in the first part of the book. I've been waiting for that info and did write to this young lady and she has not responded. I know that everyone is busy these days.

Hope that you are OK. God Bless! Love, Le Ann

See DEW's reply, next page.

Le Ann's forthcoming book, "Arise My Love"

[Nov. 21, 2002]

Wilhelmina/Wilhelmine Knuth (b. 1841) and her husbands:
(1) Ernst Rasch
(2) Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Subj: **Ernst and Wilhelmina**
Date: 11/21/02 5:02:06 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: wnterleann@aimcomm.com

Dear Le Ann,

I'm sorry to have neglected you for so long. It seems that for months I have been behind in everything, especially answering e-mails.

See previous page.

Regarding Ernst and Wilhelmina, I don't know much about their background, but here is what I do know: Your informant is absolutely right. Ernst arrived in Baltimore June 11, 1872, on the ship Auguste, and went to Chicago. My grandfather, Wilhelm, came with his family a year later and also went to Chicago. Neither one of them would have arrived at Ellis Island, because that was not built as a port of entry until many years later. I do not have the date at my fingertips and do not have time to look it up.

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I don't know what town Ernst lived in before coming to America, but he lived in Kreis Stolp in the part of Germany called Pomerania. Pomerania is like a state, and Kreis Stolp is like a county. The eastern part of Pomerania has been part of Poland since World War II, so research in the church books there has been very difficult. Friedrich Nemitz lives in the western part of Pomerania, which is still in Germany, though it was in East Germany under Russian control before the Wall came down and the two Germanies were reunited.

Ernst Rasch

I don't know what part of Germany Wilhelmina Knuth (b. Dec. 22, 1841) lived in. She married Ernst Rasch, and they had three children before coming to America: Auguste (b. Oct. 21, 1861), August (b. ca. 1865), and Carl (died as a boy in Chicago). They had another child, Bertha (b. Jan. 15, 1872) before Ernst (Rasch) died about 1877.

After Wilhelmine married Ernst Nemitz, they had three children in Chicago: Friedrich (b. Mar. 27, 1874), Johann (b. June 14,, 1875), and Wilhelm (b. Apr. 22, 1877). About 1877 they moved to Iowa, where they had five more children, and I'm sure you have those records.

Yes, I do have a picture of Henriette's tombstone in Bay County, Michigan, but I don't think I have a picture of Ernst and Wilhelmine's tombstone.

I got an e-mail from Mark Henige some time ago, but I haven't had time to answer it. I just sent a quick note and said I had received it, but would have to answer later when I had time.

My general health is OK, but I'm tired much of the time. I think I have sleep deprivation, so I'm trying to get more sleep.

Love, David

Editor's note:
See the additional editor's note at Wilhelmina's (b. 1841) index entry. TFW, Feb. 1, 2023

Subj: **Scarcely Planted**
Date: 12/3/03 4:15:46 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: writerleann@aimcomm.com

[Dec. 3, 2003]

LeAnn's new book
DEW's very difficult year

Dear LeAnn,

I just finished your new book, and I enjoyed it very much, with all the interesting events and activities of the family through the years, including both the joys and the sorrows. Congratulations on a wonderful job.

I have had a very difficult year. Late in January I fell and broke my hip While I was in the hospital, I had a very severe stomach pain. They rushed me into the operating room and found I had a perforated ulcer. That really laid me out, and I was in the hospital and nursing home over two months. I'm gradually and slowly improving, but I'm still not completely better. I walk around the house without my cane, but I always take it with me when I go out. I've started driving the car again, and I'm able to go to church, but I don't know what it will be like when winter sets in. I'll be glad to get back to the time when i'll be able to do all the things I used to do.

I hope that you have had a good year and that you will have a good Holiday Season.

Love, David

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[Dec. 8, 2003]

Subj:
Date: 12/8/03 7:02:14 PM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@att.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Hello David!

I hope that everything is going okay with you. We're doing as well as can be expected. Eric and I both hobble about. I really should have a hip replaced and someday, when I'm not so busy I will do that.

I've finally started the story of Wilhelmina and Ernst. I had started it before I started the book that is at the publishers now, A Polished Arrow, but was having trouble getting it going. I had started it in Germany. That didn't work too well. Then I started it in Chicago and it is going better. It's slow though. I'm about to go into the third chapter. The Internet has been a source of great articles about early Chicago. I may need to go to Charter Oak, Iowa next summer and visit a library to see what I can acquire through those means, for their life in Charter Oak.

Le Ann's book about Ernst and Wilhelmina

Someone told me that one of the four children that Wilhelmina had with her first husband, died in Chicago. That might very well be. I've looked through the church book from Iowa and the youngest boy is not listed in confirmation or marriage listings. Do you have any knowledge of this? Also, I had William and Ernst coming to America together and since have heard that isn't accurate. Maybe you were the one that told me that. Did William come over first? I'm still at the point where the Rasch family is living in Chicago and they still have two more children to appear before the big fire. The youngest one, Carl or Bertha (not sure which was the youngest) had to be but a baby when the fire occurred. It's possible that its death could have been because of the fire also.

So much for that. How is your granddaughter? Is she still with you?

Eric and I drove around Sunday night to see some of the Christmas lights. It seems that every year more appear. Some of them are so elaborate that their light bill has to be staggering. We have but a couple strings put up outside.

Well, must get dinner going. Hope that you are doing okay.

Love, Le Ann

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[Dec. 13, 2003]

Subj: **Re: Rasch Family**
Date: 12/13/03 10:44:15 AM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@att.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

By LeAnn

Good Morning David!

I did not get the E you sent the week before. Thank you so very much for sending dates.

Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

Was sorry to hear about Vickies mother passing away (Florence Anderson).

Death of Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

It's snowing here this morning. We have been fortunate so far. It will snow and then warm up. Its to turn to rain today too, so the snow won't stick.

Hope that all of you have a great holiday!

Love, Le Ann
> Dear Le Ann,
>
> In answer to your e-mail, their son Carl died in Chicago, but I don't know
> whether he was born in Germany or Chicago, probably in Germany, because their
> two oldest children, Augusta and August, were born in 186l and 1865.

By DEW

>
> I don't know when they arrived in Chicago, but it could have been before the
> fire, because their youngest child, Bertha, was born in Chicago on Jan. 15,
> 1872.
>
> Ernst came early in 1882,* and Wilhelm came later that same year, but I don't
> have time now to look up the exact details.

June July

*DEW meant to say 1872; see p. 53, folder 2.2.

>
> I'll Xerox and send to you my family group sheets for the Rasch family, the
> Ernst Nemitz family, and the Wilhelm Nemitz family so you will have a little
> more information. Good luck on your writing!
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> Love, David
>
> P.S. I hope you got my last e-mail about a week ago. I see I sent it to an
> old e-mail address.
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——————— Headers ———————

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[Dec. 21, 2003] [Jan. 13, 2004]

Subj:
Date: 12/21/03 8:14:24 AM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@att.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Hello David! It's always nice to hear from you. Your Christmas gatherings should be wonderful. Does your grand-daughter still live with you and Tom?

Sorry to hear about all of your mishaps. A month in the hospital doesn't sound like anything that I care to do. My niece-in-law just had a bout with ulcers, too. She has to take some very expensive medication. Andrea is doing okay now.

We'll be going to two different places on Christmas day. Christmas Eve Eric and I will have our Christmas. We'll go to the 4 PM church service first. On Christmas day we'll be going over to Andrea's grandmother's place first and then on to my youngest brother for a late afternoon dinner.

Take care and God bless! Thanks for your words of encouragement on my writing! Love, Le ann

Subj:
Date: 1/13/04 3:00:44 PM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@att.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Good Morning David!

I did receive the information that you sent me and I graciously thank you for it. I imagine it is a chore for you to go through your books and then have to get to a copy machine to copy pages. I am very grateful!

All is well here at the present. We've received warmer weather which makes things a lot better. During our heavy snow Eric wasn't able to use his scooter. He still isn't able to go to the 7-11 store since most people have not shoveled their sidewalks. There is a shortcut behind us - part of this mobile-park complex - but they haven't plowed it out either. It has been above freezing and if it keeps up, in a few days he can go on his merry-way again.

I did receive word last week that the publisher has accepted my 4th book. That one will probably be out in June. This story takes place in Minnesota. I have used some of my mothers people as characters. Some of the things that happened are actually true, some of the episodes happened to people in Iowa or another state. At the moment I have put the Ernst Nemitz story aside as I'm going through the 4th one hoping to catch all the errors. Publish America's editors aren't very competent.

That's all - God Bless! Love, Le Ann

[Feb. 7, 2004]

Subj:
Date: 2/7/04 10:25:23 AM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@att.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Hello David!
I hope that this finds you enjoying good health. We're doing fine, a little slower than I like to be, though.

Hopefully you'll be able to help me in the genealogy department. Is their anyway that one can get info off of the Internet? What are your suggestions to get started? I'm searching for the last name of my grandfather's, Carl Pautsch, mother's last name. Not any of his children, still living, know. Would be grateful for any information you have in getting started.

Pautsch family

My 4th book, A POLISHED ARROW, has been accepted and all details for it have already been sent off to the publisher. I expect it to be out by Mother's Day. The story is about a young minister just out of seminary, taking his first calling in a small Minnesota area. You probably could have given me some pointers. I was searching for comically things that have happened to minister's during their profession. I have several minister friends, and although they had experiences, they were of a nature I didn't want to use, like a family digging up their daughters grave and placing her in another cemetery, over an issue of the church organ. I was looking for more humorous things. Anyway, some of the incidences in my book are true.

Now that I'm finished up with that manuscript I can finally devote my time to the Nemitz story. Actually, I've only just begun, at the present am on chapter 3. Since I'm doing some research, about Indians, early Chicago etc., it will take me longer. I hope to get it finished in this year but that might not be possible. I find it harder to write this story.

Take care and God bless! Hello to Tom and Rachel (I know that she has a biblical name and not quite sure that it is Rachel).

Love, Le Ann

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[Feb. 10, 2004]

Subj: **Re: Genealogy**
Date: 2/10/04 2:30:19 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: writerleann@att.net

DEW on genealogy and genealogical websites

Dear LeAnn,

I'm interested that you want to get involved in genealogy. I must warn you that genealogy is a very demanding, time-consuming passion.

Because of my age and the condition of my health, I have practically given up doing genealogical research. I am now concentrating on putting what I have in better order and writing it up for the benefit of my descendants.

There is a lot of information out there on the internet, but it is only a tool and not a substitute for a careful genealogical method.

Since I haven't been doing any genealogy on the internet lately, I don't have any web sites at my fingertips to suggest to you. But I can look some up for you when I have time.

You should start at the beginning, and I am sending to you in the mail a few blank copies of my "Family Group Sheet." But you should photocopy more for yourself before you fill in the last blank copy.

If you look at some of those I have sent you, you will get the idea. Start the first sheet with your parents at the top as Husband and Wife, then one with your grandparents as Husband and Wife, and so on. The idea is you have to begin with the known and go on to the unknown.

If you decide you really want to get into genealogy--even minimally--you should go to a local bookstore and get a recent book on beginning genealogy and read at least some of it before you even try to do anything on the internet. I can't give you any titles, because, of course, all my books are very old.

I'm sorry that my answer to your letter is so roundabout, but that is how it has to be. I'll be interested to know what you decide to do;;. I hope you can eventually find the last name of your grandfather's mother!

By the way, my granddaughter's name is Rebecca.

Love, David

[Feb. 15, 2004]

Subj:
Date: 2/15/04 9:41:25 AM Central Standard Time
From: writerleann@att.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Dear David,

Thank you for your E. I hadn't really thought about the time element involved in doing genealogy. At the moment I don't have the time to do an extended search, will do a short one.

There isn't a need to send me a form. I'll make a form following the pattern that you have used, which I have here and you have given me over past years.

I thank you for your offer. Thank you also, for your information.

We're on our way to church this morning so must get going.

Thanks again! Take care and God Bless! Love, Le Ann

[Oct. 12, 2005]

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October 12, 2005

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LeRoy Boehlke

documents

[July 6, 1997]

Pommerscher Verein Freistadt

P.O. Box 204 • Germantown, WI 53022

July 6, 1997

David Witheridge
2425 Irving ave S
Minneapolis MN 55405

Dear Mr Witheridge

I took a look at the burial records at Trinity Lutheran at Freistadt, and am glad to report that the name does show up. The church will research the records, and the fee is usually $10 or $15. Do you want them to do a search?

Best wishes

LRoy Boehlke

[July 15, 1997]

Pommerscher Verein Freistadt

P.O. Box 204 • Germantown, WI 53022

Jul 15-97

Dear Rev Wilhendgo

I will have the Freistadt Church do a search on the family name.

ALICE WENDT

11852 N. WASAUKEE ROAD
124N

Mequon Wis 53097

414-242-6788

Sincerely

LeRoy Boehlke

[July 20, 1997]

July 20, 1997

Mr. LeRoy Boehlke
PO. Box 204
Germantown, WI 53022

Dear Mr. Boehlke,

Thank you for your letter reporting that the Nemitz name does appear in the burial records of Trinity Lutheran Church of Freistadt.

Yes, I should like to have them research the records and send me the full wording of the entries with the name of Nemitz. I'll send a check when I get a report of the cost.

Also, please send me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope the address and phone number of Alice Wendt. I want to contact her for assistance in locating newspaper obituaries.

Yours sincerely,

Al-LB 072097

[Aug. 5, 1997]

August 5, 1997

David Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

We were able to locate death records at the Freistadt church in 1883 and 1898, marriages in 1856,1881, and 1895, and eight births recorded on our card file.

The cost of making copies of this information will come to $12.00, if you are interested.

Sincerely,

LeRoy Boehlke
13102 W. Mequon Road
Germantown, WI 53022

[Aug. 9, 1997]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 9, 1997

Dear Mr. Boehlke,

Thank you for your letter. I'm glad you found some Nemitz records at the church, and I definitely want to have copies of the entries. Here is $12.00 to pay the cost.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

Chuck Braun

document

[Feb. 15, 1999]

Subj: **Newspapers**
Date: 2/15/99 2:21:41 PM Central Standard Time
From: cbraun2@centuryinter.net (Chuck Braun)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

David,

One of the largest newspaper archives in the world is at the Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State St., Madison, WI 53706. Phone: 608-264-6536. I have not used this source for many years so I'm not up to speed on other means of communicating with them. A simple call asking them about newspapers from Stolp may lead you to other sites. If they have Internet service, websites, or email address, let me know.

I like the city of Stolp. I wish that I would have had more time to explore the city more when I was there.

Good luck in your research.

Chuck Braun
Osceola, WI
cbraun2@centuryinternet.com
Researching: Parpart, Scheer, Zarling, Otto, Tews, Lambrecht.

Fred Burke

documents

[Fred Burke probably handed this, and the next page, to DEW at a meeting they both attended.] [about Jan. 1999]

I am making a list of place names to achieve a goal of helping each other

Hoping to see you there

Fred Burke

This note was on the reverse side of the announcement on the next page. →

← See previous page

POMERANIAN GROUP

← Germanic Genealogy Society

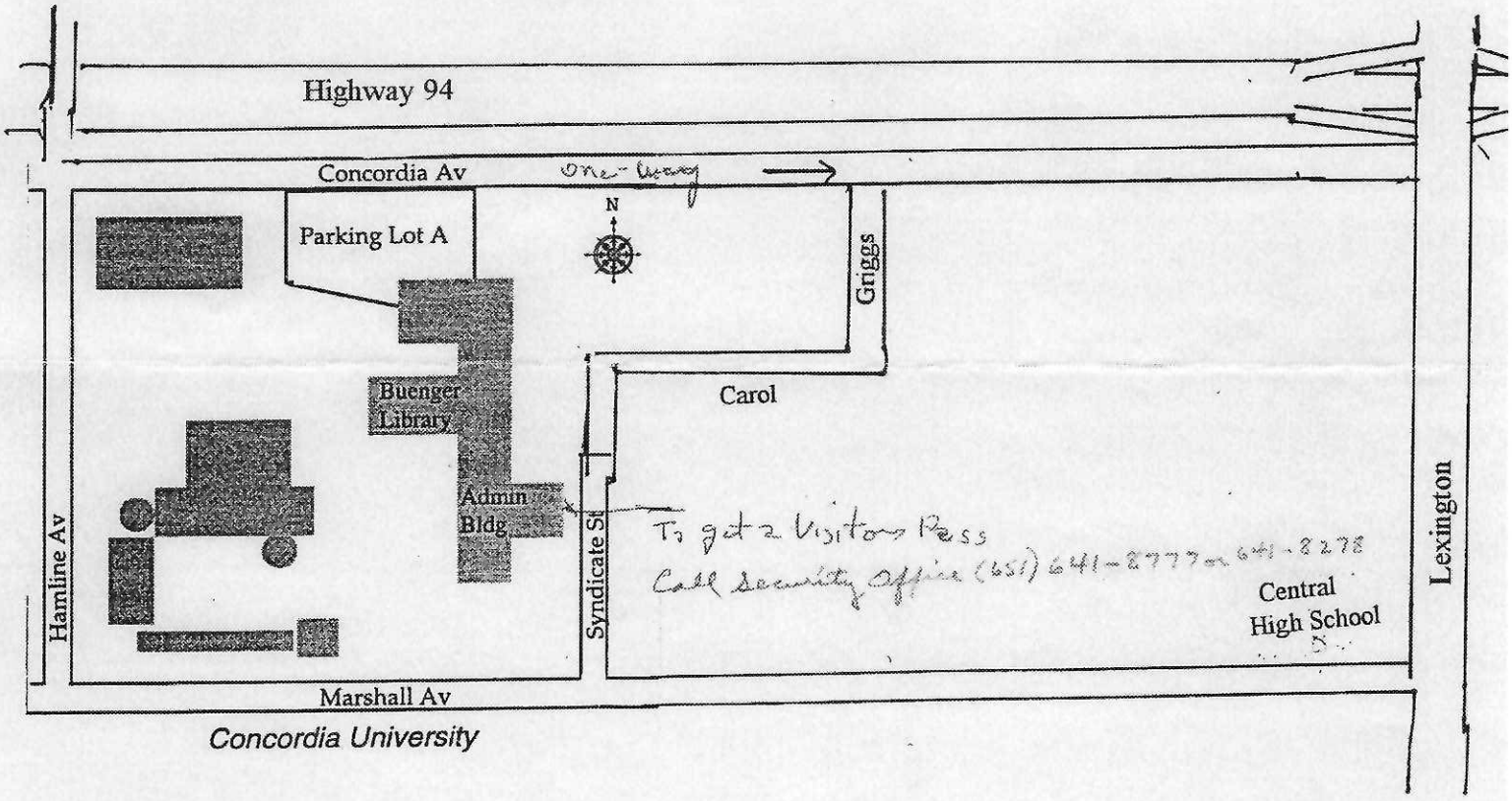
Concordia College (now University), St. Paul, MN

A core group of eight GGS memebers met on Tuesday evening, December 1, 1998 at Concordia college to form a Pomeranian group. One of the purposes of this group would be to help each other in doing their travel and research. One of the ways of doing this is to record our ancestral places and combine our efforts in doing this research. Already in the first meeeting, two members found that they had the same great grand parents and the same ancestral village. They found another member in this group of eight to whom they were related. In this meeting members contributed ideas on travel and research of the area of Poland today. This information will be added to the loose leaf Pomerania resource binder in the Concordia library where it will help others doing their research.

Delores Souba gave an account of her recent trip to her ancestral village of Plathe in Kreis (county) of Regenwalde. She had photos and took videos of her trip We can view this video in a future meeting and discuss what we have seen.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00, January 26, 1999 at the Concordia library. If the group gets too big we can rent a class room in same building at a very nominal rate.

Parking can be a problem. The parking lot A is convenient but is open to the public only on weekends. However, one can get a visitors pass by going to the security desk on the first floor of the Administration office at the statue of Martin Luther on Syndicate Avenue. Otherwise there is street parking.



[Feb. 5, 1999]

Subj: **Fw: Pommersche Zeitung**
Date: 2/5/99 12:37:00 AM Central Standard Time
From: msmedia@gte.net (Delphine Thomas) ← Delphine Thomas
To: dwitheridg@AOL.COM

David: ← DEW

Thank you for your telephone call. This is the forward I promised from Martha Riggle. I think she is willing to offer some help. See you on Saturday. ← Martha Riggle

Regards, Del Thomas :-)

> From: mjkpom@juno.com
> To: msmedia@gte.net
> Subject: Pommersche Zeitung
> Date: Tuesday, February 02, 1999 8:06 PM
>
> Dear Delphine,
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> Thank you for your letter. Since you gave me your e-mail address, I
> answer you in this way.
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> Reverend Witheridge is a good friend of ours. He may have told you that ← DEW
> he and his Pomeranian cousin, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, went on the radio
> (WTKM) with me in Hartford, Wisconsin. ← Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)
>
> But to your questions.
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> 1. The newspaper you mentioned is a weekly: Die Pommersche Zeitung. I ← Pommersche Zeitung
> do write articles for publication from time to time. I just renewed my
> subscription for 1999. The cost was DM160.00, at the current rate of
> exchange that was $106.76. If you do subscribe, please mention my name.
> The address is:
>
> Die Pommersche Zeitung
> Europaweg 3
> 23570 Lübeck-Travemünde, Germany
>
> There are quarterly newsletters from the various Kreise (counties) of
> Pomerania, but they are specialized for those counties. If you have some
> particular counties in mind, I may be able to supply addresses for you.
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> 2. If you are lookling for Pomeranian societies in the United States, I
> would suggest Pommerscher Verein Freistadt. An associate (non-voting) ← Pommerscher Verein Freistadt
> membership costs $10.00 per year. That entitles you to receive our
> quarterly newsletter. If your society publishes a newsletter, perhaps an
> exchange can be worked out. Please write to my friend, LeRoy Boehlke. ← LeRoy Boehlke
> Again, please mention my name.
>
> Pommerscher Verein Freistadt
> Attn: LeRoy Boehlke
> Post Office Box 204
> Germantown, Wisconsin 53022
>
> 3. Your best source for records would be the nearest LDS Library, if you
> have not already made use of it. I can get the other addresses you asked
> about, but it will take me a little time.

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> 4. The problem (for you) with Pomeranian societies in Germany is that ← "The problem ... with Pomeranian societies in Germany"
> they are made up of people who were expelled after World War II, and are
> not particularly interested in family history. Sometimes there are
> individuals who are interested and who will correspond with you. But
> there are sources on line.
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> One on-line resource is a web site called Pommern-L. Reverend ← Pommern-L website
> Witheridge just subscribed and I suggest you use him as a resource.
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> Another good on-line source is a web site that is organized by
> another friend, Heinz Radde, who lived through the expulsion from
> Pomerania as a very small child. He has organized his web site around
> first person stories from people from his home village (Groß Tuchen in
> Kreis Bütow). My husband and I helped him to translate some of these
> reports into English. The address for his site is:
>
> http://members.tripod.com/~radde/index.html ← Editor's note: As of Feb. 3, 2023, this link did not work. – TFW
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> Please let me know if any of this is of any use to your society.
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> Sincerely,
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> Martha Riggle
> Wichita, Kansas
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[Feb. 10, 1999]

Subj: **Die Pommersche Zeitung**
Date: 2/10/99 3:20:07 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: msmedia@gte.net
CC: fburke@juno.com, Laedwards

DEW's ideas for using the German weekly newspaper.

Dear Del,

I have received two back copies of Die Pommersche Zeitung from Martha Riggle, and I've been looking them over. I'm mailing them to you so you can show them to the Library Committee and decide if we want to subscribe to it.

I think we should strongly consider taking a one-year trial subscription and then use the creativity of the Pommern group to make the best use of it. It is written by and for the very people we should be in touch with--people who do or did live in Pomerania and consider it their homeland.

One idea would be for our group to write a column, perhaps monthly, called "From Minnesota," to encourage two-way communication and deal with topics of particular interest to us. I notice they do have Leserbriefe (readers' letters), so I'm sure they'd be glad to have something like this. It could deal with some of the things their fellow Pomeranian descendants are doing here, items of Pomeranian genealogy of interest to us, queries about specific families or localities, and so on. It could be written by the same person every time or by different members from time to time. Perhaps Kent Cutcomp, Kermit Frye, or Ed Brandt would be willing to translate it into German.

Another idea would be to use material from Die Pommersche Zeitung in the Germanic Genealogist* or GGS Connect occasionally. We'd probably have to get permission to do this.

They seem to have Heimatkreise and Landesgruppen, which I assume to be groups of people whose ancestry goes back to certain areas, or those who used to live there. In each case, the name and address of the chairman is given, so we would have direct access to someone from our own area.

I'm sure our group would think of many ways to use this paper as a resource. If the Library Committee is meeting before I'll be able to get these copies to you by mail, let me know, and maybe we can work something else out.

David Witheridge

*This may be the same publication as Germanic Genealogy Journal.
—TFW, Feb. 3, 2023

[Feb. 11, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Die Pommersche Zeitung**
Date: 2/11/99 2:39:06 PM Central Standard Time
From: fburke@juno.com (Frederick p Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

hi

I think it would be great to get it. I will bring it up on the library committee on the 22nd.

I called Calvin Roetzel, college professor from MaCalester, and he will talk and show his slides at our next meeting April 13. He had a very successful and interesting visit to Pommern in December.. He had a lot of experiences in Poland including being mugged but that did not detract much from all his positive experiences. I will arrange for a classroom in the same building as the library. I may ask each person to contribute a dollar or a couple a $1.25 for the expenses. I will need to rent the room and probably some equipment both of which costs will be very nominal. I plan to call everybody that I can find that is Pomeranian before that time.

There will be an announcement of this meeting in the next connection. It should be a very interesting meeting. I am so glad to have Ruth Mammenga as the leader. I don't like that job but am glad to help in any other way. See you there. Fred

← Ruth Mammenga

* Possibly GGS Connection, a publication of the Germanic Genealogy Society.

[Feb. 16 - Apr. 5, 1999]

Subj: **newspaper**
Date: 2/16/99 7:05:58 PM Central Standard Time
From: msmedia@gte.net (Delphine Thomas)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

David:
I have a library meeting next week. I will bring those Pommern newspapers for inspection and discuss these with the committee. Thanks for doing this. Will get back to you.
Regards, Del

[These notes by DEW were undated.]

Meeting Sat - 3 things to report.
Talked to Martha Riggs or her husband Jess
She would be glad to have people write to her about finding relatives in Germany
Told me about group on internet called pomnern-L
I finally got signed up today
I'm trying to get a back copy of die Pommersche Zeitung.
It is a weekly. Sections in various districts or Kreise.
Subscription $120

Subj: **Pommern newspaper**
Date: 2/24/99 7:18:27 PM Central Standard Time
From: msmedia@gte.net (Delphine Thomas)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

David:
We discussed "Die Pommersche Zeitung" at the library meeting last night. It was decided it is a great newspaper. However, it is in German. Mostly, storage would be a problem at Concordia. I feel we should discuss it at our next Pommern meeting. Perhaps we can order it for our group and share the cost and pass the issues around. I don't read German well. Though I am very interested in Pommern.
I can mail these issues to you or bring them to our next meeting. Let me know.
Thanks, Del

Jues April 13
Calvin Ritzow
Sandy Anderson

Subj: **Re: Pommern newspaper**
Date: 2/25/99 10:00:04 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: msmedia@gte.net

Del,

Thanks for your report. It will be good to discuss Die Pommersche Zeitung at our next Pommern group meeting. Just bring the issues you have to me at that meeting.

David

Subj:
Date: 4/5/99 1:42:26 PM Central Daylight Time
From: fburke@juno.com (Frederick p Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

[Did he mean Apr. 13?]

David
Hope to see you at the meeting on Feb. 13. Professor Roexel of MacCalester college should be interesting and we will attempt to get more resource information from the group and to help each other.
Fred Burke

[DEW's notes for the meeting] 4/13/99 [Apr. 13, 1999]

Die Pommersche Zeitung

Good resource for us - just the people we want to contact + information we want.
Two problems:
1 - Very few of us read German well enough to read a newspaper
2 - We don't have enough time to make use of such a resource

Not enough space at Concordia - How about transferring to MGS Lit. after a few months?

[Group was getting re-established "after not meeting for a few years."]

Martha Riggle

Martha Riggle said, "I would like to have a list of Pomeranian names and places your group is researching, if it isn't too much trouble. Perhaps I can help."
I replied that "Our Pomeranian group is just getting reestablished after not meeting for a few years. We are working on a list of names and places people are interested in, but we don't meet again until April. I'll try to send you a list after that."
(Maybe Del would like to send it to her.)

Delphine (Del) Thomas

[Apr. - July 1999]

Subj: **Pomeranian Group**
Date: 4/15/99 3:28:26 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com

Dear Martha, ← Martha Riggle

We had our Pomeranian Group meeting this week, but the program was a slide presentation by a college professor who had taken a trip to Poland to visit his ancestral Pomeranian village. The result was we didn't get around to discussing Die Pommersche Zeitung. We also have still not finished the list of names and places our members are interested in. Just thought I ought to report.

David

Germanic Genealogy Society

Subj: **GGS**
Date: 7/19/99 3:41:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: fburke@juno.com (Frederick p Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

David Lois Edwards is requesting a short story about finding our relatives in Germany. I am sure you saw this in the news letter. She is not getting many stories. why don't you write yours.

I have ordered Die Pommersche Zeitung and will donate it to the library. If you want it before it goes each time, I would be glad to get it to you.

Unfortunately, we will be in England, Scotland, Ireland during the Fall conference but we are planning a Pommern meeting for the second Tuesday in October. Fred Burke

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Subj: **Re: GGS**
Date: 7/19/99 8:58:27 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: fburke@juno.com

Hi, Fred,

Thanks for your note. I do have a good story about finding my relatives in Germany, but am so far behind in everything that I just can't take time to write it up. Maybe someday in the future.

That is wonderful of you to subscribe to Die Pommersche Zeitung, and I would like to see it, if we could work it out. Let me know, if you can think of a way.

I'll save the second Tuesday in October for a Pommern meeting.

David Witheridge

[Nov. - Dec. 1999]

Subj: **Pommersche Zeitung**
Date: 11/15/99 8:51:31 PM Central Standard Time
From: fburke@juno.com
To: Dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi I have emailed Martha Riggles, and she sent me a short bit of information about my village. It was part of the estate of the von Bonin family. I thought they might have owned it. Her information is that they owned it until 1767, and I am wondering who had it after that. Karzin is a very small village of three rows of houses. thank you for informing me of her. I got a little bit more of my history. ← Martha Riggle

I phoned the Pommersche Zeitung office this morning. They had no record of my subscription. They asked me to send them a letter. I have the receipt from them and my canceled check. I will write them and send that photocopied information. I also talked to other people in the office. I asked them if they had the book - Ruth von Kleist Matriarch of Conspiracy and they would look. I have it in German and would donate a copy to them if they did not have it. They will also send me their information. I asked what they had as a resource for our organization with Pomeranian ancesters.

that first copy we received may have come from Martha Riggles and not from Germany. I am sure that this will be settled all right.

By the way, have you read that book Ruth von Kleist. the last time I saw Jane Pejsa, I bought five books and three in German. I plan to send one to my third cousin in Germany , Manfred Burke

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Subj: **Re: Pommersche Zeitung**
Date: 11/17/99 3:11:50 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: fburke@juno.com

Pommersche Zeitung

Hi, Fred,

Thank you for your note. I'm sorry you are having trouble getting started with Die Pommersche Zeiitung but I'm sure they will straighten it out.

Yes, I have read Jane Pejsa's book, and I also bought two copies in German and sent them to my second cousins once removed in Germany.

I'm glad you got in touch with Martha Riggle and that she was able to give you a little information. I hope others contact her, too.

Martha Riggle

Sincerely, David

Subj: **Re: Pommern**
Date: 11/24/99 1:52:06 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: fburke@juno.com

Hi, Fred,

Thanks for your update. It sounds as though you are making good progress. Hope it all works out well.

David

Subj: **Zeitung**
Date: 12/1/99 6:17:03 PM Central Standard Time
From: fburke@juno.com
To: Dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi I got four issues now. I will phone you and drop them off when I go visit Jane Pejsa
Fred

[Summary of first year and plans for the future] [Jan. 2000]

THE POMMERN STUDY GROUP LINK # ONE JANUARY 2000

from THE DESKS OF FRED BURKE- RUTH MAMMENGA
CO-COORDINATORS OF THE POMMERN STUDY GROUP

Since the Pommern group began meeting in December of 1998, the number of people on our directory list has tripled. What is interesting is that the number of people attending a meeting stays at about one/third of the potential people who could attend a meeting. Our initial meeting drew 8 people out of about 20 potential. At our last meeting we drew 23 of a potential 65. If this pattern holds, we can expect about 30 at our Jan. 25th meeting.

This is causing your coordinators to make a few changes. Starting with the February meeting, we will try meeting in another location that can handle larger groups of people. We will meet at the Merriam Park Public Library's meeting room which is located about a dozen blocks west of Concordia, at 1831 Marshall, on Feb. 29th. There is a parking lot by the library and street parking. We can have coffee and snacks in the room if we wish and there is a copy machine upstairs. We havebooked the room from 6PM until closing at 9. The Concordia Library is open untill 11PM so we can make a stop there after the meeting if anyone wants to do this. By booking from 6 on, we can continue to start the meeting at 7 and use from 6-7 for a social hour. We are there on March 28, Apr. 25 and May 23, same hours.

We will attempt to videotape the program on the evening of Jan. 25th. If we use two cameras we can tape both the presentor and focus the other on the screen and then edit pieces together. If anyone has experience in doing this, your advice and assistance would be appreciated. We will try to videotape future programs so that tapes are available for purchase or rental. There are two reasons for us to do this: (1) to preserve this visual information and (2) so that members who cannot attend for various reasons can stay abreast of what is happening at a meeting.

The third thing that we plan to do is to repeat sending the Pommern Study Group Link periodically to keep outstate members and Pommern researchers who are members of GGS but live in other states can participate in this study. This project will involve networking with other researchers from other Pommern Societies and with others who have submitted family information to various websites so we need to be able to use a variety of methods to stay in communicate with each other. Periodically we will summarize the results of what various people have accomplished and the final results will be evaluated in written form so that others can profit from it and perhaps emulate what we have done.

We are making initial inquiry into the development of a Pommern Study Group chatroom on a website and into the use of Conference calls which might be used to link us with others in different Pomeranian Societies. This topic can be discussed when we meet on Feb. 5th and at subsequentPommern group meetings but there isn't a rush to do this.

Before outlining the Study project, a summary of what has taken place at Pommern group meetings this past year is in order:

December 1998- December 1999

The family researchers who traveled to Pommern ancestral villages before the Iron Curtain came down were real trailblazers in the history of Pommern researchers. If we think of them in this way, we can see the need to have their experiences recorded and preserved, just as we would other research. Myron Gruenwald, in his newsletter, Die Pommerschen Leute, collected information for many, many Pommern family researchers and published these in a publication called" Travels through our Pommerland, Band one through Band 13 "published in May of 1993. The first entry in the booklet "for purposes of learning about Pomeranians" was from a Ray Krueger (#16) of Rogers Arkansas. A copy of this is available.(see Fred) These early travelers were met at the border by soldiers carrying guns, had to worry about getting their passports returned to them but like anyone who has a mission, pursued elusive family history. Thanks to Myron,we can read about them.

The decision for our Pommern group to solicit programs and publications from our travelers to the hinterlands of Pomerania was a good decision.

Each person who spoke to our group this year approached their travels in their own style. Delores Souba and her son packed what they needed into backpacks, made arrange-

ments to stay at hostels and traveled by train. From a previous family researcher they got the name of a driver-guide who took them to Justin and Witzmitz, near Plathe, Kreis Regenwalde. Delores was not among the fortunate few who found German gravestones with family dates on them, nor a priest who had church records tucked away in a back room of the church. What she did find were houses and barns and cobblestone roads which probably look today much as they did when her ancestors left. She brought photos for us that are typical to the photos we hoped to find ready for us in our villages on the day that we would go to our homeland. I treasure one of a red brick barn that I begged to have a copy of. (Ruth)

Jerry Timm presented a program to the group and also wrote an article summarizing his two trips to the village of Witzmitz, the same village that Delores visited and to Drosedow, now Darewo, on his 2nd trip. (Spring 1999, GGS Journal)

To locate Witzmitz on a map, Jerry had the help of the German Genealogy Society in Orange county, California. They must not have had acess to Guenwald's collection of researchers traveling to Pommern as they did not prepare Jerry for what he would find in Poland. Jerry and his sons thought that they would find German-speaking residents who would be able to give them information and that the church might contain ancestor's graves. When they came on their second trip they were more prepared and they traveled in a van with a Polish guide.

Jerry managed to locate the archives in Stettin and here he learned how things are done. By going in the company of a man who knew the director, he gained entry and they did locate information about his great-grandfather's place of death. When I (Ruth) went to Stettin, I got the address of the man who got Jerry into the archives, wrote to him and I too located a piece of information about my grandparents. I don't know what it cost Jerry for his information but my sister and I had to pool our American cash to complete the transaction. My hint for Polish travel is to carry twice the number of American dollars that you think you will need AND to take some American candy along for the children you may encounter in your villages.

The presentor who shared with us a most impressive collection of family documents was Dr. Calvin Roetzel. His ancestral villages are in Kreis Lauenburg, which he visited with the assistance of a driver-guide from Danzig after traveling there from Berlin.

Outside the church where his ancestor's time was spent waiting to enter the church stands an old tree, a tree apparently revered by those who attend the church today. Over the top of the tree, damaged by time and weather, someone has built a strange wooden structure to protect the tree. Calvin said that he used a photograph of this tree, and the photograph of another tree that stands outside the church where his ancestor went to church when he came to America, to tell the story of his ancestor's early life in Pommern and his life in America.

Not many weeks later, I arrived at one of the three villages where my ancestral name was once known on the isle of Rugen. When we were taken to the place on the map where the village of Mastitz once existed, I looked at the fields and the cobblestone road and thought of Dr. Roetzel and his tree story. I took photographs of the road and then close-up photos of the cobblestones and use these to imagine what life on that island might have been like in the late 1500's when Chim Sampe trod those stones.

Dr. Roetzel interjected a cautionary note into his program. He knew that my sister and I would be traveling to Danzig on our trip so he felt that we should be warned. As he was boarding the train to return to Berlin, 4 men mugged him just inside the train, with the conductor on the platform outside the train windows. After taking all but his passport, which he said he had taped to his body, the conductor would not allow him to call his credit card number because he had no money to pay for the call.

In reaction to this warning, my sister and I bought loud whistles to wear around our necks when we would reach Danzig. However, on that day in the city, we left our room so fast that the whistles stayed resting in our suitcases, doing no-one any good. Luckily, the only thing we lost on the streets of Danzig were the photographs that we didn't take when our Polish guide asked us not to bring cameras along on our walking tour of the city and we followed her request.

Not all travel reports were made formally. Some people shared their experiences while we were discussing one thing or another at meetings. It is hoped that these people will make a presentation and/or write an article about their trips.

This summary cannot end without referring to our main man, Fred Burke. Fred, as the

Pommern Resource Contact for Germanic Genealogy, has been responding the questions regarding Pomerania for years. While traveling to his homelands in old Pomerania Fred tracked down and purchased a number of books on Pomerania which he then donated to the library at Freistadt and for the shelves at Concordia University. What really made all this unique is that Fred travels by train, bike and foot so these books came back in his backpacks!

Fred's article about this trip appeared in the GGS Journal in May/August 1998, under the title, "It is Difficult to do Geneology in a language you do not understand". This article was an introduction to traveling in Poland for many, and not just for Pomeranian researchers. Many German researchers, who hadn't thought about the difficulties of travel outside Germany, could here read about the difficulties that some German researchers experience. To quote Fred,"I thoroughly enjoyed my travel in Germany. It stood out in contrast to traveling in Poland. People did not even look at me in Poland. It seemed as if I were invisible, and I felt totally isolated there. Relying mostly on nonverbal communication is very difficult emotionally and it is impossible to do any genealogy research".

To eliminate this "feeling of isolation", what we Pomeranian researchers also experience when we dead-end in researching, is the negative force that is moving us toward working together on a project thatwe suspect will put us in touch with surname and village information. There is also a possitive force pushing us to want to work with others, the comrade link-up. The basic element of the study is the necessity to reach out, to network, with others who are family Pomeranian researchers, those in other Pomeranian Societies, those who were exiled from Pomerania and have re-settled in other places in Germany and the United States and some even in Australia and South Africa. Developing contacts, lines of communication with these researchers will be Fred's area. If you desire to work on this aspect of the project, contact Fred. On Feb. 5th we will schedule a meeting to do some of this organizing and hope many of you attend this GGS Winter Conference at Concordia and do attend this meeting.

What we seek and what we agree to share is family information, names, dates, places, especially places, places of birth, marriage, death, emigrantion, where those exiled once lived. We plan to include in our exchange of information, learning about, collecting photos from, the places where our ancestors lived. It has been noted that some people are attempting to focus on villages and towns, learn the past histories of these places, even recreate who lived in specific places. This is a project that Joyce Gardner and my cousin, Trudy Hawley have begun, to piece together the events that happened in the neighboring village of Altenhagen and Mittlehagen, near Plathe, Kreis Regenwalde. I am making copies of every birth entry, marriage and death in Mittlehagen in microfilms (Ruth). When a new researcher joined us at the last meeting and mentioned that she is looking for ancestor's information from Labuhn, near Regenwalde, Trudy and I moved right toward her and we are planning to work together on hiring a Polish geneologist she has met to help us do a similar task. As we begin to link up with each other, based on place, we may form teams or groups in start with.

When you come to the Jan. 25th meeting, at the Concordia Library, bring your pedigree and family charts, if you haven't already done this, as this is where it all starts. We need your information. These are in large ring-binders and will be brought to every meeting.

As we link up with others, this is what we will ask of them too. We will be developing a chart that includes places to record all that we need (not all computer programs or Pomeranian Societies ask all of the questions that we need answered), but for now, bring charts and be prepared to receive contacts, others who may need to ask you questions about your family that is not answered on your charts.

The names of submitters of information is very important to make this all work.

In addition to collecting and filing family charts on the 25th (and our program presented by Lois Gleuwe) we will take our first look at our collection of Kreis maps which will probably be considered quite primitive in the near future as technology moves us along. The maps are so far dotted with 257 green dots which reflects the 670 families who lived in these 257 towns and villages. When your family information is in and tabulated, there will also be red dots on these same maps.

On Feb. 29th, our first meeting at the Merriam Park Library, you will add your red dots to the maps and you will be given appropriate names of the submitters of information for the 670 names (from Freistadt members). Now, the fun begins. You can write or call or e-mail the submitters in your Kreis to seek family match-ups and to form village or town groups.

If you are reading this, wishing you could be present at these meetings but can't, we want to work out ways in which you can be part of the project. To start with, you will probably have to send your charts, add e-mail addresses and let us know that you want to stay on our mailing list. We haven't figured out how to finance this yet but will tell you when we know. This mailing cost about 73¢. When we can place you in a group and send you submitters names, we will do that. When we have a website set up, we will explain that as your group may want to chat with each other. When we check into conference calling, this will be explained. If you live in another state and use another phone system you might check on this too.

If all this overwhelms you, just hold on the line for your life, as we are doing. It will all sort itself out. At the very least, please share with us your family information. If you only want to sit back and watch, after sending your charts that is, subscribe to our newsletter, the Link, and see what you are missing.

We have, for now, divided the two of us to go and oversee two parts. Fred will oversee the foreign submitters and Ruth will oversee the United States submitters.

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As part of our continuing series of programs on

Traveling to ancestral villages
Jan. 25th at the Concordia University Library, Marshall & Hamlin
7PM St. Paul, Mn.

Lois Glewwe will present a slide program from her trip to her family villages near Rummelsberg and to villages, cemeteries, churches and the Glewe castle in Neustadt-Glewe (family members disagree on whether the area is connected to their family. Wolf-Rüediger Glewwe of Salzwedel, Germany and Lois are 3rd cousins, once removed, and are among the 700 Glewwes who trace their roots to Charles Glewwe, born in 1795.
Lois and 16 of her family rented a pink German bus and spent 2 weeks touching their roots.

St. Paul Pioneer Press, Sept. 21, 1999: "She (Lois) hopes her family returns to Minnesota with an appreciation for the sacrifices their ancestors made by leaving behind everything they had ever known and co ming to America...For Lois, her research reminded her of the long line of her family's community involvement. Since the Glewwes first arrived here, they have been active in local and state politics. She doesn't just have a family tree now, she has a history of her family's values that has helped her understand what it means to be a Glewwe. 'You have an obligatio n to work hard, not for wealth, but to take care of your family and community'".

Come early for a good seat and to meet Lois and (remember your charts!)

[Mar. 2000]

Biographical sketch of Jane Pejsa (q.v.), featured speaker at the forthcoming April meeting

Jane Pejsa is author of five none-fiction books out of widely different realms. The realm that has captured her attention now for more than a decade is Germany and Germany in the 20th century.. Her prizewinning biography of a woman and a family involved in the conspiracy to kill Hitler led her deeper into the last years of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life, especially the hears that he spent in Pomerania, once German a Pommern. Most recently she has pursued the traces and the remnants of Bonhoeffer's Pomerania sojourn, discovering the unexpected –that here, in 1938, along the Pomeranian countryside Bonhoeffer was transformed by the first of the countless horrific acts that would later define the Holocaust.

Jane has recently returned from a mission to this Bonhoeffer land, which is now part of Poland. She led an ecumenical group of 21 Christians and Jews from Minnesota, Germany and Poland. Together they traveled through the land–Szczecin/Stettin to Kosalin/Koslin to Slawno/Schlawe and places in between. At six sites they placed permanent memorial markers, three to Bonhoeffer and three to the vanished Jewish communities, calling forth a history largely unknown to the Poles who only know this land since 1945.

Reported Jane on their return, "It was a lovefest all the way."
Jane Pejsa has just completed a book to document the mission: Mission to Pomerania

Agenda for March:

Agenda for March 28 meeting A temporary chairman will take over the meeting..
6:00 to 7:00 Open time for talk and looking at exhibits.
7:00 Ruth will ask for volunteer for a secretary. I have been doing this. It is on the computer If time permits, Fred will volunteer for treasure and give a report and may ask for some by laws.
7:05 Fred will present a survey to be filled out and also a phone tree to be partially completed.. A phone tree is 3 people who will call 20 people who will call 5 people each when this is required. There is a 2- page comprehensive survey and more may be added by Ruth. I will stress the importance of this survey. I have been helped in completing this form, and it should be a helpful medium..
7:20 15 minutes of discussion of what the members want and options for any member to talk.
7:35 Ruth has three-fourths of an hour to present her data base.
8:20 Fred Sauer will present more information about his data base for villages of Pommern, and discuss the need of it versus the list in the Prussian Gazatier. I have purchased the 26 kreis maps of Hinterpommern
8.30 Ruth will present a plan for a lending library.
8:35 Fred will present information about the next meeting with Jane Pejsa.. Members who have read the book will, hopefully, contribute to this discussion.
8:40 discussion of what is wanted for May meeting.
Meeting over at ~~9:45~~ 8:55

[Feb. 6, 2001]

Subj:
Date: 2/6/01 3:09:16 PM Central Standard Time
From: fburke@juno.com (Frederick P Burke)
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

David just checking to see if I copied you email correctly

A thought occurred to me. Why not ask to see if any of the former Pommerns in the village would be willing to act as guides especially if they are from the same village as our members are? I think I shall email them and find out.
Fred

Subj: **Re: My e-mail address**
Date: 2/6/01 7:34:08 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: fburke@juno.com

Hi, Fred,

Yes, you got my e-mail address right.

I think that is a good idea to try to find former residents of Pommern villages that our members' ancestors came from.

David

[June 14, 2001]

Subj: **Fw: Fred Burke**
Date: 6/14/01 10:32:01 AM Central Daylight Time
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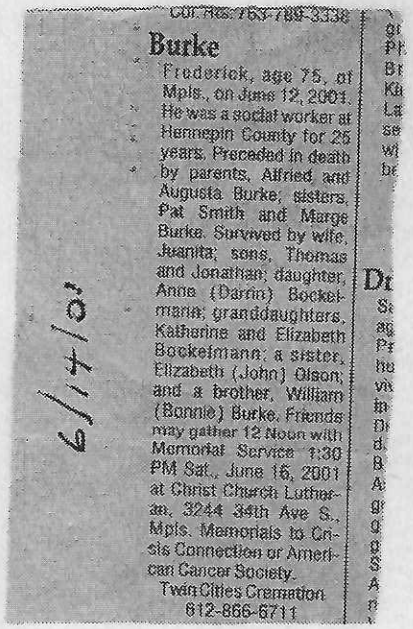
Burke Frederick, age 75, of Mpls., on June 12, 2001. He was a social worker at Hennepin County for 25 years. Preceded in death by parents, Alfried and Augusta Burke; sisters, Pat Smith and Marge Burke. Survived by wife, Juanita; sons, Thomas and Jonathan; daughter, Anne (Darrin) Bockelmann; granddaughters, Katherine and Elizabeth Bockelmann; a sister, Elizabeth (John) Olson; and a brother, William (Bonnie) Burke. Friends may gather 12 Noon with Memorial Service 1:30 PM Sat., June 16, 2001 at Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave S., Mpls. Memorials to Crisis Connection or American Cancer Society. Twin Cities Cremation 612-866-6711 published Jun 14, 2001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Twin Cities Cremation
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[June 16, 2001]

A Service of the Word

in Celebration of the Life of

Frederick Peter Burke

✤ (October 3, 1925 - June 12, 2001) ✤

June 16, 2001

Christ Church Lutheran
Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 16, 2001

CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Prelude

#343	Entrance Hymn: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" *stand*
p 207	Greeting and Prayer
	First Lesson: Romans 8:31-39 *sit*
p 225	Psalm 23
#532	Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" *(stanzas 1, 3, 4)*
	The Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34 *stand*
	The Sermon *sit*
#174	Hymn: "For All the Saints" *(stanzas 1, 2, 4, 7, 8)* *stand*
p 209	The Creed
p 209	The Prayers *kneel or sit*
p 211	The Commendation
#533	Recessional Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" *stand*

Presiding Minister: Pastor Albert L. Neibacher, Jr.
Cantor: Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee

A light lunch will be served in the Auditorium
(lower level of the Education Building)
after the service.

Frederick Peter Burke

Frederick Peter Burke was born October 3, 1925 to Alfried and Augusta (Reinen) Burke on a farm near Spirit Lake, Iowa. He was baptized October 25, 1925 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. In 1938 the family moved to a farm near Lakefield in southern Minnesota. Frederick was confirmed at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield in 1941, and graduated from Lakefield High School in 1943. He was drafted into the Army in January of 1945 and served overseas in Okinawa. After his Army experience, Frederick came back to Minnesota to farm with his father. In 1949 he moved to California to work for his Aunt Marie Gross in the family's furniture moving company. He returned to Minnesota in 1953, farming on his grandmother's land for four years.

In 1957 Frederick moved to the Twin Cities to attend the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1961 with a degree in education. After college, Frederick taught special education classes in the Minneapolis public schools. In 1963 he began studying for a master's degree in social work, which he received in 1968. He became a social worker for Hennepin County Social Services in 1964. He counseled poor families and worked in child protection services, but most of his career was devoted to working with people with mental illnesses. He retired in 1990 after 25 years of service.

On August 4, 1962, Frederick married Juanita Merz. They reared three children: Thomas Frederick, Jonathan Samuel and Anne Marie (Darrin) Bockelmann.

Frederick had many interests and pursuits. He loved gardening, and provided many friends and family with fresh vegetables over the years. He enjoyed fishing, particularly with his group from Christ Church, Len Johnson, Eldon Morrison and Wally Mueller. He volunteered for Lutheran Social Services, working with the mentally ill for a week each summer at Camp Knutson for 20 years. He volunteered at the Hennepin County Drop-In Center for the mentally ill at Plymouth Congregational Church for ten years, and at Crisis Connection, a phone counseling service, for more than 20 years.

Frederick fulfilled a lifetime dream of canoeing down the Mississippi River with his sons from the River's source at Lake Itasca all the way to Minneapolis, a distance of 539 miles. He enjoyed traveling, visiting each of the 48 contiguous states with his family. He traveled with his wife to Europe, China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand and many other places.

Frederick devoted much of his retirement to genealogy. He wrote extensive family histories of both his mother and father's families. His research took him to the area once known as Pomerania in northern Poland, the homeland of the Burke's, three times, and to East Friesland in northern Germany four times. He established contact with German relatives on both his mother and father's side, and visited them on several occasions. Along with his own research, Frederick was active in the German Genealogy Society and wrote articles on various subjects for the newsletter. He served as a resource person for those interested in East Friesland and Pomerania, and helped found the Pomeranian Genealogy Society.

In 1992 Frederick had a radical prostatectomy for prostate cancer, but the cancer returned and eventually claimed his life. Frederick is survived by his wife, Juanita; sons Thomas and Jonathan; daughter Anne (Darrin) Bockelmann; granddaughters Katherine and Elizabeth; a sister, Elisabeth Olson; and a brother, William Burke. Preceding him in death are his parents Alfried and Augusta Burke, and sisters Patricia Smith and Marjorie Burke.

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Christoph Eggs

documents

Editor's Note

These Christoph Eggs documents have nothing to do with genealogy, but they are definitely related to Germany — and in particular to Dad's cousin there, Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), who referred Mr. Eggs to Dad.

Mr. Eggs was a mechanical engineer (like Dad) on his way to Minneapolis to work as a research associate for Prof. Kortshagen in the Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota. Dad was always eager to help foreign graduate students and researchers, and this was a special opportunity to do a favor for his cousin, who had already done favors for him.

Tom Witheridge
February 5, 2023

Iris & Christoph Eggs

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[Nov. 4, 1997]

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David Witheridge
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4. November 1997

Dear David Witheridge:

Friedrich Nemitz gave us a copy of what you wrote in your last letter concerning our time in Minneaplois. We were very pleased about all the efforts you have already done for us including telephone calls with the University. Thank you very much. In fact I am in a very good contact with my future colleagues and they seem to be very friendly and helpful, too. Thank you for your offer to meet us at the airport but Mr. Kortshagen has already told me that he will meet us at the airport.

Concerning an apartment we think that (as you wrote) it is the best to stay in the hotel for the first time and look for an apartment when we are in Minneapolis. If you hear or know something of an apartment we would be very pleased if you keep it in mind for us. We are looking for an apartment with two bedrooms in an area that is not too noisy (if possible not exactly at a main street etc). The price should be in the range of max. $600 (aprox). We intent to rent a car right at the airport and buy one later on so that we can look for several apartments.

Please allow us to ask some more questions. Perhaps you can help us on some practical concerns. As Friedrich already told you we have two children, Manuel 1 and Raphael 3 years old. We do not intent to bring any furniture with us, it is to expensive. Perhaps you know somebody (e.g. from your parish) who has some child furniture like high chair, bed for a children, safety seats for in the car (sorry, I do not know the correct English word). If he / she does not need it in the moment perhaps they could help us with some parts.

Let us tell you some more facts of what we plan. Most probably we will fly on Dec. 21 arriving at 6:25 pm in Minneapolis. Mr. Kortshagen will bring us to the hotel (probably Days Inn near the University) and than we will be very tired, I am sure! I do not know how much time we need to relax but we will start searching an apartment very soon and therefore we would like to contact you. Probably you can give us some helpful information. Even more important than finding an apartment will be a parish

where we can celebrate Christmas and other services. Perhaps you can send us the address of your church and the times for your services?

Now one more last question. Raphael is very slow in learning speaking. Therefore we think that it might be helpful for him to go in a German kindergarten instead of an American one. Most probably it is easier for him to improve his speaking in German. Do you know whether there is a German kindergarten in Minneapolis?

When we moved from the southern part of Germany to Greifswald (which is quite in the North) four years ago it was very helpful for us to find Christians. The contact to this persons helped us in start living in a new city. So we are very happy that we may contact you and we are sure that we will have a good time in Minneapolis in the community with other Christians. I hope we did not bombard you with to much questions!

Once more thank you very much for your help!

Best regards,

Christa

Dorothy M
624-2006 Inst. of Technology

Research Assoc.
Mech Eng. 624-2817
Sesame High Temp. Project Sesame Power
626-2289 quiet line

(Kortshagen)
Prof. has hired Dr. Christoph Eggs

Pd by Univ.
Has to be Visa compliant

Don't have resources to help them get settled

ed and Wk. ahead of time
Where & how much rent?
Can available?

Div. Secy -
Prof. Uwe Kortshagen - 625-4028
~~1031 Bryant St.~~
00-way
Roseville 415-0499
Hotel for a week
Days Inn Close to campus
Univ. Discount
One night's rent
Housing office on campus will have
list of places available

Jochen Schein - from Bochum, Germany
625-6010 Works with foreign student group
542-7434

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
December 12, 1997

Mr. Christoph Eggs
Erich-Böhmke Str. 1a
17489 Greifswald
Germany

Dear Christoph,

I'm sorry to be so late answering your letter. I hope this reaches you before you leave for Minneapolis. I'm looking forward to meeting you and your family.

The other day I had a good conversation with Prof. Kortshagen on the phone. He is well prepared to welcome you when you arrive, including meeting you at the airport and having you at their home on Christmas Day. He has my telephone number, and he knows that he can call upon me for any help I can provide.

I have spoken to some members of our church about your coming and your desire to be involved in a church. We hope you will like our church and find it meets your needs. It is Grace-Trinity Community Church located at 1430 West 28th Street. Our Christmas service is at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, our family has always had a family gathering on Christmas Eve, so I won't be there, but some of the members will be expecting you and watching for you to help you get acquainted.

I have also spoken to some of the church members about your need for children's furniture and car seats, but we haven't found any so far. Regarding your question about a German nursery school (3 and 4 year olds), nobody thinks there is one here. So Raphael will probably have to attend an English-speaking school. We have one in our church, if you happen to find an apartment near enough.

I'll be glad to drive you around to look at apartments after you arrive, so please call me at 377-4810. I hope that all goes well in preparation for your trip and that you have a very good trip.

Yours sincerely,

David

Prof. Kortshagen

Second cousin in Germany

Friend coming to be Research assoc. with you

Dr. Christoph Eggs

I wanted to talk to you before Dr. Eggs arrives

Letter from him a couple of weeks ago.

I had said I would meet them at the airport, but he said you would.

He said his colleagues at the U. were going to help them get started here.

I'll help them any way I can, like driving around.

He wants to get active in a church, & I've alerted people in mine.

Would like to find children's furniture + car seats.

Would like a German nursery school for 3 yr. old.

I had short conversation with Jochen Schein about problem of getting adjusted.

He thinks they won't be able to have apt. near their.

Thinks they should leave not buy a car.

I'll give you my telephone no.

Christoph Eggs

1121 Hamline

Apt. 2

644-8052

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Family in Como Pk. South

Wife – Iris

Univ. Inf. 625-5000

Housing & Rental.

8:00 to 4:30

→ 624-2994

624-4476

Coffman Union Hall

Behind Museum

East River Rd. to Parking Ramp

8:00 a.m.

Notes Inst. of Int. Studies Programs

624-5580

Dem Consulate

338-6559

International Students 331-17th Ave S.E.

378-3111

Mathilda Etherington
documents

[Aug. 4, 1987] N119 Log 1009

N119 Log 1009

Mathilda Reinhardt

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 4, 1987

Mrs. Eric Etherington (Mathilda)
124212 Deerbrook Lane
Los Angeles, Calif. 90049

Dear Mrs. Etherington:

I hope this letter reaches you and finds you in good health. You are probably wondering who I am. Well, I am one of your second cousins. My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was a brother of your grandmother, Wilhelmina Nemitz, who married Carl Schroeder. My mother, Edith Nemitz, was your mother's first cousin, so they may have known each other in Bay City.

Mathilda's mother was Bertha Schroeder (b. 1872)

However, families, especially large ones, tend to drift apart after a few generations, and that is what happened to your branch and mine. It was not until I began to work on genealogy after both my mother and father had died that I began to piece together the information about my Nemitz ancestry and my relatives far and wide.

The hardest problem I encountered in trying to cross the ocean and discover our roots in Germany was the fact that our ancestors came from Pomerania, a part of Germany that is now in Poland. This has made my research very difficult, because the records there were to a large extent destroyed or displaced when the Germans were driven out.

The experts say that the best way to proceed when the search overseas seems to strike a dead end is to learn everything possible about the immigrant ancestors and their family in this country. That is what I am in the process of doing, and I hope you will be willing to help in whatever way you can. I learned about you some years ago from your aunt, Wilhelmina Laderach, but only recently got your address. I hope it is correct.

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)

Because your mother, Bertha, was the oldest child of Carl and Wilhelmina Schroeder, and because she was born in Germany, her records, scrapbooks, letters, and so on, if they could be found, would contain some clues that would help us in our search. Do you have any of your mother's old family records or even by any chance those of your grandmother's? Is there someone else in the family who might have such things tucked away?

As you can see from the enclosed sheet, I don't have much information about your own immediate family: your own birth and marriage dates and places, as well as the same information, plus dates and places of death, for your parents. I believe I have the names of your children, but nothing else about them. I'd greatly appreciate it if you could send me whatever information you have.

Now just a little about myself. I was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Bay City but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. My wife Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. I graduated from high school in the midst of the Depression and for two years commuted each day to Bay City Junior College, where I became acquainted with your aunt, Mathilda Schroeder. Then I went on to the University of Michigan and graduated in engineering.

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

For four years I worked as a heating and ventilating engineer in Saginaw with my father, William Witheridge, who was a manufacturer's representative. Then I decided to enter the ministry and attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth and I were married in 1941, just before my senior year in the seminary. From there we went to Chicago where I was the assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church for six years and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis to be executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I stayed in that position 29 years until I retired at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw before we were married, and more recently she was the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, who is 40, is not married, and he lives only a few blocks from us in Minneapolis. Tom, who is 39, lives with his wife Virginia in Chicago.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future, and I hope you are intrigued by the discovery of another second cousin.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

She never replied. Perhaps it really was the wrong address (see above).
TFW, Feb. 5, 2023

Sent 8/4/87 ← 8/4/87

[Aug. 4, 1987]

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. _____

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl. - place

2 George REINHARDT
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 Mathilda REINHARDT
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse: (1) ——— OSTERHELD
(2) Eric ETHERINGTON

3 Bertha SCHROEDER
b.
pl. Germany
d.
pl.

4
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

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b.
pl.
d.
pl.

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6 Carl SCHROEDER
b.
pl. Germany
m.
pl. Stolp, Germany
d. Mar. 23, 1893
pl. Bay City

7 Wilhelmina NEMITZ
b. Mar. 17, 1851
pl. Stolp, Germany
d. July 2, 1925
pl. Bay City, Mich.

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b.
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11
b.
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12 John SCHROEDER
b.
pl. Pomerania, Germany
m.
pl. Pomerania
d. After 1850 pl. Bay Co, Mich.

13
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

14 Heinrich NEMITZ
b.
pl. Germany
m.
pl. Germany
d. pl.

15 Henriette ———
b. Feb. 23, 1800 d. Nov. 22, 1888
pl. Germany pl. Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.

16
b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
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2 George REINHARDT
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pl.
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ANCESTORS OF

1 Mathilda REINHARDT
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse: (1) ——— OSTERHELD
(2) Eric ETHERINGTON

3 Bertha SCHROEDER
b.
pl. Germany
d.
pl.

pl.

5
b.
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6 Carl SCHROEDER
b.
pl. Germany
m.
pl. Stolp, Germany
d. Mar. 23, 1893
pl. Bay City

7 Wilhelmina NEMITZ
b. Mar. 17, 1851
pl. Stolp, Germany
d. July 2, 1925
pl. Bay City, Mich.

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b.
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12 John SCHROEDER
b.
pl. Pomerania, Germany
m.
pl. Pomerania
d. After 1880 pl. Bay Co, Mich.

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b.
pl.
d.
pl.

14 Heinrich NEMITZ
b.
pl. Germany
m.
pl. Germany
d. pl.

15 Henriette ———
b. Feb. 23, 1800 d. Nov. 22, 1888
pl. Germany pl. Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname NEMITZ

Family No. JPW20

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Heinrich NEMITZ (w)	Henriette ———— (w)[5]
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth c. 1800	Birth Feb. 23, 1800 - Germany (w)
Marriage	
Death	Death Nov. 22, 1888 - Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (w)
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

Others?

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date / Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Johanna (n)(w)	Birth Aug. 9, 1833 (w) - Germany (j)[6]
	Married to	Marriage Germany (o)
	Johann Friedrich TOMKE (w)	Death Aug. 30, 1894 (w) - Bay County, Mich. (i)(j)(w)[7]
2	Wilhelm Frederick (g)[1]	Birth Aug. 3, 1835 - Dammer, Germany (c)(f)[3]
	Married to	Marriage 1856 - Germany (c)(f)
	Theresa JACOBS (c)(f)	Death Jan. 3, 1921 - Beecher, Ill. [bur. Peotone, Ill.] (c)
3	S. ———— (c)(d)[2,4]	Birth Germany (a)(d)
	Married to	Marriage
		Death After 1925 (d) - Germany (a)(d)
4	S. ———— (c)	Birth Germany (c)
	Married to	Marriage
		Death After 1921 - Germany (c)
5	Ernst (a)(p)	Birth Dec. 1, 1848 (q) - Germany (m)
	Married to	Marriage
	Wilhelmina KNUTH (k)(r)	Death Apr. 20, 1901 - Hanover Twp., Crawford Co, Iowa (p)
6	Wilhelmina (a)	Birth Mar. 17, 1851 (b) - Stolp (d), Germany (b)
	Married to	Marriage Stolp, Germany (d)
	Charles (e) [Carl (h)] SCHROEDER (e)	Death July 2, 1925 - Bay City, Mich. (a)(b)
7		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death
8		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death
9		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death
10		Birth
	Married to	Marriage
		Death

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach

(b) Death records, Bay Co. (Mich.) Court House, Bk. I, p. 29

(c) Obit. of William Nemitz in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(d) Obit. of Wilhelmina Schroeder in Bay City (Mich.) Times Tribune, July 3, 1925

(e) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, Mar. 24, 1893

(f) Inf. from Edith Witheridge

(g) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge

(h) Bay City Directory, 1893-4

(i) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(j) Inf. from Edward Tomke

(k) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"

(m) Inf. from Elaine Nemitz (Mrs. LeRoy)

(n) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw

(o) Birth cert. of Edward W. Tomke

(p) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.

(q) Grave stone in St. Paul's Luth. Ch. cem., Hanover Twp.

(r) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953

(s) Bay City Directory, 1903 + 1905

(t) 1900 Census of Bay City, Mich.; Doc. N13 - Log 371

(u) 1880 Census - Nat. Archives: E.D. 16, Sup. Dist. 4, p. 11 (Micro.), Sumner Township, Kankakee, Ill.; Doc. N101 - Log 987

(v) Inf. from Esther Plamp; Doc. N59 - Log 924

(w) Gravestone inscription, cemetery of Zion Lutheran Church, Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich. (v)

(x) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N58 - Log 966

1 - Given as Wilhelm Johann Nemitz by (f) and William F. Nemitz in (s)

2 - Mail carrier in Stolp, Germany (?) (a); had a dau. Eda, a nurse (a)

3 - Given as Aug., 1836, in 1900 Census (t); 1837 in 1880 Census (u). Probably Dammen near Stolp. - D.E.W.

4 - Probably Ferdinand. Wilhelmina Laderach said he was Ernest and the brother in Iowa was Ferdinand; but the brother in Iowa actually was Ernst. - D.E.W.

5 - Church records of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich., list Henriette in communicant roster of 1887 and state that she died in 1888. (x)

6 - Given as May 9, 1829, in (x).

7 - Given as Aug. 10, 1874 in (x).

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname SCHROEDER Family No. JPW20-6

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Carl [Charles (e)(f)] SCHROEDER (a)

Father's Name: John SCHROEDER (c)

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		Stolp, Germany (a)(e)
Death	Mar. 23, 1893	Bay City, Mich. (f)(g)

Other Places of Residence: Arrived in Bay City, 1879 (e)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Heinrich NEMITZ (k)

Mother's Maiden Name: Henrietta ——— (k)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 16 (a), 1851 (e)	Stolp (a)(e)
Death	July 2, 1925	Bay City (a)(e)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

A very similar, and easier to read, version of this record is on pp. 19-20, folder 2.3.

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Tow
1	Bertha (a) Married to George RUNHARDT (a)	Birth	Germany (a)
		Marriage	
		Death	
2	Otto (a) Married to Alma LADERACH (a)[2]	Birth	Mar. 23, 1874 - Germany (a)
		Marriage	
		Death	After 1925 (e)
3	Mathilda (a) M. (d) Married to ———	Birth	Nov. 5, 1875 - Germany (a)
		Marriage	———
		Death	Apr. 12, 1963 - Bay City (a)
4	Henry (a) H. (h) Married to	Birth	[Born on ocean] (a)
		Marriage	
		Death	[Bur. Feb. 24, 1910 - Bay City] (i)[4]
5	William Ferdinand (a)[5] Married to Martha LOLL (a)[3]	Birth	Dec. 9, 1882 - Bay City (a)
		Marriage	Oct. 6, 1920 (a)[6]
		Death	1971 (?) (b)
6	Matthew (i) Married to ———	Birth	
		Marriage	———
		Death	[Bur. Dec. 28, 1902 - Bay City] (i)[7]
7	Wilhelmina Maria (a) Married to Rudolph Karl LADERACH (a)[1]	Birth	Apr. 15, 1887 - Bay City (a)
		Marriage	Oct. 6, 1919 - Bay City (a)
		Death	
8	Fredrick A. (c)[8] Married to Margaret KOLB (c)	Birth	Dec. 17, 1889 - Bay City (a)
		Marriage	
		Death	After 1973 (c)
9	Paul (a)[9] Married to (1) Kathryn BIELER (a) (2) Belle MARCH (a)	Birth	Feb. 9, 1892 - Bay City (a)
		Marriage	
		Death	
10	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach
(b) Inf. from Frederick Schroeder
(c) Inf. from Florence Kennedy; Doc. N69-Log 944
(d) Bay City Directory, 1901
(e) Obit. of Wilhelmina Schroeder in Bay City Times Tribune, July 3, 1925
(f) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, Mar. 24, 1893
(g) Bay City Directory, 1893-4
(h) Grave marker of Henry H. Schroeder in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City
(i) Cemetery records of Lot 381, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City; Doc. N118-Log 1007
(j) Inf. from Ronald John Pritz; Doc. N36-Log 855
(k) Gravestone of Henriette Nemitz in Zion Luth. cem., Beavertown, Bay Co, Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N59-Log 924

1- Rudolph Laderach was a sailor on the lakes (a)
2- Alma Laderach was a sister of Rudolph (a)
3- Died Sept. 24, 1903 (a). Full family came from Pomerania (j)
4- Lived near Chicago and died in Chicago (a)
5- Lived in Frankenmuth, Mich. (a)
6- No children (a)
7- "Child" (i)
8- Lived in Frankenmuth (a) and Saginaw (e)
9- Lived in Philadelphia, Pa. (e)

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If DEW made a darker copy, he must have sent it to Mathilda!
TFW, Feb. 5, 2023

Fransen family
documents

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GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. _____

Abbreviations:
- b. - born
- m. - married
- d. - died
- pl. - place

2 Edwin Carl Fransen (a)
- b. Nov. 19, 1920 (a)
- pl. Plentywood, Mont. (a)
- m. June 4, 1944 (a)
- pl. Westby, Mont. (a)
- d.
- pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 James Edwin Fransen (a)
- b. Apr. 5, 1946 (a)
- pl. Plentywood, Mont. (a)
- m. Dec. 7, 1968 (a)
- pl. Billings, Mont. (a)
- d.
- pl.

Spouse:
Carlena Hart (a)

3 Dorothy Louise Hass (a)
- b. Dec. 27, 1925 (a)
- pl. Westby, Mont. (a)
- d.
- pl.

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4 Oscar Carl Fransen (a)
- b.
- pl.
- m.
- pl.
- d.
- pl.

5 Annie Jensen (a)
- b.
- pl.
- d.
- pl.

6 Edward Fred Hass (b)
- b. July 25, 1883 (b)
- pl.
- m. June 4, 1916 (c)
- pl. Tribune, Sask. (c)
- d. June 1, 1963 (b)
- pl. Plentywood, Mont. (b)

7 Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b)
- b. Apr. 29, 1894 (c)
- pl. Bay City, Mich. (c)
- d.
- pl.

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- b.
- pl.
- m.
- pl.
- d. pl.

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- d. pl.

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- pl.
- d.
- pl.

14 Herman Martin Tomke (c)
- b. Nov. 26, 1866 (c)
- pl. Stolp, Germany (e)
- m. Dec. 31, 1889 (c)
- pl. Crown Point, Ind. (f)
- d. c. 1912 (c) pl. Bay City, Mich. (c)

15 Bertha Theresa Nemitz (d)
- b. July 9, 1866 (d) d. Feb. 14, 1951 (c)
- pl. Stolp, Germany (e) pl. Wolseley, Sask. (c)

16
- b. pl.
- m. d.

17
- b. d.

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- b. pl.
- m. d.

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- b. d.

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- b. pl.
- m. d.

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- b. d.

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- b. pl.
- m. d.

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- b. d.

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- b. pl.
- m. d.

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- b. d.

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- b. pl.
- m. d.

27
- b. d.

28 John Tomke (c)
- b. pl. Germany (f)
- m. d. 1896 or '97, Bay City, Mich. (c)

29 _____ Nemitz (e)
- b. Germany (f) d. Bay City, Mich. (f)

30 William Frederick Nemitz (g)
- b. Aug 3, 1835 (g)(h) pl. Dammer, Germany (g)(h)
- m. c. 1856 (h) d. Jan. 3, 1921, Beecher, Ill. (h)

31 Theresa Jacobs (h)
- b. July 20, 1843 - Dammer, Germany
- d. Dec. 24, 1885 - Farm bet. Mantene + Peotone Ill. (h)

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(a) Inf. from Dorothy Fransen

(b) Inf. from Florence Anderson.

(c) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(d) Inf. from Wayne Storch

(e) Birth Cert. of Edward Tomke

(f) Inf. from Edward Tomke

(g) Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge

(h) Obit. of William Nemitz, Sr., in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

[July 1974]

Carlena's parents
John Edward Hart Jr.
Marie Norris
Carlena's birth
June 21, 1947
Born Greybull,
Wyoming

[Notes made by a family member regarding Carlena Hart (b. 1947)]

[Aug. 28, 1974]

Dorothy Louise Hass (b. 1925)

8/28/74

Dear Dorothy + Ed: (Franson)

It hardly seems possible we've been home about two weeks, but time enough is so much to be when we've been away for a few weeks. We had a good trip home through Canada and stopping one night in Winnipeg before going south through North Dakota and Minnesota.

We were so delighted to meet you and spend the evening with you. It was very helpful, too, to get all the facts about your children while we were together. I'll be writing to your son Jim one of these days about all this genealogy.

As you see, we took a picture of the Knuth we thought you'd like. On Sunday morning we took a couple of pictures of the Anderson and if they turn out well, we'll send you one. We were so sorry we forgot to take any while you were there the night before.

Now that we've kinned each other, we hope to hear from you from time to time.

Sincerely,

Fred + Elizabeth

Knuth picture (see Oct. 18 letter below)

[Sept. 22, 1974]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
September 22, 1974

Dear Dorothy and Ed:

We got these pictures back a few weeks ago, but just now got around to sending them out. We knew you'd like a copy.

I'm still sorry I didn't think to take some pictures during the evening when you were over at the Andersons. Some time I hope you'll send us some snapshots of you and your children.

On Labor Day we attended the horse show at the Minnesota State Fair. Almost every year when we're in town during the State Fair, we attend the horse show--usually the western show, but sometimes the English show.

This year while there we remembered that you were going to attend a horse show the day we left nearby, so we thought you might enjoy seeing the program of our show. We're sending it to you under separate cover.

It really was an exciting show this year. Of course, it's always fun to see the finals of certain events. The stump race, the rescue race, the barrel race, and the trailer race were the most exciting. The whole thing took four hours, as usual.

We looked through the list of entries and found most of them were from nearby states. Only one was from out your way--Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Childs of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Children:
James
Dennis
Debra

When you write, I'd appreciate your sending me the addresses of Dennis and Debra. You did give me Jim's address, but not the others.

Let me say again that we are so happy to have met you and hope now that we can keep in touch with each other from time to time.

Sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

[Oct. 18, 1974]

Oct. 18, 1974

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I am sorry it has taken me so long to answer your letters, but like I said I am the worlds worst letter writer. We were so happy to hear from you & it was indeed a pleasure to have met both of you and hope you get up this way again real soon to visit with all of us. Thanks so much for the pictures you sent of Auntie & Uncle Knuth and also of Florence & Adolph. They were all real good & we were real happy to get them, also thanks for the booklet you sent of the horse show you were to. It looked like it was quite exciting & interesting. We enjoyed the rodeo we were to in Wolf Point. It was 4 or 4½ hrs. long, with clown acts & different acts during the program. The most exciting ~~was the~~ in between acts was the lady that stood up & rode

"Auntie and Uncle Knuth"

See DEW's email to Brad Babcock, p. 27, folder 2.5. These Knuths were probably Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891) and her husband, Emil Otto ("Amiel") Knuth (b. 1889). —TFW, Feb. 7, 2023

three white horse, standing on their backs. I really enjoyed her show. I like the bucking horses the best of all at a rodeo and next riding those big bulls. that can get pretty dangerous.

We are all fine here and Mom is about the same. Sure wish she was able to be up and around and didn't have to be in a wheel chair.

We had a good harvest maybe not as good as last year but it still was good, we are putting in a new furnace & hope to get it in before very much longer. Ed has some summer fallow he is working right now & should finish in a day or two, then he will get at the furnace there will be a little work involved then as we are putting in hot water base board heat & all the registers will have to be put in around the walls, We will heat with burner fuel. I trust it a little further than gas although I guess they can explode too.

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

(3)

We have had beautiful weather here now for quite awhile. I wonder how long it will last. We had a real late harvest & it was real cold around the end of Sept. We had a good potatoe crop to, we must have got around 30 bu. We kept what we needed & sold the rest for $5 a sack.

I believe this is the information I promised to send some time ago.

Deb & Chucks wedding Date — July 25, 1970

Chucks (Charles) Birth Date — Oct. 28, 1935

Chucks Place of Birth — Lignite, N. Dak.

Chucks Dads name — Everett Goodheart

" Mothers name — Ruth Rogers

I hope I have gotten it all now.

Here are the two addresses you wanted also.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Fransen
1520 Custer Ave.
Billings, Montana 59102

Son:
Dennis
Fransen

(4)

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goodheart
406-E. Carleton St. Apt. #1
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Daughter; Debra Fransen (Mrs. Charles Goodheart)

~~they~~ they moved to Arizona in Aug. and Debbie is teaching at a town 15 miles from Prescott. Chuck does janitor work at the Veterans Hospital where Carlena is a nurse (our daughter inlaw) Now we have two families living there and plan to go there for Xmas I hope if all goes according to plans, we will probably drive down in the middle of Dec. & come back in Jan. sometime. I am not just sure how it will all go yet, well ~~Hah~~ thank you for your letter & hope to hear from you again soon even if I don't answer right away, will send you a picture when we get a good one taken, Sincerely

Dorothy & Edwin

[Dec. 15, 1974]

(On back of Christmas card)

12/15/74

Dear Dorothy and Ed,

Thanks for your letter and for the additional family information and addresses.

I wrote your son James and sent him a copy of what I'm enclosing. I hope this will get him started on an enjoyable process of discovering and recording family history.

Best wishes to all of you.

Dave + Elizabeth

[Nov. 22, 1974]

James Edwin Fransen (b. 1946)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
November 22, 1974

Mr. James E. Fransen
920 Black Drive
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Dear James:

Your mother has probably told you that my wife Elizabeth and I visited your folks in Montana in July and had a very enjoyable time getting acquainted. I am a first cousin of your grandmother, Ruby Hass, and had never met her or your mother until this summer. My mother, Edith Nemitz, was a sister of Ruby's mother, Bertha Nemitz.

For about ten years I have been interested in genealogy and have done a great deal of work on my wife's family lines, as well as my own. Your mother told me that you have an interest in this sort of thing and suggested that you might be interested in receiving information that I could give you.

I'm always delighted to find relatives who are interested in genealogy. There are so many lines to pursue and so many descendants to keep track of that we need a network of people to help each other.

As a start I'm sending you the enclosed chart that shows what I know about your ancestry as far back as I know. I hope this will inspire you to try to fill in all the blank spaces in this chart. I think that all parents should aspire to presenting such a completed chart to their children when they get married.

The other aspect of family history is a record of all the descendants of one's ancestors. This is done through family record sheets like the ones enclosed for your own family. I hope you will look these over and let me know of any additions or corrections you can make.

If you are going to become interested or active in genealogy, let me suggest that from the very beginning you document everything with footnotes as I have done, showing exactly where you got the particular item of information. This will not only saving you from wondering later where you got it, but it will indicate the relative worth in terms of absolute certainty.

I shall be happy to hear from you and to know whether or not you are interested in pursuing this business further. It is very time consuming, but also a very intriguing hobby.

I took the enclosed picture of your aunt and uncle when I was in Westby and thought you would like to have a copy. I'm sorry I didn't take a similar picture of your mother and father.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Mike George

documents

[DEW's notes for a phone call to Mike.] [1998]

Michael Richard George (b. 1950)

(414) 783-5855

Mike's wife, Katie Paap

Daughters Alisa and Kristen

Alice Kundi Gunda Wilhelmina Tomke (b. 1896)

Call to Mike George (Katie)

Alisa + Kristen

15165 Arnsdorf Pl, Brookfield, WI 53005

alias Tomke Schmidt

Glad to talk to you. I'm 2nd cousin of your grandmother ~~and of Anita Schmidt~~

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

How much do you know about our cousin from Germany & his trip to Milwaukee?

Anita Schmidt

Pommerntag in Milwaukee

We'll be there from next Thursday afternoon, June 26, until Monday morning, June 30.

We hope you will be able to come to our motel for at least a short visit while we're there.

If you're free then, the best times would be Friday afternoon or evening, or Saturday daytime or evening, or Sunday evening, but we would arrange to see you any other time.

Friedrich is very desirous of meeting a number of relatives. I thought there would be seven besides me, but now because of illness, there will only be two from Montana and hopefully you. I want to meet you just as much as Friedrich does.

Is your wife going to be in town? You have two daughters. Would they like to meet Friedrich?

[Apr. 22, 1998]

Michael Richard George (b. 1950)

Phone call to Mike George - 4/22/98

Mike's wife, Katie Paap

Mike was not there. I talked to Katie + told her about Friedrich's trip per this June. I suggested they try to see them when they are in Milwaukee (Hartford).

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Pommerntag in Milwaukee

I told her I had talked to Harvey Schroeder and found that they were going east to Washington, D.C., and Cleveland, because their daughter had married and have a new job in Cleveland

Harvey Schroeder [I cannot identify this Harvey as of today. TFW, Feb. 7, 2023]

Harvey had said Mike has a sister in Madison, so I suggested that he ask her to come to Milwaukee and meet the German cousins.

Katie will ask Mike to call me if he has any questions.

Mike George

Called him 6/25/98.

He will try to see them on Sunday at the Pommerntag.

Carrie Gillooly
documents

Editor's Note

This note is based on the index entry for Carrie Ruth Shaw (b. 1897).

Carrie (known here by her second married surname, Carrie Gillooly), was Dad's second cousin. She was born July 23, 1897 (Bay City, MI) and was living in the Minneapolis suburb of Hopkins at the age of 89 when Dad made her acquaintance in 1987. She died in or before Dec. 1989 (presumably in the Minneapolis area). Her parents were Frederick Henry Shaw and Johanna ("Hannah") Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b. 1971), known to Dad as Hannah Shaw (her husband's surname).

Carrie married (1) Mr. — Peterson). She married (2) Lloyd Lester Gillooly (b. 1895), and they had (birth order questioned by Dad): Eloise (surname uncertain), Shirley Jean (surname uncertain), and Bette Ann (surname uncertain, but possibly Gillooly).

If the previous sentence confuses you, welcome to the club. Dad's pencil-written (and thus sometimes hard to read), mostly tentative one-family records in his "Carrie Gillooly" file are — to use the technical term — a hot mess. I spent the better part of a morning just trying to create a simple mini-tree for Lloyd = Carrie, going in both directions (ancestors and descendants), and I finally gave up.

I'm taking the easy way out: Instead of doing my usual (admittedly tedious) job of setting up index entries for the key people, I have decided simply to scan the five one-family records and put them in your hands on the following pages.

It appears that Dad ran out of time and energy to run down all of the facts. Mom's Alzheimer's was overtaking her and him both, and soon he was forced to put his research aside for years. The records and notes in this section must, therefore, speak for themselves, awaiting eventual verification by others.

Tom Witheridge
February 10, 2023

Marriage Lic. — Bay City — years — (h)

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Shaw

Family No. JPW20-15

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Frederick Henry (h) Shaw (e)

Father's Name: David Shaw (born in Ireland) (h)

Mother's Maiden Name: Ruth Shaw (h)

	Date	Place
Birth	Feb. 12, 1870	Bay City (h)
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Rapton, Mich. (h) Minneapolis (a)(b)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina Carolina (h) Hannah Tomke (a)

Father's Name: John Tomke (a)(e)

Mother's Maiden Name: Johanna (e) Neinitz (a)

Johanna ("Hannah") Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b. 1871)

	Date	Place
Birth	Feb. 15, 1871	Bay City [Salzburg], Mich. (e)
Death	Sept. 14, 1960	Bloomington, Minn. (e)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Carrie R. (d) Married to Lloyd L. Gilloaly (e)	Birth July 23, 1897	Bay City (h)
		Marriage July 3	- Mpls. Lives in Minneapolis (a)
		Death	
2	Fred (a) Married to	Birth May —, 1896	Bay City (h)
		Marriage	
		Death Feb. 23 (h)	Drowned at Hartfordmere near Duluth
3	Floyd (h) Married to	Birth June 9, 1900	Hurnet, Mich. (h) Wis.?
		Marriage	
		Death June —, 1909 (h)	Goodman, Wis. (h)
4	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
5	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
6	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
7	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
8	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
9	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
10	Married to	Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	

An enlargement is on the next page. →

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[Enlargement of Previous Page]

Warren Smith Co. — Bay City — [illegible] (h)

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname Shaw Family No. JPW20-15

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Henry (h) Frederick Shaw (e)	Wilhelmina Caroline (h) Hannah Tomke (a)
Father's Name: David Shaw (Smith in Bible) (h)	Father's Name: John Tomke (a) (e)
Mother's Maiden Name: Ruth Jones (h)	Mother's Maiden Name: Johanna (e) Neimitz (a)
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth Feb 18, 1870 Bay City (h)	Birth Feb. 15, 1871 - Bay City [Salzburg], Mich. (e)
Marriage	
Death	Death Sept. 14, 1960 - Bloomington, Minn. (e)
Other Places of Residence: Reflton, Mich (h) Minneapolis (a) (e)	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

Johanna ("Hannah") Wilhelmina Caroline Tomke (b. 1871)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Carrie R. (a) Esther (h)	Birth	July 27, 1897 - Bay City (h)
	Married to Lloyd L. Gilloolly (c)	Marriage	July 8 - Mpls.
		Death	(Lives in Minneapolis) (a)
2	Fred (a) Frederick (h)	Birth	May -, 1896 - Bay City (h)
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	Died at 23 (h) Drowned at Black Duck Lake near Duluth.
3	Floyd (h) Sylvan	Birth	June 9, 1900 - Bannat, Mich. (h) Wis.?
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	June -, 1909 (h) - Goodman, Wis. (h)
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	

(a) Inf. from Florence Knuth
(b) Inf. from William Nemits
(c) Obit. of Hannah Shaw, Minneapolis Star, Sept. 15, 1960
(d) Minneapolis City Directory, 1960
(e) Death cert. of Hannah Shaw
(f) Inf. from Esther Plamp; Doc. N52 - Log 902
~~(g) Inf. from Anita Schmidt; Doc. N28 - Log 962~~ ← note that there is no "h"

1 - Lives (1986) at 1010 N.E. Lake St, Knollwood Towers, Apt. 520, Hopkins, Minn. 55343 (f) [935-0550]
~~2 - Anita Schmidt says: At least two children: Shirley + Ellouis (g)~~

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Gillooly

Family No. JPW20-151

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
(2) Lloyd L. Gillooly (a)	Carrie R. Shaw (a)
Father's Name: Frank Gillooly (h)	Father's Name: Frederick Shaw (a)
Mother's Maiden Name: Nellie Bryant (h)	Mother's Maiden Name: Hannah Tonke (a)
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth July, 1895 - So. Dakota (h)	Birth
Marriage	Death ~~After 1963 (a)~~
Death about 1979 Mpls. (h)	
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands: (1) — Peterson (h)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
order? 1	Eloise (a)	Married to Tracy Wales (a)	Birth May 13, 1916 - Mpls (h)	
		Marriage	August, 1934 - Mpls	Lived in Iron Mountain, Mich. (a)
		Death		
2	Shirley Jean (a) 2nd or 3rd cousin of Carrie	Married to (1) Albert Blessing (h) (2) James Black (a)	Birth	
		Marriage		Lived in Minneapolis (a)
		Death		
3	~~Elizabeth B. (a)~~ Betty Ann (h)	Married to John B. Halloran (a)(d)	Birth	
		Marriage		Lived in Minneapolis (a)
		Death		4909 Fontana Ave, Edina [935-3748]
4		Married to	Birth	
		Marriage		
		Death		
5		Married to	Birth	See footnotes on next page. →
		Marriage		
		Death		
6		Married to	Birth	
		Marriage		
		Death		
7		Married to	Birth	
		Marriage		
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8		Married to	Birth	
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		Death		
10		Married to	Birth	
		Marriage		
		Death		

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[See previous page.]

(a) Obit. of Hannah Shaw, Minneapolis Star, Sept. 15, 1960

~~(b) Minneapolis City Directory, 1962-63~~

(c) Minneapolis City Directory, 1934

(d) Minneapolis City Directory, 1961

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Irving J. WALES (h)

Father's Name:

Irving J. WALES (h)

Mother's Maiden Name:

Jennie SHAW (Cousin of the sisters)

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Elaine Peterson

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Irving (h)	Birth	Irving (h) suicide shot in 2 top of head
	Married to Judy (h)	Marriage	Timothy (h)
		Death	
2	Shirley Ann (h)	Birth	Scott - died
	Married to Richard Allen (h)	Marriage	Cindy
		Death	Lynne
3		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5			
	Married to		
6			
	Married to		
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

From the other side:

(a) obit. of Hannah Shaw, Minneapolis Star, Sept. 15, 1960

~~(b) Minneapolis City Directory, Date?~~

(c) Minneapolis City Directory, 1958

(d) Minneapolis City Directory, 1961

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(1) Albert Olsen

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Shirley Jean Peterson

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands: (2) James Black

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Daniel (h)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Jeffrey (h)	Birth		divorced + remarried
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3	Mary Elaine (h)	Birth		1 girl - Jeanie 1966
	Married to Jeffrey Bowen	Marriage		
		Death		
4		Birth		There were no footnotes.
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname _____ Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

John B. Halloran (h)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		New York, N.Y.

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Betty Ann Gillooly

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	July 29, 1921	Naples
Death	June 2, 1980	Naples

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Patricia	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Sharon	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
3	Bonnie Mae	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
4	John	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
5	Cathleen	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
6		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
7		Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
8		Birth		
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	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

There were no footnotes.

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Ask Carrie Dildooly

Family Group Sheets of her own family
Shaw
Dildooly
Wales
Black
Halloran
Johann Donke + Johanna Nemitz

Old family records, Bible, documents, letters, pictures

What can she tell us about various family members + relatives?

Families of her uncles + aunts

Would one of your daughters help me with family records?

[Mar. 20, 1987]

N 89
Log 967

N 89
Log 967

Bertha Popp (Bertha Tomke [b. 1866])

Carrie Hillerby - 3/20/87

Hannah Hoo - Johanna

Johanna (Hannah) Tomke was 4 yrs. old (1875) when she came to this country from Germany

Bertha Popp - "Poop" - lived near Bay City

4 yrs of medicine
drive down to football game - to be with with Craig.
ate refreshments on picnic bench
Mr. Crayle's dog came on + stabbed Scott
died instantly

Sons of Shirley Ann Wales (see one-family record for Tracy B. Wales = Eloise Peterson in this section.) → Craig big long cut on leg

→ See Craig Allen in DEW's Sept. 9, 1987, note (this section)

7 = Blake, to left.
to 7 on N
5th Ave
off lights
1½ blk on rt.
green leaf
sign Chapel Hill Apts

Carrie's apartment → Chapel Hill Apts.
605 Minnetonka Miles Rd.
Apt. 408
935-0550

69 yr. old

Carrie Hoo Hillerby

5/19/87

The Print Shop

INSTANT PRINTING

Shirley works at
Daytons -
Mens furnishings
2nd floor

Probably Shirley Ann Wales

Dayton's Dept. Store

Sharon - (granddaughter)
children's shop
Upton Alley
clothes + furniture

2122 Hennepin Ave. • Mpls., MN 55405
872-1450

[Sept. 9, 1987]

N 132
Log 1025

N132
Log 102

Tel. call to Carrie Kilbourly – 9/9/87

Her health – has a bad day now & then.
Plant we gave her had 23 blossoms before it died.
Discussed Tom & Virginia's visit over Labor Day
May visit to Bay City & Auburn in June
- Met Esther Plamp, Frances Jonke, Laura Jonke, & Anita Schmidt
- She knows Esther, Frances, & Laura, but not Anita
✓ - Her mother knew Laura Jonke's mother well
Character of Henritte Nemitz – our great-grandmother
Esther Plamp's illness – had several falls in Feb. & Mar.
- Moved to "skilled care" home near her daughter
Name of her granddaughter – joint owner of Upton Alley:
Sharon Rose (Mrs. Larry) – husband at Honeywell.
Partner – Judy
Carrie will be taking a trip to Michigan – Upper Peninsula
Sept. 22 to 24
Her grandson, Craig Allen, will be here to play
Craig Allen football for Central Michigan Univ. (Mt. Pleasant) against
Gophers on Sept. 26. (His brother was killed in
Ann Arbor.)
Her daughter Shirley lives in Hopkins

The Witheridges
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

MINNEAPOLIS MN 55404
PM
15 DEC
1989

RETURNED TO SENDER
DECEASED

Mrs. Carrie McCooly
605 Minnetonka Mills Rd., apt. 408
Hopkins, MN 55343

Deceased

N 150
Log 1231

[Dec. 19, 1989 postmark]

N 150
Log 1231

[Dec. 1989]

Dec. 1989

Carrie has died

Dear Carrie,

Even though we haven't been in touch with you, we think of you and wonder how you are. We have had a good year and are well.

Last year (1988) was taken up with a month-long trip to Britain and all the preparation for that. Then in August our son Tom and his wife Virginia in Chicago presented us with a granddaughter Rebecca, who was 2½ mos. premature and weighed only 2 lbs., 2 oz. She occupied all our concern for the rest of the year, but she progressed very well and is now 16 mos. old and

Fall of Soviet Union and aftermath

Christmas joy and happiness throughout the year

is walking everywhere. We are looking forward to their visit here for Christmas.

We are thrilled, as we know you are, with developments in Germany and Eastern Europe, and we hope they continue into 1990 and beyond.

Love,

David & Elizabeth Witheridge

The Witheridges
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554
PM
19 DEC
1989

Greetings USA 25

Mrs. Carrie Gillooly
605 ~~Minnetonka Mills Rd.~~, Apt. 408
~~MN 55343~~

Deceased
Unk

7-GIL 05 842102N1 12/21/89

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Timothy Greene
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[DEW's notes to guide a phone call.] [Apr. 14, 1997]

Cheri - 533-7601
Cindy 535-3425 560-3955 office
Sandra "Sasa"

Telephone call to Timothy Greene - 4/14/97

Timothy's grandmother Amanda

Timothy's father, William C. Greene

Cousin of yours. Live here in Mpls. Actually second cousin of your grandmother Amanda. Met her a few times when I went to Iowa to meet family & do a little genealogical research. She told me she had a son in Mpls, but I was so busy I never looked him up. Then one year she wrote and said he had died. She said his son had taken over business. Now I have a very special reason to get in touch with you, so that's why I'm calling. I've got some exciting news. I've found a cousin of ours in Germany. His name is Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, and he's a dentist. His father was my second cousin and Amanda's second cousin, so that makes Friedrich your father's third cousin.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Our families have been out of contact with each other for 125 years, and how we found each other is an amazing story.

Martha Riggle

There's a woman in Wichita, Kansas, who was born in Germany but has lived in this country a long time. She writes for a publication in Germany - - - -

Friedrich is coming to this country in June to attend a Pomeranian gathering in Milwaukee on Sunday, June 29. When I heard that I decided I had to go there to meet him.

We've written several letters back and forth, and he says he'd like to meet as many relatives as possible. So I've been trying to get other relatives to go to Milwaukee that weekend, and so far I have 8 of them who are going from Michigan and Wisconsin. Now I'm trying to get someone to go from the Iowa Nemitz family.

I'm hoping that you could get away for a ~~couple of~~ few days and would like to meet him.

Deda

Maybe your wife would like to go, and maybe Cheri and her family.

Tim's soccer in Germany

When I was talking to Ina Lee Kuhlmann on the phone the other day, she said you had been to Germany playing soccer. Maybe you can understand or even speak a little German.

Friedrich will be getting to Milwaukee on Thurs, June 26, and will fly back to Germany on Mon, June 30. I'm suggesting that the best day for people to be there would be Sat, June 28. That would give us more time to talk with Friedrich and with other relatives whom we'd be meeting for the first time. (Sunday will be filled up with activities in connection with the Pommerntag.)

First name of Cheri's husband Jim Schwabe

Children - names ages

Katie 2

Cassi 4 (not a nickname)

Call them when I get back. They'd like to have lunch with me.

Jim + Sidra ("Sida")
Greene
6525 Zealand Ave. N.
Brooklyn Pk, MN 55428
535-3425

~~6106-47th Ave N.~~ (Cheri)

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[Feb. 18, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 18, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Greene
6525 Zealand Ave. N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Dear Tim and "Deda",

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)
↓
1997 U.S. visit

I fully intended to contact you last summer when I got back from my trip to Milwaukee to meet Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (a dentist), our cousin from Germany. However, I had a very difficult summer and fall and could never get around to it.

We had a very good time in Milwaukee, and I know Friedrich enjoyed it all. There were five of his relatives who were able to get there to meet him. Besides me, there were two all the way from Montana, one from Milwaukee, and one from Wilmette, Illinois. I know you would have enjoyed meeting Friedrich and the rest of us, and I'm sorry you weren't able to work it out.

1998 U.S. visit (with other German kin)

Now I'm writing to tell you that Friedrich is making a return trip to America this June, and this time he is actually coming to Minneapolis. So I hope you will both begin to make plans now, so that you will be here to meet him when he comes. This time his wife, Renate, will be coming, as well as his cousin, Hans-Joachim Nemitz, and his wife , Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes.

They will arrive in Minneapolis on Friday, June 19, and stay until Thursday, June 25, when they will go to Milwaukee for the annual Pommerntag. I'm trying to get a large group of their American relatives to come and meet them (and each other!) sometime during their stay. It looks as though we could have a very good gathering. I find that there are about thirty Nemitz descendants and spouses right here in the Twin Cities and nearby Minnesota. Can you believe it? I also hope to get a few each from the Seattle area, from Montana, and from Iowa.

30 Nemitz descendants and spouses in Minnesota (Twin Cities and nearby)

In Minnesota, besides you two and Cheri and Tim Schwalbe (I'm writing the same letter to them) there are Marjorie and Robert Lackmann in Sauk Centre, and I find they have both a daughter and a son living in Minneapolis. Then there is a large family who descend from Johanna Tomke, a sister of Wilhelm and Ernst Nemitz. So far I have only met one of that family, Sharon Rose.

My family consists of two sons, Tom and Jim, both of whom live in Minneapolis. My wife Elizabeth had Alzheimer's and died 2½ years ago. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter,

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Rebecca. He and his wife Virginia have separated, and he lives with me now. Rebecca is with us about half the time. My other son, Jim, is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg, in an apartment about a mile from me, so I see them frequently.

Washington state group

Out in Seattle there are a number of descendants of Ernst's son John and Anna Fick. Perhaps you know about them. In particular there are LeAnn Bench and Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, a dentist, whom Friedrich is hoping very much to meet. Jeffrey wants to come to Minneapolis in June and is trying to work it out.

LeAnn Bench

Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz

In Montana are some who descend from both my grandfather, Wilhelm, and from Johanna Tomke. (My mother's sister Bertha married her cousin, Herman Tomke.) They are Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, both of whom went all the way to Milwaukee last summer to meet Friedrich. I know they'd like to come to Minneapolis to see him again and meet his wife and the others.

Montana group

I don't know who might come from Iowa , but I hope a few will be able to. I've written to Iva Lee Kuhlman in hopes that she and Gerald might be able to come and also find others from there who would like to meet their German and American relatives.

Iowa branch

Friedrich and his family will be staying in the Regency Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. It is the least expensive of the downtown hotels, but it is approved by the AAA, and it has all the features we need, such as a dining room and adequate free parking for guests.

Reunion plans

Of course, everyone won't necessarily be there at the same time, but most people will be able to come at least part of the time on the weekend, from Friday evening to Monday morning. We'll be able to eat all the meals together in the dining room, and Friedrich will have a large suite with plenty of room for extra chairs, so we can be together to visit and get acquainted. If you can't make it on the weekend, perhaps you could come on Monday, Tuesday , or Wednesday for dinner and the evening.

Please do your best to save this time. I'd like you to call or drop me a note and tell me if you think you can be with us, so I can report to Friedrich the next time I write to him. I'd also like to set up a time when we can get together for lunch as we discussed last spring. It seems too bad that I've been living in Minneapolis since 1951 and still haven't met any of you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [May 4, 1998]

Call to Jim Preene - 5/4/98
535-3425 (Gieber - "Beda")
560-3955

Did you talk to Uwe about June get together?

When do you think you could get over to meet Friedrich and the others? (coming on the 18th)

Did you talk to anybody in Iowa about it?

I understand you spent some time in Harmony playing soccer.

Renate Hakenson

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[Aug. 2, 2001]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 2, 2001

Renate Hakenson (b. 1932)

Renate Hakenson
754 Bridge St.
Yuba City, CA 95991

Dear Cousin Renate,

[Despite his phrasing, there was no earlier document in the file. TFW, Feb. 10, 2023]

Yes, you are my second cousin once removed. In other words, your father or mother is (or was) my second cousin. I'm sure you are surprised to get a letter from an unknown relative in Minneapolis. I was given your name by another second cousin once removed, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist in Germany. Perhaps you know or know of him. The way we found each other after our families were separated for 125 years is an amazing story, but I won't go into that now.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Friedrich and I are both interested in genealogy, which is how we found each other, of course. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, was the brother of my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, who came to this country in 1873. Grandfather's brother Ernst and his two sisters also came to America, and their mother, Henriette, came with one of the sisters and her family. Their father, Heinrich, had died much earlier. Ferdinand was the only one in the family who stayed in Germany, and he was Friedrich's ancestor, and also yours.

In our research we have found a great many other Nemitzes who were living in Kreis Stolp, the part of Pomerania our family came from, and I believe many of them are somehow related to us. That area is now in Poland, which makes the research difficult. In the church book of Lupow I found the baptism of my great-grandfather, Heinrich Nemitz, in 1810. That also gave me the names of his parents, Michael Nemitz and Maria Louisa Reppen.

Friedrich gave me your name and address, so I could write and ask how much you know about your family background. Are you or any of your relatives here or in Germany interested in family history? When did your branch of the family come to America? How far back do you know your ancestry? This is very important to us, so we can compare your records with ours. I hope to hear from you soon about what you know.

In closing I will just say that I am a Baptist minister, but I spent the last 28 years of my ministry as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I'll be 87 years old this month. My wife died from Alzheimer's disease six years ago. We have two sons, both of whom fortunately live in Minneapolis. Please tell me a little about yourself and your family.

Very sincerely yours,

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 16, 2001]

8-16-01

Dear Cousin David,

Thank you for your letter, yes you are my second cousin once removed.-

Gertrud Nemitz

My mother Gertrud Roitzsch daughter of Ferdinand Nemitz was your second cousin. I also had mail from Dr. Friedrich Nemitz. He got my adress from my sister Helga Burghard in Berlin, she has one daughter Dagmar Burghardt and one Grandson Christian.-

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Helga Roitzsch

Dagmar Burghardt

I was born in Berlin in May '32 and was raised in and around Berlin - stayed several years with my sister Helga in Borkwalde outside Berlin with Ferdinand and Luise Nemitz our Grandparents.-

Ferdinand Nemitz (b. 1869) and Luise Strese

I remember my Grandfather Ferdinand had a sister

Ida Nemitz (b. 1879)

Franz Nemitz (bachelor brother of Ferdinand)

(?) TFW, Feb. 10, 2023

Her husband, Mr. Hakenson (divorced ca. 1912)

Ferdinand and Luise's two other daughters

Ida who was a Diaconisse, (protestant sister) she used to visit us. He also had a Brother I think, Franz a Bachelor.-

I met an american Air-man after the war, during the Airlift in Berlin. We got married in Feb. 52 and I came to the U.S. in October 52. He grew up in International Falls, Minn. of Swedish and Norwegian ancestry.

We where divorced 20 years later.-

I have 3 children and seven grandchildren. my son and one daughter live in Springfield Mass. where we lived before, one daughter lives in Wheatland CA.-

Ferdinand Nemitz had two other daughters, Käte and Fieda. Käte has two sons

Lothar who lives in Germany
and Werner lives in Canada.-
I think you know a lot
more about our ancestry
than I do.-
I belong to a church
called church of the Brethren,
wich started in Schwarzenau
Germany, they came to the
U.S.A. in the 18 hundreds.
We still sing German
songs but in english.-
Well, I didn't know we had
relatives over here.-
Now I'll close
sincerely yours

Renate Hakenson

P.S.
By the way, "very happy
Birthday!"

[Sept. 6, 2001]

September 6, 2001

Dear Renate,

Thank you for your letter. I was very glad to hear from you and to learn about your background. You must have had some very difficult experiences during and after the war. When I saw your name Hakenson, I wondered if there were some connection with Minnesota, because there are so many people here with Scandinavian ancestry.

Since you started out in Springfield, Mass., how did you end up in California? Do you live alone now?

Ida Nemitz (b. 1879)

You mentioned your Grandfather Ferdinand's sister Ida. Maybe Friedrich told you that she was one of the reasons we knew for sure that we were related. My mother Edith (Nemitz) had a cousin, Mathilda Schroeder, in Bay City Michigan, who went to Germany just before the First World War. When she came back, she said that her Uncle Ferdinand (your great-grandfather) was a mail carrier and that he had a daughter Ida who was a nurse. When I first wrote to Friedrich, I asked him if his great-grandfather Ferdinand was a mail carrier and if he had a daughter Ida who was a nurse. He wrote back and said yes. I nearly cried when I realized that our families, who had been separated for 125 years, had finally found each other.

I assume your mother has died, but are her two sisters, Frieda and Käte still living? Do you keep in touch with them occasionally? Did you ever ask them if they have any records or memories of family stories about their Nemitz ancestors? The next time you write to them, would you be willing to ask them? These family memories get lost when the older members of the family die. It's interesting how some little thing that someone remembers is often a clue that leads to something important.

The Church of the Brethren that you belong to is similar in many ways to the Baptist denomination that I belong to. Were you a member of the Church of the Brethren before you went to California, or were you formerly a Lutheran?

2002 Iowa Nemitz reunion

I just got an invitation to a Nemitz reunion in Iowa next year on August 9-11. They had a great reunion in Seattle last year, but I couldn't go. They had about 70 there, including Friedrich and his wife and a number of other relatives from Germany. Would you be interested in coming to Iowa for a reunion? Where does your cousin Werner live in Canada? Maybe he would like to come to Iowa next year.

Well, I guess that's all for now.

Sincerely yours,

Ruby Hass

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See the sketch following this letter.

[Nov. 13, 1964]

Westby Mont.
Nov. 13th 1964

Rev David E Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis
55405 Minn.

Ruby Hass was born
Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke
(b. 1894)

Dear Rev.:

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me. I am Mrs Emil Knuth's sister. They were just here to visit me. She was telling me about the family tree you have started. I'm interested in this tree myself.

I was at your home in Saginaw when your brother William was born, I visited for a few hours and even helped to comfort the baby when he was crying. Your mother just came home from the hospital

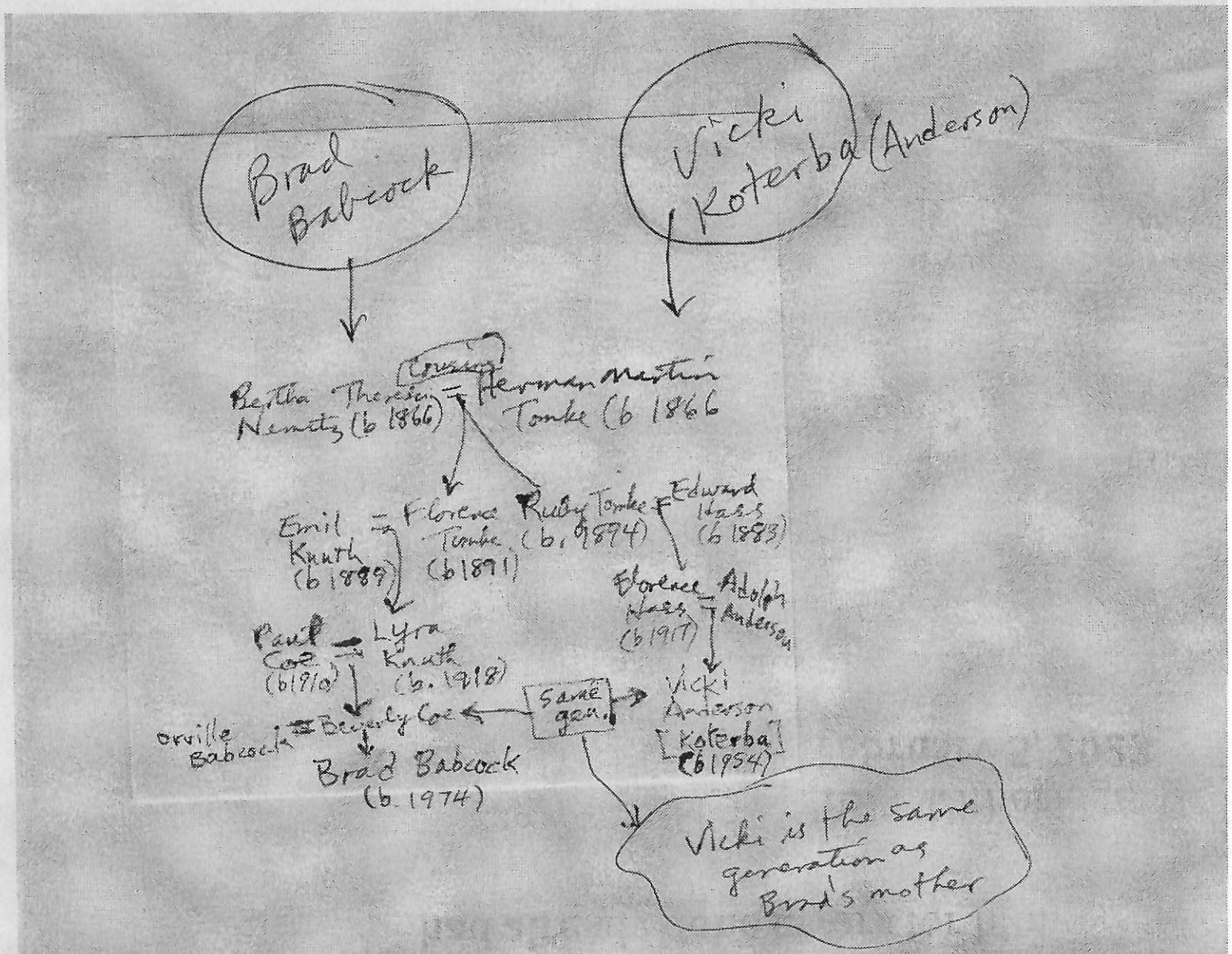
This must of been 1909. I took the interurban from Bay City to Saginaw and back again the same day. I would like very much to get more acquainted with you.

Please drop me a letter some time about this tree. also about your family.

Sincerely

Mrs Ruby Hass.
Westby.
Box 67 Montana

[Sketch by the editor, Feb. 11, 2023]



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Sara Headley
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[Feb. 3-8, 1999]

Subj: **Genealogy**
Date: 2/3/99 9:26:23 AM Central Standard Time
From: headl003@tc.umn.edu (Sara Headley)
Reply-to: headl003@tc.umn.edu (Sara Headley)
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Editor's note
It's unclear how Dad knew Sara. She had a Univ. of Minnesota email address.
TFW, Feb. 11, 2023

Sorry to rush off the other day.
Have you seen "Netting Your Ancestors" by Cyndi Howells (of Cyndi's List fame)? It's in the public libraries, or I could lend it to you if you'd like. I have found it very helpful.
Did you write a paragraph yesterday?!!!

Sara

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headl003@tc.umn.edu 2/3/99

Thank you for your note. Yes, I have a copy of "Netting Your Ancestors,"but I haven't had time to do much with it. No, I didn't write for fifteen minutes yesterday! You see, I still think I'm too busy with other things. I did spend some time trying to make connection with my pommern-l group, but haven't completelly succeeded yet.

David

Subj: **Genealogy**
Date: 2/5/99 1:33:29 AM Central Standard Time
From: headl003@tc.umn.edu (Sara Headley)
Reply-to: headl003@tc.umn.edu (Sara Headley)
To: dwitheridg@AOL.COM

Last night was one of those when I woke up and couldn't get back to sleep so spent some fun time on the Web.
Have you been able to subscribe to Pommern-L? I finally found the way if you still need it.
And have you found the Pommern Webring? There are 7 links, mostly one name studies, but one by Karin Schoepke looks helpful.
The Webring is at:
www.webring.org/cgi-bin/webring?ring=pokra;list

Pommern-L

Karin's address if you want only that is much easier:

www.on-line.de/~karin.schoepke/

I have tried to proof-read these very carefully, but if you have problems, please let me know.
Happy Hunting,
Sara

Subj: **Pommern-L**
Date: 2/8/99 5:26:10 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: headl003@tc.umn.edu

Yes, I was finally able to subscribe to Pommern-L. After only three days I was lucky. I found someone I think is a distant relative. We've been in communication, but it may take a long time to prove it.

Thanks for the information about the Pommern Webring. I haven't had time to do anything with that yet.

David

[Feb, 16, 1999]

Subj: **E-mail address**
Date: 2/16/99 11:22:55 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: headl003@tc.umn.edu

Library of
State Historical Society
of Wisconsin

Sara.

Do you think you could find an E-mail address for the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin? Someone on Pommern-L said he thought they could tell me how to find out if there was a newspaper in the city of Stolp, Pomerania, in 1842 and if so, where there might be a file or microfilm of back copies. There was a disastrous 1842 fire in Dammen, a little town near Stolp, and I'd like to find more information about it.

David

Subj: **Re: E-mail address**
Date: 2/16/99 9:38:26 PM Central Standard Time
From: headl003@tc.umn.edu (Sara Headley)
Reply-to: headl003@tc.umn.edu (Sara Headley)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

David,

Yes, the e-mail address of Wisconcsin State Historical Society is

http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/library/index.html

I used cut and paste for that so it ought to be correct. I checked it out and they said they don't answer research questions via e-mail. I looked for Pomeranian newspaper and got nothing but 249 sites for Pomerania (in their on-line catalogue which they say covers about 20% of their collection)

It's a wonderful library and I hope to back again. They do have the second largest collection of newspapers in the U.S., and all the U.S. censuses.

Sara

Joel Streich

document

[Mar. 8, 1999]

Subj: **Selma Stern: Der preussische Staat und die Juden**
Date: 3/8/99 11:53:44 AM Central Standard Time
From: streich_joel@jpmorgan.com ← Joel Streich
Sender: owner-Pommern-L@genealogy.net
Reply-to: streich_joel@jpmorgan.com
To: pommern-L@genealogy.net ← [DEW was on the Pommern-L list]
CC: posen-l@genealogy.net

Dear Pommern-Ler,

Saturday I picked up a very interesting and facinating book by Selma Stern: "Der preussische Staat und die Juden"("The Prussian State and the Jews"). My local library was able to borrow it from the Broward Co. Library. The copy I am reading appears to be new(or, if read, the reader must have been very "careful"). I always get a chuckle out of the excellent condition of the books I borrow via interlibrary loan. They seem to have been waiting on the shelf all those years just for me. ← Selma Stern

The book I am reading is the first of a four part serires by Mrs. Stern. This part covers the time of the Great Elector and Friedrich I. (Roughly 1648-1710). The later parts cover the times through 1812. 1648-1812 encompasses the decades from the time individualo Jews were accepted into the Prussian States through 1812 when all the Jews within the Kingdom of Prussia were given full rights of citizenship.

Originally Part I appeared in 1925. Part II was printed in 1938 by the Schocken Verlag, but was confiscated by the Nazi's – along with the only manuscript-- before it could be distributed. In the intro to the book I'm reading, written by Mrs, Stern in 1961 for the book's republication by the Leo Baeck Institute, Mrs. Stern recounts how a woman knocked on her door late in the night at her home in Charlottenburg, would not identify herself other than to say that she worked at Schocken's, and handed her a couple of copies of the book she had saved from the fire.

Mrs. Stern states in her intro that most Jewish historians, as well as historians in general, have portrayed the 1812 Emancipation as a unique manifestation of tolerance and humanitarianism that came of the Enlightenment. But Mrs. Stern sees it more as the culmination of a 150 year process of interaction between the Prussian State and the Jews. The point of her books is to show how this close connection between the State and the Jews came about, the effects this had, and their significance. She writes that only after understanding this complexity can one understand the relationship between the State and the Jews.

Part I, and I assume the other three parts as well, consists of 2 volumes. Volume one contains about 150 pages of commentary. Volume two comtains the transcriptions of 528 ducoments and some "Specilia" and runs about 530 pages. Most of the documents are/were in the Prussian Archives in Berlin, but Mrs. Stern also drew from the Archives in Breslau, Danzig, Duesseldorf, Koenigsberg, Madgeburg, Muenster and Stettin. Documents 140-169 and 411-443 deal with Hinterpommern. (Somtimes in the book "Hinterpommern" seems to refer only to the area between Stettin and Fuerstenthum Kammin.–JS) ← Hinterpommern

Of the several documents relating specifically, a good portion relate

to trading in wool. Document Nr. 155 is an interesting one. It explains that the Jewish wool dealers in Pryitz were quite helpful to the town because they would pay 50% more the the local wool buyers. Stern writes that there were no Jews living in Hinterpommern in 1648. The Jewish dealers who came to buy wool were from the Neumark and Poland. They had to have special business visas to come to Pommern. Some of the documents dealt with this.

In the "Specialia" section there is a list of all the Jewish Head-of-Households living in Pommern(Hinterpommern as described above) for 1705. Since the list is surprisingly short – only 46 listings –, I've attached it verbatim below.

Verzeichnis der Juden Pommerns im Jahre 1705.

1.) Abraham Arndt aus Stargard
2.) Levin Joseph aus Stargard
3.) Moyses Levin aus Stargard
4.) Fabian Gottschalk aus Stargard
5.) Arndt levin aus Stargard
6.) Issak Arndt, Totengraeber aus Stargard
7.) Marcus Elias aus Stargard
8.) Jochim Jacob aus Pyritz
9.) Samuel Salomon aus Pyritz
10.) Joseph Jacob aus Pryitz
11.) Levin Abraham aus Pyritz
12.) Moses Abraham aus Pryitz
13.) Hirsch, Schwiegersohn des Jochim Jacob, aus Pryitz
14.) Esaias Abraham aus Pyritz
15.) Jacob Joseph aus Plathe
16.) Josef Jacob, Kopel Jacob, dessen Schwiegersoehe, aus Plathe
17.) Josef Jacob, Sohn von Jac. Josef, aus Plathe
18.) Hirsche aus Plathe
19.) Josef Lazarus aus Plathe
20.) Lafins (unleserlich) aus Plathe
21.) Jochim David aus Greifenhagen
22.) Wulf Simons Witwe aus Greifenhagen
23.) David Joseph aus Greifenhagen
24.) Nathan Hirsch aus Greifenhagen
25.) Marcus Levin aus Behrenwalde
26.) Benjamin Jacob aus Behrenwalde
27.) Jacob Levin aus Behrenwalde
28.) Ein Schulmeister bei M. Levin aus Behrenwalde
29.) Jacob Israel aus Behrenwalde
30.) Eleasar Jacobs Witwe aus Massow
32.) Lewin Boas und Fischel Lewin aus Massow
33.) Issac Jacob, Schulmeister aus Massow
34.) Jonas Salamon aus Massow
35.) Hirsch Joseph aus Greifenberg
36.) Jochim Josef aus Greifenberg
37.) Israel Loyser's Sohn aus Bahn
38.) Marcus Wolff aus Bahn
X 39.) Aaron Jacob aus Stolp ← Aaron Jacob (of Stolp)
40.) Borschard Philip aus Koeslin
41.) Marcus Levin aus Labes
42.) Elias Moses aus Labes
43.) Jacob Salomon aus Zachau

44.) Leoser Marcus aud Regenwalde
45.) Salomon Arndt aud Freienwalde
46.) Marcus Joseph aus Daber, zog nach Guelzow

This book, allthough it deals specifically with Prussia's Jews, is very helpful in understanding how the Gross Kuerfuerst and later, Friedrich I, were able to bring Prussia out of the Middle-Ages into modern times. They often had to wrest power from the Nobility to do this. And Mrs. Stern provides us with example after example of how the Jews were used to do this. I think this is a valueable book not only for those who are interested in Jewish history in Prussia, but also for those interesed in how the Prussian State was formed from the vastly different regions of which it consisted. If there is interst I will post some additional comments over the next few days.

Reagrds, Joel Streich

Florence (Tomke) and Emil Knuth
documents

[DEW's first letter to Florence] [July 10, 1964]

[The original was a carbon copy on badly oxidized paper.]

Mrs. Emil Knuth

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 10, 1964

Mrs. Emil Knuth
1044 Westminster Hwy.
R.R.3 - Richmond, B.C.
Canada

(604) 278-6758
916 Blue Jay Ave.

Dear Mrs. Knuth:

Wayne and Eloise Storch gave DEW Florence's address

A short time ago I visited my cousins, Wayne and Eloise Storch, in Joliet, Ill., and they gave me your address. They may have mentioned to you that I am working on our family history. It is a lot of fun, but it is taking a great deal of time, as information seems to be rather scarce. I'm hoping you can help me.

First, let me say that I was greatly interested in the clipping Wayne had, telling about your 50th wedding anniversary. I know it must have been a very moving occasion.

DEW's relationship to Florence

As I figure it out, you are a first cousin of mine. My mother, Edith Smitz, who married William Witherington, was a sister of your mother, Bertha Smitz. I remember seeing your mother only once, when she returned to Michigan on a visit from Canada. Were you born and reared in Bay City?

I started as a heating and ventilating engineer after graduating from the University of Michigan. I worked with father in Saginaw for four years and then decided to enter the ministry. I went to Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., after which I was a Baptist pastor in Chicago and Marengo, Ill. About thirteen years ago I came to Minneapolis to become the executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife Elizabeth was a German girl--we grew up in the same church. We have two sons--Jim, who just graduated from high school and is about to enter the University of Minnesota; and Tom, who will be a high school senior this fall.

I would love to have a letter from you and hear about your various experiences and your family. Do you have any old family records from your mother, such as letters or a family Bible or other papers? Did you know your (our) grandfather Smitz well? I'd love to hear about some of his activities and any stories you may have been told of his coming to the United States from Germany.

Do you have the dates on which your father married Karen Lonze and Gilbert Larson, and also the places? Someone I got the information that your father was a cousin of your mother. Was this so, and what was the exact relationship, if so?

In working on our family history during the past year I have devised several forms, one of which is enclosed. I would appreciate it very much if you would fill this in with information about yourself and return it to me when you write.

I am glad to have established contact with another 1st cousin, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Fitzeridge

[Florence's first letter to DEW] [July 18, 1964]

[Greater Vancouver] → Richmond, B.C.
July 18/64.

Dear David:-

We are surprised to receive your letter, but glad you had written. I hardly know how to write these few lines, as it seems I am writing to a stranger.

But I am so glad to get acquainted with cousins I had never known. Too bad I couldn't have met some of you when I was in Regina in 1958. Emil and I spent a few hours with your mother + father. We were on our way to Illinois.

DEW's parents →

It was nice of you to write me, but am sorry not to have too much of the information you wanted. I will try my best though. Maybe sister Ruby or the boys would

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894) →

know more than I do. Sister Ruby lives in Westby, Montana. Her married name is Mrs. Ruby Hass.

She is a widow. Lost her husband a year ago. Bro. Ed. He lives in Lake Alma Sask. Bro. Clarence He lives in Calif. His address is 124 - Broadway San Diego, Calif.

Edward William Tomke (b. 1892)

Clarence Arthur Tomke (b. 1905)

He may have some of my mother's papers. He looked after things after mother passed away. Ruby she maybe could give you information about mothers second marriage where it took place and when. Those dates I don't have.

When my mother came to Canada, she lived with Grandpa Nemitz, until he sold his Home stead. I think he came to Canada and took up this Homestead in 1906. maybe Mrs. Jack Stewart, that is another cousin, her mother was Aunt Mary Reid - Morden. She

Florence's mother: Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

Grandpa: Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

Mrs. Jack Stewart, dau. of "Aunt Mary Reid"

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)
(Her first husband was a Reid; her second husband was a Morden; see her index entry.)

also was married twice. Maybe you could get some information from her. Her address is #1454 - Finley St. White Rock, B.C.

He returned back to Illinois, grandpa Nemitz I think it was around 1921, but just when I can't remember. He farmed with oxen; he had one horse called him Charley. He lived in a ~~shack~~ sod shack, like all the homesteaders I have some old snaps if you would like to have them. Those early days were a lot different then now. The farmers lived so far apart, and the nearest town was 50 miles away. When he would haul his wheat to Weyburn that was the largest town close by. It would take him 2 days to make the trip. Weyburn was 35 miles from his place. Estevan was 50 miles east. Weyburn north and the closest one south was Ambrose N.D. Them days the border didn't mean too much. They use to haul their

The joys of homesteading

See old photos after this letter.

Weyburn, SK

grain across the line, no duty on grain. They would bring back what groceries they needed them. It would be a long time in between when they would make those trips, so they figure out how much they would need.

That was around 1906 – 1910. I don't remember much as I lived in Weyburn. Oh! yes you wanted to know about my mother being married to her cousin. That is true, but I never spoke about it. I don't know why, but guess I just thought that wasn't the right thing to do. But I guess it happens right along, doesn't it.

My father's mother was grandpa Nemitz's sister, so that was quite close related isn't it. I just happened to think, a cousin that lives in Bay City, her mother was grandpa's sister. Maybe you could

Her mother's marriage to a cousin

get some information from her
Her name is Wilhelmina Laderach.
She would be your mother's 601 Marsac St.
cousin. Bay City, Mich.

Well, I guess this is just about all for now. This letter is getting too long isn't it. We will soon be busy with the blue berry picking. Just nicely getting ripe. Quite late this year we have had such awful weather, always so cool and so much rain. That is something unusual for this time of year. We expect to start in about 10 days. We will have around 50-60 pickers at first, later on we have over 100. A busy time then, packing berries & shipping them out.

I hope this didn't tire you too much. I'm sure glad that you wrote me. And thanks a lot. Hope to hear from you again, and if I can be more help to you will do my best.

Sincerely your
Cousin Florence.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Laderach (Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder [b. 1887])

Blueberry harvesting and selling

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See previous page

you wouldn't want my family's children would you? We had 10 children and raised 8. All married but one. We have 21 grand children & 1 great grandchild.

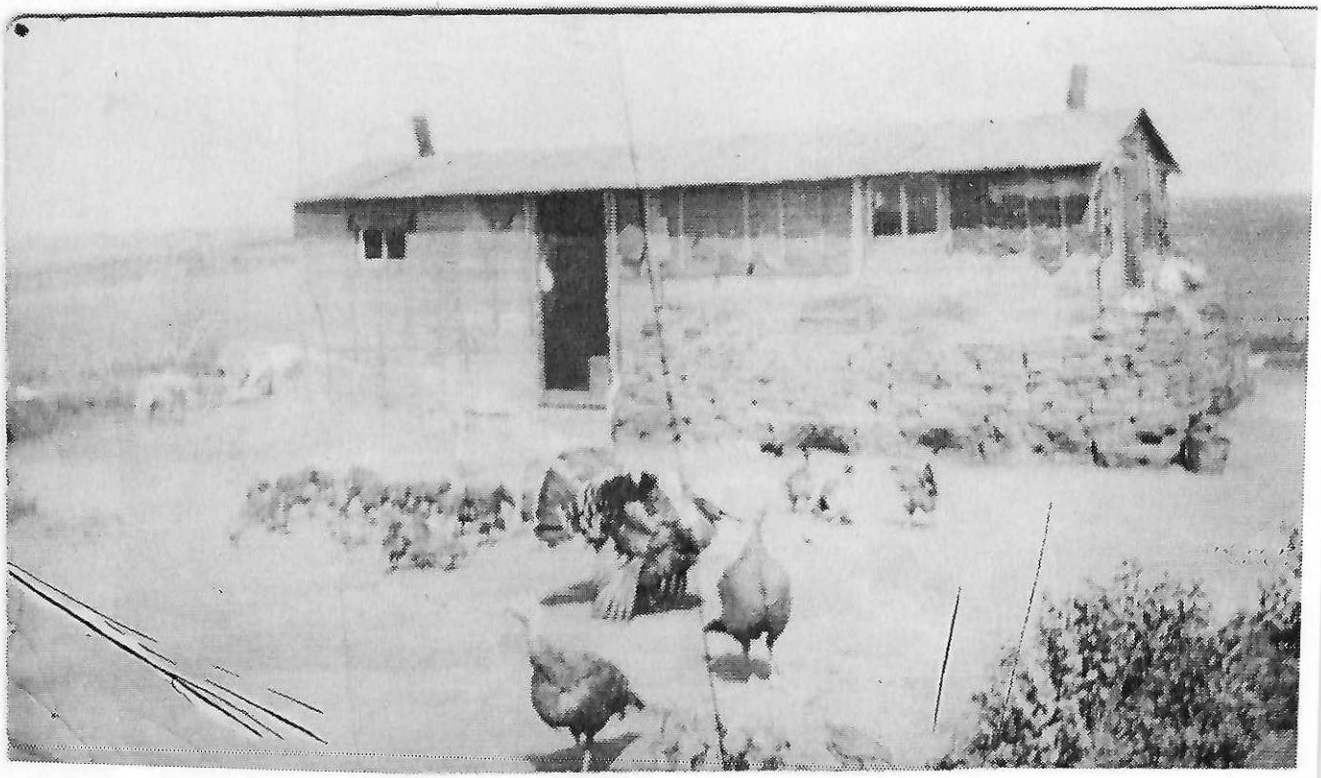
Florence.

Florence and Emil's children and grandchildren

[These two photos, each about 2 x 4.5 inches, were loose in the file. Ca. 1906-21.]

See p. 3 of the preceding letter.

On back: "Grandpa's oxen."



On back: "Grandpa's old sod sack [shack] in the homestead days."

[July 18, 1964]

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Florence Johanna Marie Jonke (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth Jan 5 - 1891 - Bay City Mich.

Date and Place of Death

Address, if Living 1044 - West Hwy. Richmond BC Date July 18 - 1964.

Father's Name in Full Herman Martin Jonke.

Mother's Maiden Name in Full Bertha Theresa Nemitz

Married to (1st) Herman Jonke (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage Dec. 31 - 1909.

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by Date

Married to (2nd) Gilbert Larson (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by Date

Education, with Places and Dates:

Occupations, with Places and Dates:

Other Places of Residence, with Dates: Colgate Sask. 1910 Lake Alma 1940.
(Lemman - Maryfarm, Sask.) Raleliff 1950.

Religious Affiliations: Lutheran

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received:

(Use reverse side and other sheets for additional information) 6/64

Here is other information, which you would likely want.
In the Tomke family there were 9 children.
Four which are still living.
Ruby Matilda born April 29-1894.
Edward William Aug. 2-1892.
Clarence Arthur Mar. 28-1905.
all born in Bay City, Mich.

I have no records of the death of the other; sorry I wish I could help you more.

We left Mich. in 1910. Ruby & I came first in the spring March and Mother & the two boys came in July.

Aunt Mary was your Mother's sister. One of the older ones.

Bertha - When she first went to Canada, she lived with her father on homestead.

[July 28, 1964]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 28, 1964

Dear Florence:

I was delighted to get your letter with all its information. I realize that for those who have not been working on this genealogy business as I have for the last year, it can be very confusing, as the form was I sent last time.

You will see at once that I have enclosed more forms this time. The one I sent before was really for you personally, but I should be very happy to have you put down what you can about your mother. So I have sent two of these forms this time--one for you and one for your mother. Will you please correct anything I have put down and add any further information you can give?

The other forms, "One Family Record," is to list more complete information about your parents and brothers and sisters; and then another copy on which you can give the similar information about your own children . I hope you can understand and follow these forms.

One of my purposes in working on this family historical material is to encourage all the relatives to get down soon in black and white all the available information about their own ancestors and relatives, in order to pass this on to their children and grandchildren. When I get as much information collected as possible, I hope to provide copies of the various charts to any who want them and to help locate information about other branches of families that are not really mine. So I hope that your filling in these forms will help not any me, but you and your descendents, as well.

I would love to have copies of any old snapshots you have. If you only have one copy and do not have the negatives, I'll be glad to have copies made and send the originals back.

Wayne Storch

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)

From Wayne Storch I also learned about Wilhelmina Laderach in Bay City and have corresponded with her. We hope to see her in Bay City when we visit Saginaw in a few weeks. I know she will be able to recall many things I have not heard before.

Sarah A. Reid (of Bay City, MI)

If you left Bay City about 1910, you must have known Mother about the time she was getting married there. Can you recall much about those days? I'm thinking especially about my mother and her experiences, but also about others of our relatives who lived in the Bay City area. Did you know the Mrs. Henry Williams in whose home Mother was married? Wasn't she formerly a Mrs. Reid? I wonder if her first husband was any relation to Aunt Mary's husband?

Thanks again for your help. Sincerely,

[Aug. 8, 1964]

Mrs. Reid's name is Sarah.

Richmond, B.C.
Aug. 8-1964.

Dear David:

I don't seem to be very much help do I? Will try my best though. I've forgotten so much. Yes, I can remember when your mother was married. Did you know that Grandpa worked for this Geo. Reid when they were on the Curtis Farm? He did the farm work and your mother kept house for him. It was Mrs. Reid that interested her in to take a course in Business College. Yes, I think Mr. Reid was an uncle to John Reid, Aunt Mary's husband. He was a brother to John's father & his name was Jim.

Your mother did some work in the office of Reid's Ice and Coal Co. I can remember when grandpa worked at Fitchville that must of been ~~a~~ way out in the suburbs of Bay City. maybe

Grandpa: Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

George L. Reid

Curtis Farm, Fitchville

Sarah A. Reid (of Bay City, MI)

Aunt Mary: Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875), who married (1) John Stephen Reid.

Fitchville, MI

you heard of that place. Aunt Louise & your mother lived there and kept house. I don't remember too much I was 5 yrs. old, but I remember I went there to stay for a few days, but in the night sometime your mother had to take me home. I guess I wasn't use to being away. They used trolly cars then or street cars they were called.

← Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

Too bad when we were in Saginaw in 1957. We spent the day with your folks, but didn't get to meet any of the family. I just know of you and your bro. & sister through your folks. We were on our way to Illinois. Thats the first time I went back after leaving Bay City for Canada. Quite a few changes since then. These snaps you can have I got some more, but right now I can't seem to place them. when I come across them will send them on.

You can change the dates of our wedding day. We just had the celebration in the summer, because the family thought they couldn't get out in the fall. The date is Oct. 29 - instead of Aug. 18.

I still have some information to get about my mothers second marriage. I don't remember at all. But it was before 1927. ← Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

But I will get it from Ed. or Ruby. Clarence didn't ans. my letter yet. Was you wanting the rest of the family? I don't remember very much in that either. I guess I was too small. These are the ones after Ruby. ← Leroy Tomke (b. 1896)

Leroy Jan. 29 - 1896. - died 1901
Herman 1898 still born
Walter 1900 still born
Raymond 1902 - died 1904
Clarence Mar. 28 - 1905
Fredrick 1907 - died 1909

Maybe Clarence would have all the Baptismal records I wouldn't know. But my mother always had those. This is sure hard to get all the

information isn't it. If I get more I will forward it to you.

So I guess this is all for now, will help all I can.

We are on a Blue Berry farm here consisting of $37\frac{1}{2}$ acres. We started to pick last Wednesday. Had a crew of 50. But always take around a 100. yesterday we got a ton of berries. That probably sounds a lot to you doesn't it? Last year the crop yielded 45 ton. The year before was over 50. They average ~~a~~ a ton to an acre, some a little more.

Blueberry farming near Vancouver

← But see 2nd page of next letter!

It was nice getting your letters and thanks for writing.

Florence.

P.S. Did you want all the names of each of the family? Our grandchildren?

[Aug. 13, 1964]

Richmond, B.C.
Aug. 13-1964.

Dear David:

I got some more information for you. Hope its what your looking for. I wrote Eddie, the oldest bro.

← Edward William Tomke (b. 1892) and his wife's family

Ed's. wife's name her maiden name was Florence Wiltshire, her mother's name was maud Biddle. I don't know if this is needed, but will send it anyway.

Her mother and dad were married a Shoreditch London England. in 1896. I didn't get the dates. My Mother was married to Gilbert Carson ~~on~~ on Feb. 27-1927. Don't remember when he passed away.

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Did I tell you when Ruby's husband died? The date was June 1st. 1963. It seems I am asking a lot of questions. Did you want her family. names of each & dates? Also

← Death of Edward Frederick Hass (b. 1883)

Ed's. family? I remember some but not too sure. Will get that information if you would want it.

Well I guess this is all for now. We are busy now picking blue berries. Had 60 pickers in yesterday and picked 2,100 lbs. over a ~~ton~~. They yield 2 ton to an acre.

It's now 2 tons per acre!

Our weather isn't too good right now. Too cool. lots of ~~dec~~ dew in the mornings.

Thanks for writing again.

Sincerely. Ed.

1044 - Wsh. Hwy.
Richmond - Van.
B.C.

[The source for this description is unknown.]

Family Reunion Marks Golden Wedding

The person who transcribed this section is not known.

Trinity Luth. Ch., Granville Av., was the scene of a Thanksgiving Service Sunday (8/18/63) 8/18/63 marking the golden wedding anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Emil Otto Knuth. Rev. Clarence Eifert officiated at the beautiful ceremony.

The service was followed by a luncheon when the family honored their parents. Rev. Clarence Eifert was master of ceremonies & toastmaster was John Slager, Port Coquitlam.

A traditional wedding cake ~~made~~ centred (sic) the family table, flanked by candelabra and golden roses. Several toasts to the happy couple indicated the high esteem in which they were held by neighbours and friends. A purse was presented to the couple by Les Iverton, church usher, on behalf of the congregation. A delightful interlude was the singing by the grandchildren who serenaded their grandparents.

This is by DEW's hand

The five daughters also complimented their parents by singing favorite hymns.

Emil Knuth was born at Augusta Wisconsin Aug 1889 and came to Saskatchewan 1906 where he homesteaded 35 mi.

south of Weyburn, now known as Tribune. He met his bride-to-be, Florence Zonke of Colgate, 1910. The couple were married in the parsonage of Knox Presbyterian church of Weyburn by Rev. A. D. MacIntyre, Oct. 1913. - - -

They lived on the homestead till 1951 moving to Clovendale 1953. On retirement 1957 they came to Lake Roland. Emil became manager of J. D. Blenkhorn Farms at 1044 Westminster Highway, a position he still holds.

Mr. & Mrs. Kauth have three sons, Fred, Ernest, Russell, and five daughters, Mrs. E. Kafka (Irene), Mrs. L. Coe (Zyra), Ruby Kauth, Mrs. John Finnessen (Norma) and Mrs. L. Forbes (Millard). All were present except Russell and Millard. There are 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

50th

2—Second Section

See enlargement on next page.

50th

MR. & MRS. EMIL KNUTH

[Newspaper and exact date unknown]

[The source newspaper is unknown.]

Couple 60 years wed

A couple who have lived in Richmond since 1957 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary here recently.

Probably late Oct. or early Nov. 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Knuth of 916 Blundell Road, were married in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, October 29, 1913. Mr. Knuth had homesteaded at Tribune, Saskatchewan, in 1906 and Mrs. Knuth arrived there in 1910.

Both were born in the United States, Mr. Knuth in Wisconsin in 1889 and his wife in Bay City, Michigan, in 1891.

They left the homestead in 1956 and came west to Cloverdale, moving to Richmond in 1957. They managed a blueberry farm on their arrival here.

They have ~~three~~ FOUR sons, 6 daughters, 21 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends travelled many miles to be with Mr. and Mrs. Knuth on their anniversary which was celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in Richmond, with Pastor E. Lehman officiating.

[Sept. 1, 1964]

Richmond, B.C.
Sept 1-1964.

Dear David.

I have more information for you, unless you got it elsewhere. It is from Ed's. family and Ruby's. Maybe you won't need this anymore, but I just thought I would send it on.

I still haven't come across any snaps, but I know I have them, so when I do, I'll send them to you.

We are quite busy now, with the blue berries. We pick around 2 ton a day. We have around 100 pickers a day. But now that school will be starting, it will be slower picking.

We got first prize at the P.N.E. ← Pacific National Exhibition
was quite surprised as we didn't know they had been entered. It was the Co'Op berry Co. that sent them in. The mail man is due any time, so I better get this letter out.

Hoping to hear from you some time again, sincerely Florence.

[June 28, 1974]

[DEW's effort to meet Florence and Emil during a trip out west]

YMCA of the Rockies
Estes Park, Colorado 80511
June 28, 1974

Dear Florence,

It's about ten years since we corresponded with each other several times, and I hope all is well with you and you are living in the same place.

We are at a conference here at Estes Park, and tomorrow we'll be starting a trip through Salt Lake City to the state of Washington to visit my uncle in Port Townsend (my father's brother).

Since we'll be near you when we get to Port Townsend, we're wondering if we could manage to see you before we start the trip home again. If you are well and are going to be at home, we'd like to try.

We expect to arrive in Port Townsend about July 6th, and our address will be c/o Mr. Edward A. Witheridge, 206 Reed St., Port Townsend, Wash. 98368 (Phone (206) 385-2944) I'd appreciate your dropping us a line there and letting us know if it would be convenient for you if we came. In fact, I'll enclose a ~~stamped~~ self-addressed envelope.

Just a few months ago I began working on Spanity genealogy again, and I have a few interesting things to show you. I'm especially anxious to meet you and any others of your family who might be near.

I'm also trying to get in touch with Mrs. Jack Stewart at 1454 Finlay St., White Rock, B.C., who would be right on our way to Richmond. If she no longer lives there, maybe you'd let me know.

I am also writing to Mrs. Ruby Haas, Box 67, Westby, Montana, and to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zomke, Box 103, Lake Alma, Sask. We might be able to go in that direction on the way home. Here, again, I'd appreciate your letting me know if I have the wrong addresses.

If you think it would be possible for us to visit you, perhaps you should give us directions on how to find your place.

I hope to find a letter from you when we get to Port Townsend.

Yours sincerely,
David Witheridge

[Aug. 19, 1974]

Aug 19-1974.

Dear David & Elizabeth:-

Suppose you are wondering why I hadn't answered your letter before this. We were on a holiday went to Calgary, to visit our oldest son. Then from there we went to Swift Current, Sask. and Tribune our home town.

Florence's sister, Ruby Tomke (b. 1894)

Have a son there on the home place. Then from there to Plentywood to see Ruby. Also stopped in a few minutes on our way and saw Eddie. Ruby, sure isn't very good. I don't know if she knew me or not.

We were there maybe a half an hour. It was the wrong time to go. In the morning around 10 A.M. so it was her time for a nap. Hours were from 2-4 in the afternoon.

But being we were from so far away, they let us in to visit. It was good to see her. It will be nearly 4 yrs. that I seen her. She has failed a lot. We didn't see Dorothy or Florence. Didn't have time

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

to stop over another day. Ernie he had to be at work the next day.

I had a letter from Florence, since we are back. She was kinda put out because we didn't see them. They have a nice farm eh? And all those oil wells. Suppose you were tired out by the time you got back home. Did you enjoy the Fair at Spokane?

Our P.N.E. is on now. The first day it opened the attendence was 100,000. Quite a number isn't it, David would it be too much trouble if you ordered 12 of those pictures? Your Camera sure took good pictures. So natural of us. I don't know just how much it would be to have some made, but I'll give you $5.00 anyway for your trouble.

If not enough you be sure and let me know. It was really a good picture. So you liked your salmon dinner, glad you did. We ordered some now, so I can do some up. We pay $1.25 @ lb. In the stores it is pretty high. Around $2.00 & 3.00 a lb. Isn't that awful? It was so nice that you visited us and thanks for coming.

Hope you can come again some time. Sure would be nice if you did. Emil he has a sister coming from N. Dak. one of these days. Bye now, hope to hear from you again soon. Sincerely Florence + Emil.

[Aug. 28, 1974]

8/28/74

Dear Florence & Emil:

Well, here we are back home and back at work. Of course, we've been home a week or two, but it seems to take that long to get settled again.

DEW and EPW visit Florence and Emil in Richmond, BC

We did so love meeting all of you and having such a good chance to talk. And your delicious dinner of B.C. salmon was an unexpected treat.

Don't you think this is a grand picture? We were so delighted that it came out so well! We're going copies to Florence Anderson, Dorothy Franzen, and the members of our family who do not know you. If you would like more copies of the picture, please let us know and we'll send them.

DEW's first cousins he met on the trip for the first time.

I still can't believe that on this trip I met several first cousins I had never met before — you, Florence, Ruby Hess, Ed Jones, and Roland Witbridge on my father's side. Then, of course, there are several children of these cousins we also met.

Grand Tetons and Yellowstone

We had a good trip home, with no car trouble or disagreeable weather. We especially liked the Grand Tetons and Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone.

We found Ruby cheerful and well and glad to see us, though she listens more than speaks these days. She seems happy in which she stays in a lovely place and is fortunately near her daughter.

Then we spent an hour or so in Lake Alma with Ed. I taped the conversation, as I had with you, and picked up a number of new items for my family history. Ed does lead a lonely and difficult life, and we wonder how long he will be able to continue by himself.

Edward William Tomke's (b. 1892) lonely, difficult life at Lake Alma, SK

We returned to the Anderson farm for dinner and one night and did have a good time. Dorothy and her husband also came over for a while. Adolph showed us all around the ranch.

The Anderson ranch

Now I'll close, but I hope we can keep up our correspondence from time to time. I know I'll keep the family pictures as I pull all my information together. Thanks again for showing us a good time in Wisconsin.

Friendly

[Sept. 18, 1974]

2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis, Minn 55405
September 18, 1974

Dear Florence + Emil:

We got your pictures back about a week ago, but just now found time to write. The pictures only cost about $4.00 including tax and postage, so I'm returning $1.00.

The newspaper clipping tells about our state fair, which also draws over 100,000 per day. Thought you'd be interested.

The next time you write, I'd like you to return the enclosed form with the addresses of your children who live away from your home. I don't suppose I'll write to them, but I like to have their addresses in case I should need to.

I'm also enclosing a copy of the picture I took of Florence and Adolph. I think it came out as well as yours.

Weather is very pleasant here at the moment. Hope it lasts!

Our son Jim who lives at home starts the fall quarter at the University of Minnesota next Monday, and Don starts a full-time research job in psychology at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago on Monday.

Love,

Doris + Elizabeth

[These are DEW's notes from his visit with Florence in Richmond, BC.] [July 9, 1974]

Florence Knuth - 7/9/74 (tape) ← [DEW tape recorded her; these are his notes from the tape.]

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848), brother of DEW's grandfather, Wilhelm (b. 1835)

Brother Ernest - went to Iowa, Florence saw him when he went to Bay City when she was 8 yrs. old. Took kids to show.
Charter Oak, Iowa. She wrote to minister and he got her in touch with one of Ernest's descendants there & she corresponded with them until a couple of years ago. His name was Ernest, possibly grandson. His address would just be Ernest Nemitz, Charter Oak, Iowa.

Possibly Augusta Tomke (b. 1860) write →

Hannah daughter of Augusta.
Hilda was another ~~sister~~ ~~of Augusta~~; lived in Saginaw
Martha " " "
Henry - youngest boy of family - worked in Hdwe. in Bay City
Charles

Johanna ("Hannah") Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b. 1871) → Minneapolis

→ Daughter Carrie of Hannah show - lives in Mpls. Stable through Charles Tomke's family - (Carrertown)

Stink Factory

Grandfather Nemitz worked at Fitchville (toward Saginaw from Bay City) at the "Stink Factory" (making fertilizer from dead horses). He hurt his leg when he stepped into some lye land.

John Stephen Reid (m. Mary Nemitz)

Grandfather Nemitz went to Sask. first (about 75) with John Reid, Mary's husband. They lived out here first.

The Reids were in Manitoba & California before they went to Sask.

Florence Knuth – 7/9/74

Ernest went to Iowa, Charter Oak,
Ernest Apmity

John Jonke was Herman's father, they lived in Beaverton, and he had married a sister of William Apmity. He died in Bay City about 1897, possibly also his wife.

Charles – married Annie Spangler – lived in Beaverton (Midland, Mich)
Albert
Herman – OK ~~[illegible]~~
Hannah } daughters
Hilda } lived in Saginaw
Martha } " "
Augusta (sister of Herman + Chas) – married Henry Kohn – lived in Beaverton
Henry – lived in ~~Bay City~~ (Midland)
~~[illegible]~~ Bay City + worked in Hardware
Charles –

Shaws lived in Mich – Had – daughter Carrie still in
Also had son Fred who died.

Charles ~~and~~ had 8 children –
Corresponds with Mrs Lena (Mrs Caroline) Jonke
206 Chilson Ave. N. Bay City
Clara – Fred Ittner (deceased) both dead – one in Sodi Old Folks Home
Alice – Will Schroeder – 3 girls, etc.
John – Beaverton
Martin – Bay City – has family
Edgar – died young
Esther – unmarried & Lansing
Frances – unmarried – lives with Lena

Lena

Albert – youngest brother – lived Euclid Ave near actually almost 10 mile out Tuscola Sq.
Charlie
Will –
Arthur –
Lizzie –
Wilhelmina –

✓ Fitchville toward Saginaw from McGraw Farm – "Stink Factory" – maybe fertilizer

✓ Clarence Tomke died about 2 yrs. ago.

Anna Reid (of White Rock, BC)

✓ Anna Reid Stewart – Mrs. Jack
15541 Bogey Ave., White Rock, B.C.
531-4357

✓ Herman Tomke died about 1918 – Bay City

✓ Bertha married Gilbert Larson about 1928

✓ Herman Tomke Nov. 26, 1866, (where?)

✓ Emma & Will Babcock always lived in Illinois
Pontiac.

✓ Florence met son Wm in Pontiac about
1958 or 9

✓ Children of Emma –
Ernest
Ida
William

✓ Emma died in Kankakee – Hosp

Beverley-Anne Lyra Coe (b. 1942)

Beverly – Mrs. Orville Babcock – interested in
family history: 7118 – 114A St.
grandaughter of Florence Smith North Delta, B.C.

Herman Martin Tomke (b. 1866)

Herman & Bertha were parted – He didn't go out to Sask.
He died soon after

Gilbert Larson

Evelyn Philpot

Florence Anderson writes to Evelyn Philpot

[Sept. 26, 1974]

Sept. 26-1974.

Dear David & Elizabeth:-

Your letter and pictures arrived last week, and many thanks, but you didn't have to return that money. You should have kept it for your trouble. That one of Clarence and Adolph was real good too. I think she looks so much like her mother, Ruby, don't you think so? Did you take in the Spokane Fair?

Yes that write up of your Fair was quite interesting. The P.N.E. out here is always a large affair. But we don't go. Saw it once, so I guess it always is about the same.

Glad to hear you folks arrived home safe, your weather must be nice now. We are having real warm weather, Temp. 60-80°. It will last a week, then it changes. The wind is up to 50 miles an hr. right now.

But we don't notice it as we are closed in. At White Rock where Anna is the tele. lines have been down for quite awhile. The sweep of the ocean I guess. Saw Anna & Jack and they were quite disappointed that they missed you.

Anna Reid (of White Rock, BC)

I did up some salmon

yesterday. Canned 15 pts. So you liked the meal of salmon. That's nice, you will have to come again sometime.

This is all for now, and thanks again for getting those pictures for us. Bye for now, and write when you find time.

Love, Florence & Emil.

916 - Blundell Rd.
Richmond, B.C.
V6Y 1K3.

Howard Kohn

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Editor's Note

People can be strange, right? Here I'm using that word in two senses at the same time: (1) faraway, detached, inaccessible; and (2) unexpected, mystifying, odd. Those two meanings pretty well capture the essence of Howard Kohn, at least as he revealed himself to my dad, his second cousin twice removed.

Before reaching out to Howard for the first time in 1987, Dad had good reason to believe that he was initiating what would surely turn into a pleasant and mutually rewarding experience with this not-so-very-distant living relative who, like himself, was (according to Howard's own father) interested in family history. Later Dad learned that he and Howard shared a mutual passion for the civil rights movement. So they had a number of interests, not just Nemitz and Tomke blood, in common.

However, when you skim the chronologically organized documents in this section at the end of folder 2.10, you'll discover that the relationship was entirely one-sided from start to finish. Dad wrote to Howard on August 19, 1987. No response. He called Howard on February 25, 1999; we have Dad's preparatory notes for that phone call, but no evidence of Howard's reaction on the line, except for the word "Yes" under Dad's marginal note about sending all his family history information to Howard, if he were interested. Dad followed up that call with numerous email messages (including an April 6, 1999, introductory email; see pp. 39b-39c in folder 2.5). In response to Dad's friendly overtures, Howard apparently uttered just 22 words, divided between two separate emails. In response to Howard I have just one word: Strange.

I'm sure his almost total lack of interest hurt Dad's feelings, just as reading the Howard Kohn documents today hurts mine on Dad's behalf

Tom Witheridge
February 16, 2023

[Aug. 10, 1987]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 10, 1987

Mr. Howard Kohn
16 Jefferson Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Mr. Kohn:

You probably never heard of me, but I am a relative of yours. I am your grandfather's second cousin, which means that I am your second cousin twice removed. I was given your name and address by your father when I met him in June at Anita Schmidt's in Beaver Township.

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was a brother of your great-great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz, who married Johann Friedrich Tomke. My mother, Edith Nemitz, was first cousin of your great-grandmother, Augusta Tomke Kohn, and might have known her and her son, Johann Kohn (your grandfather), in Bay City. Over the years, however, our families lost touch with each other.

I tell you all this because your father said you were interested in family history. I have been working on genealogy for a number of years and recently have been trying to trace my mother's ancestry back into Germany. This has proven to be difficult, because the part of Germany her ancestors (and yours) came from is now in Poland. The records there were to a large extent destroyed or displaced when the Germans were driven out.

The experts say the best way to proceed when the search overseas seems to strike a dead end is to learn everything possible about the immigrant ancestors and their family in <u>this</u> country. That is what I am now engaged in doing.

When I began to work on getting information about my Nemitz and Tomke relatives, I was fortunately able to reestablish contact with long-lost relatives in Bay City. Esther Plamp and Anita Schmidt were especially helpful in providing family records I had not had.

Then in June, when my wife Elizabeth and I were visiting friends in Lapeer, Michigan, I spent a day over in Bay City and Beaver Township getting acquainted with these relatives I had been corresponding with, along with some others, including of course your father. As I said, he gave me your address, and I am writing in hopes that you will be interested enough in this project to help in whatever way you can.

As you can see from the enclosed sheet, I don't have much information about the Kohn branch of the family, including your own immediate family. What I need are birth, marriage, and death dates and places. Have you been collecting any of this information for your family? If so, would you be willing to send me photocopies of your sheets? I'd be willing to reimburse you, of course.

Ancestry chart of Fred Kohn

Since you are interested in family history, have you been in correspondence with the older members of your family? It's very possible that someone has some old records or other items, such as scrapbooks, certificates, letters, pictures, newspaper clipoings, or a Family Bible. These would give us clues to help us in our search.

Now just a little about myself. I was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Bay City, but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. After high school I attended Bay City Junior College two years and then went on to the University of Michigan and graduated in engineering.

For four years I worked as a heating and ventilating engineer in Saginaw with my father, William Witheridge, who was a manufacturer's representative. Then I decided to enter the ministry and attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth and I were married in 1941, just before my senior year in the seminary. From there we went to Chicago where I was the assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church for six years and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis to be executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I stayed in that position 29 years until I retired at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw before we were married, and more recently she was the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, who is 40, is not married, and he lives only a few blocks from us in Minneapolis. Tom, who is 39, lives with his wife Virginia in Chicago.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future with some information about yourself and your family.

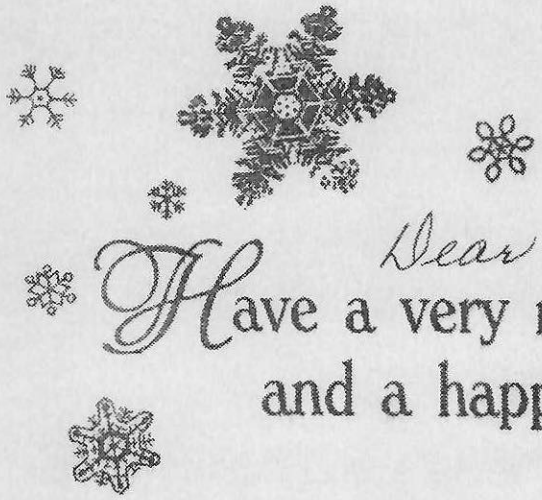
Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

1988

Howard Kohn

Our Cousin Howard Kohn has recently written a book on the Kohn family - Its called "The Last Farmer" published by Summit Books - Its very good.



Dear David + Elizabeth

Have a very merry Christmas
and a happy new year.

Love
Anita + Herb

Anita Schmidt

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [Feb. 25, 1999]

Call to Howard Kohn, 2/25/99

(301) 270-~~1068~~
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Not your father from your father side of family

I'm a distant cousin of yours in Minneapolis, David Witteridge. I am interested in genealogy. In talking to Anita Schmidt and also to your father, I find that you are also interested in family history. Still doing that?

Anita Schmidt

Recently I discovered another cousin of ours in the Zonke line who lives out in a suburb and is also interested in genealogy. He isn't 3rd cousin of Vancouver, B.C. He is only 26 years old, but he has all his family history on a computer.

Brad Babcock

I have a lot of information about the Nemitz and Zonke families that he doesn't have, so I'm going to photocopy it and send it to him so he can put it on his computer also, where it will all be coordinated with what he has and will be easier to handle.

Need to see it first to see if it is worth

I got to thinking about the material you have about the Kohns and the Zonkes that I don't have. I'd like to have a photocopy of what you have, so I could send it out to Brad to integrate into what he and I have. I'd be glad to pay you for the photocopies and the postage.

Anita also said you wrote a book about the Kohns. Do you still have a copy that I could buy? (What are the title, date, and publisher?)

I wouldn't know the people in the book, but I was born in Bay City and grew up in Saginaw,

as I'm familiar with the area involved.

Do you have a computer? Are you online? What is your E-mail address? Mine is DWitheridg@aol.com

KOHN@EROLS.com

The Last Frontier
Amazon.com

Summit Books, 1988

[Mar. 10-11, 1999]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
March 10, 1999

Abbe Smith Books
541 Harding Rd.
Nashville, TN 37205-2564

Dear Sirs:
I called to have you hold this book for me:
The Last Farmer
by Norman Rohn

Enclosed is a check for $11.50, which should include County Mail.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Nathenson

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
March 10, 1999

ACL Books, Inc.
410 Broad St.
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Dear Sirs:
I called to have you hold this book for me:
The Last Farmer
by Norman Rohn

Enclosed is a check for $23.00, which is $18.00 plus $5.00 County Mail.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Nathenson

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
March 11, 1999

Winning!
2346 Main St.
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Sirs:
I called to have you hold this book for me:
The Last Farmer
by Norman Rohn

Enclosed is a check for $20.00, which is $17.00 plus $3.00 County Mail.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Nathenson

[Mar. 18, 1999]

Subj: **Your Books**
Date: 3/18/99 11:44:48 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com

Howard

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found a dozen used book stores where they had a copy of your book, The Last Farmer. So I ordered three of them by phone, and one arrived yesterday.

Also on the web site they mentioned your new book, We Had a Dream, which I had not known about. So I ordered one at our local Barnes & Noble store, and that arrived a few days ago.

I am greatly impressed and delighted with both books. More later.

David

Subj: **Re: Your Books**
Date: 3/18/99 7:54:46 PM Central Standard Time
From: kohn@erols.com (H Kohn)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

"Thanks for the compliment"

Thanks for the compliment!

Howard

[Mar. 22-23, 1999]

Subj: **Howard Kohn**
Date: 3/22/99 3:01:20 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: susan_clark@ap.org

Dear Susan:

In Contemporary Authors, Vol. 124, there is a biographical sketch of Howard Kohn that says he received an Associated Press second place award in 1972 for an autobiographical feature in the Detroit Free Press.

The Detroit Free Press library tried to locate that article, but they could not find the date on which it appeared, probably in 1971, because their index for that period was inadequate. Their records seem to indicate that it was an article about the author's growing-up years on a farm in Bay County, Michigan.

What I want is to get a photocopy of the article. If you can find a copy of the article, perhaps you could send me a photocopy. If not, perhaps you could find the date on which it was published, in which case I could get a photocopy from the Detroit Free Press.

If you will tell me the cost of the research and photocopy, I will send you a check. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Phone: (612) 377-4810

Subj: **Re: Howard Kohn**
Date: 3/23/99 9:41:17 AM Central Standard Time
From: Susan_Clark@ap.org (Susan Clark)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear Sir:
Unfortunately, we can't provide members of the general public with articles from sources other than the AP. Even if we could though, we don't have access to Detroit Free Press copy from 1971.

Thank you
Susan Clark

[Mar. 23, 1999]

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Apr 9, 1972 magazine

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2425 IRVING Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN.
55405

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[Mar. 27-28, 1999]

Subj: **Detroit Free Press article**
Date: 3/27/99 3:37:52 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com

Dear Howard,

I'm frustrated. Your biographical sketch in Contemporary Authors, Vol. 124, says that you got a second place award from the Associated Press in 1972 for an autobiographical feature in the Detroit Free Press. I tried to get a copy of the article from the Free Press library, but they couldn't find it, because their indexing back then was inadequate. The Associated Press offices in Michigan and in New York City both refused to hunt it up for me.

The next day the Free Press called back and said they had finally found the article and would send me a copy. It came today, but it is not the whole article--just the first two columns. I know it is not the complete article, because it stops in the middle of a sentence.

Could you give me the date it was published? If so, I can call the Free Press again and see if they will look up the original and send me a complete copy. Or I could try the University of Minnesota library. They have an amazing number of major newspapers in their library going back many years. Perhaps the easiest thing would be for you just to send me a photocopy of the article. I really want this article, as it seems to me to be a forerunner of your book, The Last Farmer. Thanks for whatever you can do.

David

Subj: **Re: Detroit Free Press article**
Date: 3/28/99 8:13:55 AM Central Standard Time
From: kohn@erols.com (H Kohn)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

"I'll go into my attic to look it up – it may take me a few days."

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Howard

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KNOBLAUCH, C(yril) H. 1945-

PERSONAL: Surname is pronounced "*Knob*-lock"; born October 5, 1945, in Minneapolis, Minn.; son of Cyril H. and Helen I. Knoblauch; married Lil Borop Brannon (a university professor), July 14, 1984. *Education:* College of St. Thomas, B.A., 1967; Brown University, M.A., 1969, Ph.D., 1973.

ADDRESSES: Home—7 Hawthorne Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12203. *Office*—Department of English, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, N.Y. 12222.

CAREER: Brown University, Providence, R.I., instructor in English, 1972-74; Columbia University, New York City, assistant professor of English, 1974-79; New York University, New York City, assistant professor of English, 1979-82; State University of New York at Albany, Albany, associate professor of English, 1982—. *Military service:* U.S. Army, 1969-71; became sergeant.

MEMBER: Modern Language Association of America, National Council of Teachers of English.

WRITINGS:

(With A. D. Van Nostrand) *Functional Writing*, Houghton, 1978.
(With Van Nostrand) *The Process of Writing: Discovery and Control*, Houghton, 1982.
(With wife, Lil Brannon) *Rhetorical Traditions and the Teaching of Writing*, Boynton Cook, 1984.

Also author of a book on contemporary rhetorical theory and modern philosophy, for Boynton Cook, in press.

Contributor to literature and composition journals.

BIOGRAPHICAL/CRITICAL SOURCES:

PERIODICALS

New York Times, July 27, 1984.

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KNOTT, Kim 1955-

PERSONAL: Born May 25, 1955, in Watford, England; daughter of Len and Kay (Clarke) Knott. *Education:* University of Leeds, B.A. (with honors), 1976, M.A., 1977, Ph.D., 1982.

ADDRESSES: Home—Leeds, England. *Office*—Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, England.

CAREER: University of Leeds, Leeds, England, research fellow in religious studies, 1981—. Tutor at Open University, 1982-86.

WRITINGS:

Hinduism in Leeds, University of Leeds, 1986.
My Sweet Lord: The Hare Krishna Movement, Aquarian Press, 1986.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Research on South Asian religions in Britain, religion in the media, and new religious movements.

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KOHN, Howard 1947-

PERSONAL: Born August 11, 1947, in Bay City, Mich.; son of Frederick John (a farmer) and Clara (a farmer; maiden name, Buchhage) Kohn; married Kathleen Weir, October 13, 1967 (divorced); married Diana Romanchuk (an editor), November 15, 1974; children: Elizabeth Anne. *Education:* University of Michigan, B.A. (cum laude), 1969. *Politics:* Independent.

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CAREER: Bay City Times, Bay City, Mich., sportswriter, 1965-68; *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit, Mich., reporter, 1970-73; *Rolling Stone*, San Francisco, Calif., and New York, N.Y., senior editor, 1975-81; Center for Investigative Reporting, Washington, D.C., Washington director, beginning in 1981. Commissioner of San Francisco Media Softball League; director of Musicians United for Safe Energy; member of Disarmament Advisory Board.

MEMBER: Investigative Reporters and Editors, Media Alliance.

AWARDS, HONORS: Associated Press Sweepstakes Award, 1971, for a series of investigative articles in the *Detroit Free Press;* Associated Press second place award, 1972, for an autobiographical feature in the *Detroit Free Press;* Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award from Columbia Journalism School, United Press International Gold Medallion, and Associated Press Sweepstakes Award, all 1973, all for a series of investigative articles in the *Detroit Free Press;* Detroit Press Club award for news, 1974, for a series of investigative articles in the *Detroit Free Press;* Time, Inc. fellowship for nonfiction from Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, 1982, for *Who Killed Karen Silkwood?;* Laurel Award from *Columbia Journalism Review*, 1984, for an article in *Esquire*.

WRITINGS:

(Author, with David Shaber and David Weir, of screen story) Shaber, "Rollover" (screenplay), Warner Bros., 1981.
Who Killed Karen Silkwood? (nonfiction), Summit Books, 1981.

Also author of *Dark Circle* and *The Last Farmers*. Work represented in anthologies, including *The Silent Bomb: A Guide to the Nuclear Energy Controversy* and *Stalking the Feature Story*. Contributor of articles to periodicals, including *Rolling Stone, Esquire, Reader's Digest, Mother Jones, New Times*, and *Nation*. Editor of *Periodical Lunch*.

SIDELIGHTS: A former newspaper reporter and magazine editor, Howard Kohn has won several awards for his investigative reporting. While an editor at *Rolling Stone* Kohn wrote investigative reports on Israel's alleged nuclear arsenal, the existence of which is denied by the Israeli Government, and on events surrounding the kidnapping of publishing heiress Patty Hearst. His *Rolling Stone* reports on the mysterious 1974 death of Karen Silkwood became the basis of Kohn's 1981 book, *Who Killed Karen Silkwood?*

Silkwood had been an employee of the Kerr-McGee Corporation, manufacturers of radioactive plutonium-based fuel rods for nuclear reactors, and had worked in its Oklahoma City-area facility. As union shop steward she had alleged that workers at the plant were being exposed unnecessarily to harmful radiation and she had lobbied for improvements in working conditions. As she became more outspoken, Silkwood was

Howard Kohn

repeatedly contaminated by plutonium in a series of suspicious incidents viewed by some to be deliberate. One night when she was driving to meet a newspaper reporter supposedly to furnish him with documents that proved Kerr-McGee's criminal negligence, her car ran off the road and Silkwood died. No documents were found at the accident site, and the automobile accident's cause was never determined. In 1979 a federal jury ordered Kerr-McGee to pay Silkwood's estate $10.5 million, finding the corporation to have been negligent in her plutonium contamination; two years later the decision was overturned on appeal.

Kohn spent six years investigating the circumstances of Silkwood's life and death before writing *Who Killed Karen Silkwood?* According to the *Washington Post*'s James Conaway, Kohn attempts in the book to "enshrine" Silkwood as a "heroine to all those opposed to developing nuclear power." Conaway noted, as did other reviewers, that Kohn does not answer the question posed in his book's title; that after his six-year investigation, the facts still remain unclear. Pete Hamill, writing in the *New York Times Book Review*, faulted Kohn for inventing dialogue and thoughts for people in the book, although Kohn advises readers in his foreword that "the dialogue and conversational tics should not be taken as absolutely literal." Hamill nonetheless concluded that Kohn, a writer "with much talent, . . . was not well served by editors who allowed him such luxuries in a nonfiction book."

Other critics were more tolerant of Kohn's style. A *Time* reviewer insisted that, without establishing that anyone actually killed Karen Silkwood, Kohn nonetheless "proves beyond any reasonable doubt that many people had reasons for wanting Silkwood dead." And Sharon Ditman, writing in the *Los Angeles Times Book Review*, cited *Who Killed Karen Silkwood?* as "perhaps the most complete recounting" among many published treatments of the affair. Ditman deemed Kohn's research "quite thorough," his presentation "convincing and believable," and the story ultimately "fascinating."

Kohn told *CA:* "I grew up on an old-fashioned farm, milking cows by hand, hoeing, baling hay, chopping wood, and I left it behind as soon as I could. But there is something that farmers have, a sense of order and time and, above all, perseverance, and any writer worth a lick must have it too. It can even be said that farmers and writers, almost alone among contemporary Americans, live as they always have—giving up certain comforts for the sake of having their own way."

BIOGRAPHICAL/CRITICAL SOURCES:

PERIODICALS

Los Angeles Times Book Review, January 10, 1982.
New York Times Book Review, December 13, 1981, June 6, 1982.
Time, December 7, 1981.
Washington Post, December 1, 1981.

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KORNBLUH, Marvin 1927-1987

OBITUARY NOTICE: Born in 1927 in Brooklyn, N. Y.; died after a heart attack, August 15, 1987, in Washington, D.C. Businessman, administrator, information systems analyst, educator, and author. Kornbluh began his career in information sciences as a systems analyst at the Pentagon during the mid-1950s. He later joined the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress, specializing in futures methodology, strategic planning, and information systems development. Kornbluh also established his own management training business and taught courses in management and information systems at the University of Maryland. He wrote *The Effective Executive and the Systems Challenge* and *How to Manage Financial Systems*.

OBITUARIES AND OTHER SOURCES:

BOOKS

The Future: A Guide to Information Sources, 2nd edition, World Future Society, 1979.

PERIODICALS

Washington Post, August 19, 1987.

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KRAMER, Larry 1935-

BRIEF ENTRY: Born in 1935 in Bridgeport, Conn. American movie producer, playwright, screenwriter, and novelist. Larry Kramer is best known for his controversial works dealing with the lifestyles of homosexual males. His novel *Faggots* (Random House, 1978), which a number of critics found to be an offensive and sensationalized account, explicitly portrays members of New York's homosexual subculture indulging in a lifestyle of promiscuous sex. Kramer eventually gleaned critical approval with a later work also dealing with the gay community: his 1985 stage drama *The Normal Heart*, the novelization of which was published by New American Library the same year. The play—described by critics as angry, didactic, and polemic in tone—was one of the first to document the frustrating history of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). For its attempt to inform the American public about the growing AIDS epidemic, while accusing the media and public officials of ignoring the gravity of the disease, *The Normal Heart* was hailed as a realistic and powerful drama dealing with universal concerns. Kramer also wrote and produced the 1969 movie adaptation of D. H. Lawrence's *Women in Love*, as well as the scripts for such productions as "Lost Horizon" (1971) and "A Sea Change" (1972). He was a founder of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City. *Addresses: Home*—2 Fifth Ave. No. 32, New York, N.Y. 10011.

BIOGRAPHICAL/CRITICAL SOURCES:

BOOKS

Contemporary Literary Criticism, Volume 42, Gale, 1987.
International Motion Picture Almanac, Quigley, 1987.

PERIODICALS

Chicago Tribune, January 15, 1979, April 11, 1985, May 6, 1985.
Los Angeles Times, December 5, 1985, December 13, 1985.
New York Times, April 22, 1985, June 15, 1986.
New York Times Book Review, January 14, 1979.
Times (London), March 27, 1986.

[Apr. 1, 1999]

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natives. Instead, I found William Greider defending the status quo – a bankrupt Ponzi scheme that promises at best a negative return on investment and at worst nothing. Seems as though ROLLING STONE is sticking to its baby boomer roots on this issue at the expense of its younger readers.

ALAN HEAD
Bozrah, Connecticut

BRYAN MACLEAN

I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE passing of Bryan MacLean [Rock & Roll, RS 806]. However, I am glad I could trust ROLLING STONE to tell me about it. With Arthur Lee in jail and Bryan gone, I wish the folks at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame would come to their senses and induct Love before another disaster occurs.

RANDY BLACK
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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← Howard Kohn

[Apr. 3, 1999]

Subj: **The Last Farmer**
Date: 4/3/99 11:14:50 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com
CC: bbabcock@imag.net, kohn@erols.com

← Vicki Koterba and Brad Babcock

Dear Vicki and Brad,

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that there were a dozen or so used book stores where they had a copy of Howard Kohn's book, The Last Farmer. So I ordered three of them by phone--one for me and one for each of you. From the descriptions I thought they were used copies, but in pretty good condition. Imagine my surprise when they arrived and I found that they were all new, unopened copies in perfect condition!

On Monday I'll mail these out to you. They are a gift from me. With the book I'm also enclosing a photocopy of a biographical sketch of Howard from Contemporary Authors, Vol. 124, which I found in our local branch library. I know you'll appreciate all the information there.

I have finished The Last Farmer and was greatly moved and impressed. It's ostensibly about Howard's father, but it's also his fond memories of his family and of the farm and community where he grew up. I know you'll both like it, because it's all about some of our relatives we never knew much about before. Vicki, you'll be especially interested, because you grew up on a farm. You will see many similarities and many differences--your farm was so much bigger, with the newest equipment, and they did find oil on it.

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that Howard has written a more recent book, We Had a Dream, published in 1998 by Simon & Schuster. It's about the struggle for racial integration in America. I ordered a copy through our local Barnes & Noble store, and I have begun reading it, but haven't finished it yet. It's a very powerful book, and I'm pleased and proud that one of our relatives wrote it. However, if you want a copy, you'll have to buy it yourself!

Happy Easter,

David

[Apr. 6, 1999]

Subj: **Saginaw Valley**
Date: 4/6/99 11:46:31 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com
CC: bbabcock@imag.net, vrkoterba@hotmail.com

Dear Howard,

As you see from the copy I sent you of my E-mail to Vicki Koterba and Brad Babcock, I have finished The Last Farmer and have mailed each of them a copy. I told you about Brad, of course, in my phone call. He has his genealogical information on his computer and is looking forward to getting my information and yours to add to his records. I have so much material that I haven't been able yet to get it in shape to photocopy, but I hope to accomplish that soon.

Vicki Koterba is another descendant of the Nemitz-Tomke line who is interested in genealogy. Vicki's great-grandmother, Bertha Nemitz, was my mother's sister. Bertha married her first cousin, Herman Tomke, who was a brother of your great-grandmother, Augusta Tomke Kohn. Brad is another descendant of Herman and Bertha Tomke.

Vicki lives in the small town of Westby, Montana. She grew up on a very large farm near Westby, and the farm extends to the Canadian border. They discovered oil on the property many years ago, and the wells still continue to operate. Vicki's husband Wayne is the School Superintendant for Westby. They have four wonderful children--two in college and two in high school.

Now I want to tell you something about myself, because I think it will help you understand why your book had such meaning for me. I know at first hand what you're talking about when you mention the Kawkawlin and Tittabawassee Rivers, Wenonah Beach, Salzburg, Euclid Avenue, Dow Chemical, Bay City Central, the sugar beet factory, Consumers Power, Michigan Bell, and on and on. By the way, do you remember receiving a letter from me in 1987? It may have gone astray, since I never received a reply. In that letter I did tell you about my life and family, but I'd like to give you a little more detail.

I was born on August 15, 1914, in Bay City, but moved with my family to Saginaw when I was three. I graduated from Saginaw High School in 1931; but, because of the depression, I couldn't go away to college, so I attended Bay City Junior College, commuting every day with a carload of others. One of my interesting relationships there was with my mother's cousin, Mathilda Schroeder, who was teaching German in Bay City Central High. (Bay City Junior College occupied part of the high school building.) Mathilda turned out to be a fairy godmother to me, giving me money from time to time to help with my expenses. I understand your family had very little knowledge of or contact with the Schroeder relatives in Bay City. Mathilda's mother, Wilhelmina Nemitz, who married Carl Schroeder, was the sister of my grandfather, William Nemitz, and of your great-great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz Tomke.

After graduating from junior college, I was able to get a scholarship to go on to the University of Michigan, College of Engineering. During summer vacation I worked at Dow Chemical (Dept. of X-ray and Spectroscopy!).

Then I worked four years in Saginaw as a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning engineer with my father, who was a manufacturer's agent. The whole northeast corner of the lower peninsula was our territory, from Flint north. So I had many contacts with architects, contractors, and industries in Bay City during those years. My last major job was designing the heating and ventilating system for the "new" Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw. I'm sure your Bay City Central sports teams played Arthur Hill, and maybe you are even familiar with their building.

At that point, January, 1940, I decided to become a minister. As a boy I had always expected to become a minister, but turned toward engineering in high school, probably because of my father's work and my ability in math. I attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth Plumb and I were married just before my senior year in the seminary. We had grown up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. She had been a kindergarten teacher for many years.

From Rochester we went to Chicago, where I was the assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church for six years and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis to be executiive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I stayed in that position for 29 years until I retiired at the end of 1979.

We have two sons, both born in Chicago. During the Vietman War they were both conscientious objectors, and that

experience profoundly affected each of their lives, though in different ways.

Jim is 52. He is gay and lives with hiis partner, David Torborg, about a mile from me, so I see him at least once a week. He struggled for many years with alcoholism, but after going through treatment twice and with support from A.A., he finally conquered it and has been dry for twenty years. His partner is also a "recovering alcoholic" and has been dry for 17 years. Jim attended the University of Minnesota, but his education was disrupted by his alcoholism, so he ended up with just an Associate in Arts after two years. He works for a division of General Electric that mainly finances leases for fleets of cars, and he spends most of his time with a computer.

Tom is 51 and is married to Virginia Selleck, but they have been separated for about two years. They have a ten-year-old daughter Rebecca. Tom lives with me now, and Rebecca spends about half the time here with us. Tom graduated from Oberlin College then did his alternative service as a psychiatric aide in a large Boston hospital. Then he went on to get a master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago. He worked mny years as a psychiatric social worker at Thresholds, a psychiatric rehabilitation center in Chicago. He also completed his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Northwestern. (Virginia also has a similar Ph.D. from Northwestern. She also worked a Thresholds, which is where they met.) Now Tom is executive director of the Mental Health Association of Minnesota, and Virginia works for the State of Minnesota in the area of mental health.

After the boys were both in school full time, Elizabeth started a new career as an author. She had seven books published. She started writing for children about eight years old and finally was writing for high school students. Elizabeth died in 1995 after a long decline with Alzheimer's, including several years in a wheel chair after a hip fracture. This was a very strenuous time for me, but I am now recovering my health and strength.

At another time I'll write more about genealogy. Have you traced your Kohn line back into Germany? I tried to find the Nemitz records in Germany for many years without success, because the part of Pomerania our Nemitz ancestors came from is now in Poland. Then a couple of years ago a relative of ours in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist, and I miraculously found each other. But that's another story, and you'll have to wait for that.

Sincerely, David

[A duplicate of this document is located on p. 40 of folder 2.5.]

[Apr. 24, 1999]

Subj: **We Had a Dream**
Date: 4/24/99 5:07:19 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com
CC: vrkoterba@hotmail.com, bbabcock@imag.net

[Howard never replied.]

Dear Howard,

I have finished your tremendous book, We Had a Dream, and I want to let you know a few of the things that have come to my mind.

While you were writing this book, you had to way of knowing that you have a fourth cousin in Minneapolis who is married to a black Methodist minister. Her name is Lisa McNair, and she is descended from the large Iowa Nemitz family that was founded by Ernst Nemitz, a brother of my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, and of your great-great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz Tomke.

I have met Lisa only once. She and her two children attended one of the dinners during the visit of our four relatives from Germany last year. Her husband, the Rev. Christopher McNair, wasn't able to come, because of church responsibilities, so I haven't met him. There were twenty at the dinner, so I was able to have only a limited conversation with Lisa. However, I had learned about this interracial marriage in conversations with Lisa's mother, whom I only got to know last year.

Like your family, the Iowa Nemitzes are Missouri Synod Lutherans living in a mostly German rural area. Lisa's parents had moved to Minnesota, and when she went to college, she found many of her religious and social attitudes changing. I haven't had time to talk in depth with her mother about Lisa's experiences, but I assume she and her husband have had some uncomfortable times. I know her entire family will be greatly interested in your book.

It's something of a coincidence that some of my wife Elizabeth's ancestors lived in Harford County, Maryland, in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In my genealogical search for family roots we made many trips to Harford County and were fortunately able to meet some of Elizabeth's distant relatives. One Sunday morning when we attended the Quaker Meeting in Fallston, one of the members said to Elizabeth, "If you're descended from the Amos family, you're related to almost everyone in this room."

A story was passed down in the family that when Elizabeth's great-great-grandmother, Sarah Amos, married Harry Gilbert, her father gave her a slave as a wedding present. Sarah was so horrified with the idea of owning another person that she freed the slave. Harry and Sarah lived for a while in Baltimore, but by 1830 they had moved to Uniontown in western Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth was fascinated by that story, and she decided to make it into a book for junior and senior high young people. It's called, And What of You, Josephine Charlotte? It was published by Atheneum in 1972. Of course, it's out of print now, but I think your children would love it, if they could get a copy on interlibrary loan from the Harford County Library in Bel Air.

I had one experience that helps me identify a little with some of the characters and events in your book. Soon after I came to my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches in 1951, I was invited by a black minister--one of our board members--to join the black ministers' group called the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. I was an active member of that group all through my years with the council.

Then came the dark days of the sixties and seventies, when some of the younger Afro-Americans decided they wanted to do their thing alone, instead of in cooperation with whites. I still continued my relationship with the Ministerial Alliance, and they graciously accepted me right up to my retirement in 1979. But when my successor arrived, they let it be known that he and a couple of other white ministers who were members of the Alliance were no longer welcome. My successor did his best to maintain good relations with the black community and churches, but there was this new sense of alienation from many of the black ministers. I don't know what the situation is now, because I have been out of touch for twenty years. As your book points out, the black and white division just doesn't go away.

Well, these are a few of the thoughts that come to my mind after reading We Had a Dream. I am proud to be a relative of the author, and I hope it results in a great deal of serious thinking on the part of all who read it. Thank you for dedicating so much oof your time and devotion to this successful project.

Sincerely,

David

[Cf. the sketch by DEW on p. 39 of folder 2.5.]

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Johanna Nemitz Zonke		Ernst Nemitz
Augusta Zonke Kohn	1st Cousins	Daniel Nemitz
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Howard Kohn	4th Cousins	Lisa McNair

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[May 13, 1999]

Subj: **Family Group Sheets**
Date: 5/13/99 4:13:01 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kohn@erols.com

[Howard never replied.]

Dear Howard,

I'm glad to report that today I finally mailed to you a complete set of my Nemitz family group sheets. I also mailed a set to Vicki Koterba and another to Brad Babcock. I hope you will find this information helpful someday when you are able to continue your work on family history. It's a good feeling to know that there are now three other copies in the hands of Nemitz relatives who are also interested in genealogy. Someday when you have time I hope you will send me photocopies of the information you have on the Kohn and Tomke families. I will then pass it on to Vicki and especially to Brad, who will then be able to integrate it into the genealogy program on his computer.

Sincerely,

David

[May 17, 1999]

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As you can see from the following receipts, Dad went on a buying spree for used copies of Howard's books in good condition, which he gave to various Nemitz and Tomke relatives.

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[June 7, 2000]

Editor's Note

By the second millenium, Dad was obviously beginning to wonder if Howard had moved, not having heard a peep from him. So he did what any of us would do.

He searched.

Tom Witheridge
February 16, 2023

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[June 7, 2000]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
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Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Dear Howard,

In one of my early letters (e-mail) to you last year I said that someday I would tell you the interesting story of how I found our cousin in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist.

I think the easiest way to do that is to send you this copy of an article I wrote for our Germanic Genealogy Society's quarterly journal.

Dr. Nemitz is your father's third cousin.

I hope all is well with you and your family. My health remains good.

Yours sincerely,

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Vicki Koterba

documents

[June 29, 1977]

June 29th 1977

Mr Witheridge:

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

Hello! My name is Vicki Koterba. My mother (Mrs Adelph Anderson) tells me that you are very much interested in our family's ancestors. I have recently become interested in the family tree also and I was wondering if you could help me out.

I would like a copy of the information you have acquired. I want to get as much information as possible. (Birth dates, deathdates, marriage dates, spouses, spouse's parents, etc) Would you mind doing this for me? I would certainly appreciate it!

Also, if you need any updating on your family tree, please let me know. I will be glad to help you, if there is anything you need to know about my mother's family. There are a few additions in recent months. I have a 9 week old son and both Muriel & Dorothy have a new grandchild.

Kyle Brandt Koterba (b. 1976)

I am enclosing a form of the kind of information I need and a copy of how it should be filled out. You're probably familiar with such forms. If you can fill in as much information as possible, I would be very grateful.

Please write soon, I am very anxious to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Vicki

P.S. My mother says hello!!

See next page →

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Koterba

Name Wayne Douglas Koterba of Westby, MT

Child of Raymond George and Olive "Lorraine" (Wagner) Koterba
husband's given names wife's given names wife's surname husband's surname

Born July 24, 1945 at Plentywood Montana

Died — at —

Married on May 31, 1975 at Westby, Montana

Married to Vicki Rae Anderson of Westby, Montana
given names surname at time of marriage

Born April 18, 1954 at Plentywood Montana

Died — at —

Spouse's parents Adolph Paulford and Florence Pearl (Hass) Anderson
husband's given names wife's given names wife's surname husband's surname

	HUSBAND	WIFE
OCCUPATIONS	Principal and science Teacher of Westby Public School	Dental Assistant for Dr Franklin Messinger, Plentywood, until March 31, 1977
MILITARY SERVICE or POLITICAL OFFICES	1969-1975 Sp/4 in U.S. Army served in Vietnam 1970 [redacted] honorary discharge - 1975	

CHILDREN OF

Wayne Douglas AND Vicki Rae (Anderson) Koterba

1. Name Kyle Brandt Koterba

Born April 27, 1977 at Plentywood Montana (living in Westby, MT, presently)

Died at

Married on at

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2. Name

Born at

Died at

Married on at

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given names surname at time of marriage

Born _____ at _____

Died _____ at _____

Spouse's parents _____ and _____ (_____)
husband's given names wife's given names wife's surname husband's surname

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OCCUPATIONS		
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1. Name _____

Born _____ at _____

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Married to _____

Spouse's parents _____ AND _____ (_____)

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[July 25, 1977]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 25, 1977

Mrs. Wayne Koterba
Box 26
Westby, MT 59275

Dear Vicki:

I was very happy to hear from you and to learn that you are interested in genealogy. We were away on a four-week trip when your letter arrived, or I would have answered sooner.

Yes, I have been working for many years on the family history of all branches of my own family, as well as all the branches of my wife's family. It has become quite a project.

I have so much material on the Nemitz family that I couldn't possibly send copies of ~~it~~ all at this time. However, I am sending you a number of sheets as a start.

First, I have compiled an ancestral chart for you of all I know about your direct ancestors. I set it up as the ancestral chart of your new son. (Congratulations!) I wish every couple would prepare such a chart to give to their children. You, of course, will want to work toward filling in all the other lines on this chart.

The other part of family history is tracing all the descendants of the earliest ancestors we know, and this becomes a massive undertaking. For now, I am sending you photocopies of the family sheets pertaining to your own line descending from the Nemitz family.

See the asterisks on DEW's chart below in this folder

You will note that your grandmother's grandfather on her father's side (Johanna Nemitz) was the sister of her grandfather on her mother's side (Wilhelm Nemitz).

If you do become seriously interested in genealogy and expect to continue for a considerable time, I would strongly suggest that you immediately institute a procedure of documenting every item of information with a footnote indicating where you got the information. I didn't do that for the first few years, and I was sorry later.

The reason for these footnotes is that there are many levels of certainty. In cases of contradictory information or uncertainty, it's important to know whether the source was a primary ~~or~~ secondary one.

Thank you for your offer of new information to add to my family records. Please send me the information about Muriel's and Dorothy's new grandchildren, as well as anything else new since July, 1974.

Please give our greeting to your mother and father. We think of them often, even though we don't take time to write.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge
(Your first cousin twice removed)

[July 25, 1977]

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. _____

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl. - place

2 Wayne Douglas Koterba
b. July 24, 1945
pl. Plentywood, Mont.
m. May 31, 1975
pl. Westby, Mont.
d.
pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 Kyle Brandt Koterba
b. Apr. 27, 1977
pl. Plentywood, Mont.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse:

3 Vicki Rae Anderson
b. Apr. 18, 1954
pl. Plentywood, Mont.
d.
pl.

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4 Raymond George Koterba
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

5 Olive "Lorraine" Wagner
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

6 Adolph Paulford Anderson
b. Feb. 18, 1908
pl. Coon Valley, Vernon Co., Wis.
m. Sept. 24, 1939
pl. Westby, Mont.
d.
pl.

7 Florence Pearl Hass
b. Mar. 7, 1917
pl. Westby, Mont.
d.
pl.

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b.
pl.
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pl.
d. pl.

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pl.
d.
pl.

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m.
pl.
d. pl.

11
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

12 Reinhardt Anderson
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

13 Trina Tomke
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

14 Edward Fred Hass
b. July 25, 1883
pl. Fall Creek, Wis.
m. June 4, 1916
pl. Tribune, Sask.
d. June 1, 1963 pl. Plentywood, Mont.

15 Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke
b. Apr. 29, 1894 d. Jan. 2, 1976
pl. Bay City, Mich. pl. [bur. Westby, Mont.]

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b. pl.
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b. pl.
m. d.

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26
b. pl.
m. d.

27
b. d.

28 Frederick Edward Hass
b. pl.
m. d.

29 Juliana Ernestine Lambrecht
b. d.

30 Herman Martin Tomke
b. Nov. 26, 1866 pl. Stolp, Germany
m. Dec. 31, 1889 d. c. 1912

31 Bertha Theresa Nemitz
b. July 9, 1866 d. Feb. 14, 1951

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GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. _____

Abbreviations:
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30 Herman Martin Tomke
b. Nov. 26, 1866
pl. Stolp, Germany
m. Dec. 31, 1889
pl. Crown Point, Ind.
d. c. 1912
pl. Bay City, Mich.

ANCESTORS OF

15 Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke
b. Apr. 29, 1894
pl. Bay City, Mich.
m. June 4, 1916
pl. Tribune, Sask.
d. Jan. 2, 1976
pl. [bur. Westby, Mont.]
Spouse:
Edward Fred Hass

31 Bertha Theresa Nemitz
b. July 9, 1866
pl. Stolp, Germany
d. Feb. 14, 1951
pl. Wolseley, Sask.

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pl. Germany
m.
pl.
d. 1896 or 1897
pl. Bay City, Mich.

61 Johanna Nemitz*
b.
pl. Germany
d.
pl. Bay City, Mich.

62 Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz*
b. Aug. 3, 1835
pl. Dammer, Germany
m. 1856 (?)
pl. Germany
d. Jan. 8, 1921
pl. Beecher, Ill.

63 Theresa Jacobs
b. July 20, 1843
pl. Dammer, Germany
d. Dec. 24, 1885
pl. Peotone, Ill.

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127	Augusta _____ b. pl. d. pl.	b. pl. m. d.	b. d.

* Brother and sister

[May 18, 1997]

Telephone call to Vicki Koterba, 5/18/97

She is hoping she can bring her mother, Florence Anderson to the get together with Friedrich.

Pommerntag, Milwaukee, WI

She works at a doctor's office, but could probably get some time off. They might fly or take the train.

Adolph Paulferd Anderson (b. 1908)

Some of her dad's relatives still live in Wisconsin. (He was born there.) So they could combine it with a trip to see them.

Darrell Wesley Anderson (b. 1943)

She also has a brother? who lives in Wilmette, Ill, but he may be too busy to go.

I gave her the name of the motel to contact for reservations

I told her I would send her inf. about the hotel and the Pommerntag.

Her address is:

P.O. Box 25
Westby, Montana 59275

Phone No. - (406) 385-2346

Wayne Douglas Koterba (b. 1945)

Her husband Wayne is Supt. of Schools in Westby

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917) → 80 yrs. old (Florence)

Thresa Anderson → Sandi's sister lives with Florence (Thresa)

P.O. Box 25
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[May 30, 1997]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 30, 1997

Dear Vicki,

Here at last is the letter I promised you. I am very glad you are considering bringing your mother to Milwaukee when our Cousin Friedrich is there, and I certainly hope it works out.

Enclosed are some sheets that tell a little more about the tour group that he is coming on, and the Pommerntag that brings them to Milwaukee. There is also some information about the motel where most of us will be staying that weekend.

I think you said you have a brother living in Wilmette. I hope he can find a little time to come to Milwaukee sometime between Thursday evening and Sunday evening to meet our cousin from Germany, as well as some other cousins from Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota!

That's all I have time for now, but please let me know how your plans are working out.

Yours sincerely,

[Aug. 12, 1997]

August 12, 1997

Dear Vicki,

It seems like a long time since we were in Milwaukee--so much has happened. Your mother probably showed you my letter, or at least told you what I've been doing. In addition, lightning struck in our back yard a week or two ago. Fortunately, it didn't hit any of the trees or the house. It just burned up a wire that I had a bird feeder hanging from, then jumped to the power line from the house to the garage, where it ruined the wall outlet and the garage door closer. Now things are back to normal, and I'm trying to collect the insurance.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934) planning to come back in 1998

I wrote to Friedrich and had a letter back from him. I'm glad to say he is still planning to come back next year with his wife Renate, his cousin Hans-Joachim and his wife Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes, the one Friedrich says looks like me. This time they will come first to Minneapolis on June 19th, so they can see people on the weekend who would have to be at work during the week. Then about Friday, June 26th, they'll go to Milwaukee for the Pommerntag and hopefully a chance to see Mike, Darrell, and other relatives who would find it easier to get to Milwaukee than to Minneapolis.

Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz of Seattle

Friedrich has already written to Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz in Seattle encouraging him to come to Minneapolis next June. I hope he does, because I'd like to meet him, too. I'll bet you'd like to meet Jeffrey, too, plus the rest of Friedrich's family. You'd better start saving up now so you and your mother and Thresa, and maybe Wayne this time, could come to Minneapolis for a few days.

LeRoy Boehlke and Alice Wendt Freistadt, WI

I've had some correspondence with LeRoy Boehlke and Alice Wendt about the Nemitz families in Freistadt. Alice found Carl's obituary, which identified his descendants. She also had some confirmation records that also gave some information about birth dates. Now LeRoy is in the process of having someone send me all the Nemitz entries in the church record books.

See below, Apr. 22, 1998

As I told your mother, I found I had extra copies of the enclosed Tomke family pictures. Perhaps you made photocopies of them at the motel--I couldn't remember. I'm also sending you a picture of my sister Louise and one of our family. Maybe you can see a little resemblance between

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you and Louise, as I did that day sitting across from you in the restaurant.

Wayne, Seth, and Luke Koterba

I'm glad you and Wayne had a chance to take a trip in July, and I hope it worked out well. Did you find some valuable new information at Salt Lake City? I thought of Seth and Luke when I read this clipping from our Minneapolis paper..They must have had a great time.

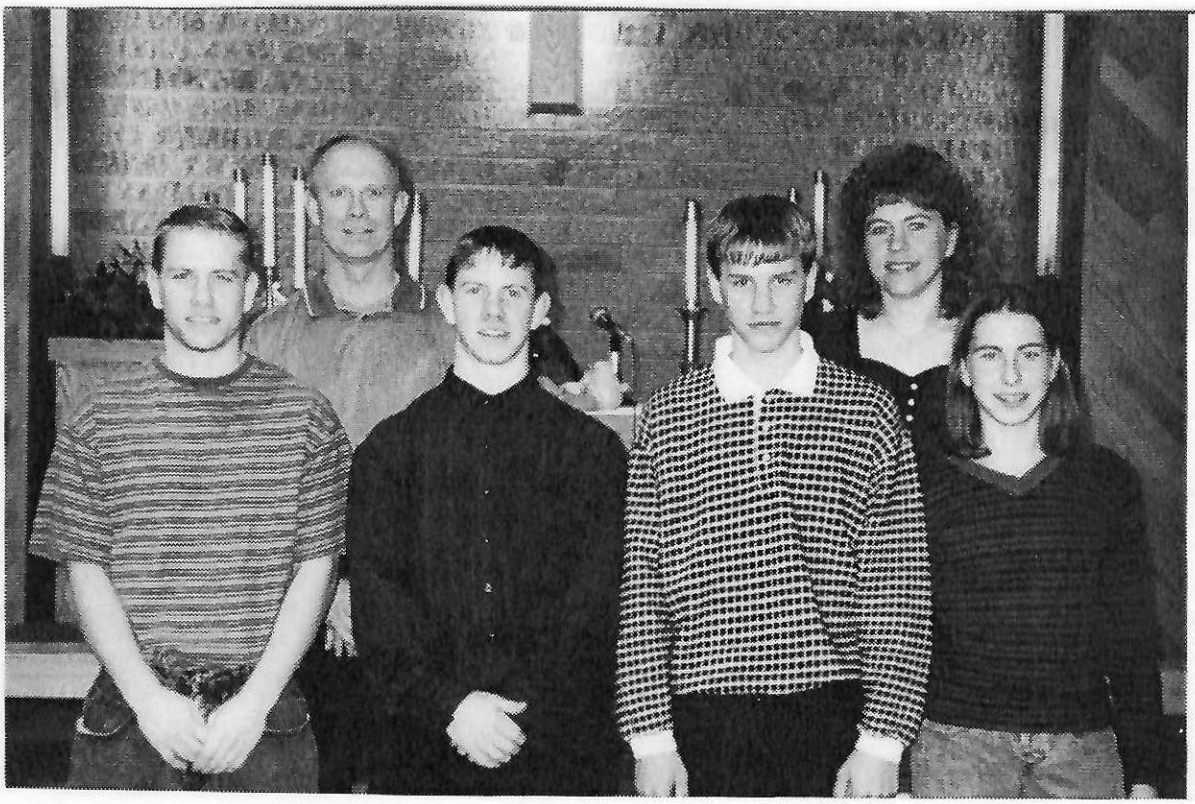
EPW's book about her childhood on a farm

I found an extra copy of Elizabeth's book about her childhood days on the farm, "Never Younger, Jeannie," and I'll mail it to you one of these days when I get a chance. I hope the rest of the summer goes well for all of you.

Love,

[Christmas 1997]

The Koterba Family



Wayne, Vicki
Kyle, Seth
Luke & Brian

[Christmas 1997]

Greetings!

As usual, the Koterba's have been keeping themselves involved in a variety of activities during 1997 and the year has sped by all too rapidly.

To fill you in on all the latest, we will let you know what each member has been up to beginning with Wayne. His position as superintendent has been filling the majority of his waking hours, not only with work at school but the additional time traveling to meetings throughout the state. In July, Wayne and Vicki did take some vacation time and spent a week in Park City, Utah. So for Wayne's birthday, one of his gifts was an early morning hot air balloon ride in the Utah skies complete with a champagne toast. They also toured a silver mine, did some hiking and spent time in Salt Lake City touring the Temple Square area and genealogical library.

Vicki has remained involved in several extra-curriculars this year. Some of these include the Sheridan Daybreakers Genealogical Society, the Brush Lake Scholarship Board, fund raising for the Sheridan Health Care Foundation, Immanuel Lutheran Church Treasurer, as well as NE Montana Cluster delegate to the Concordia College Annual Assembly. Beginning in January, she will also take on Treasurer of the Lutheran Brotherhood NE Montana Branch # 8474.

In June, Vicki rode the train to Milwaukee, WI with her mother and aunt Thresa to meet for a family reunion of sorts. A newly found relative on Vicki's maternal side, Friederich Nemitz, was to be in the US from Germany for the annual Pommerntag Festival (descendants of people from Pomerania). Another relative from Minneapolis, David Witheridge, joined them on the train also. In Milwaukee they met Michael George (a distant "Tomke cousin") for the first time, they also had a chance to meet with relatives on the Anderson side, Mabel & Marlys Meintke and Nedra Voeltner all of Wisconsin and also Darrell, Vicki's brother, came up from Wilmette.

Vicki also made a career change this year. No longer will she need to travel the winter roads to Plentywood. In August, she started working for Transcriptions, Ltd. of Williston, ND, a company that does transcription for doctors in Salt Lake City but is also expanding to include other areas in MT, WY, NV and ID. She is able to work at home and loves it! Also, she has been putting in a few days at the school as a substitute teacher.

Kyle completed his sophomore year at Concordia in May, came home for about a week, and then went back to Moorhead for the summer to work at the college and also play fast-pitch for the Kegel Young Guns of Fargo. In the Fall, he began his junior year and has decided to complete his degree in Math at Concordia before going to NDSU in order to complete his education as an electrical engineer.

Seth had a memorable 1997. He was chosen by Senator Linda Nelson to serve as a page for the Montana Legislature in Helena in April. In June, he represented Westby at Boy's State in Dillon, and also in June he won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC after competing in an essay contest for the Sheridan Electric Co-op REC.

Seth and Luke, along with twelve other members of the Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group raised enough money through several fund raisers to take a 10-day trip to the National youth Convention in New Orleans in July. They all had a great time!

Luke played Legion baseball this summer with the Plentywood team. He also enjoys spending time with his Plentywood friends so this gave him more opportunities to be in Plentywood. This fall he began his junior year in high school, which always seems to be busy. They are in charge of concessions at all the ballgames and also for organizing and decorating for the school prom and banquet.

Briann has also been one busy gal! She spends a lot of her free time baby-sitting around town. In fact, she saved up enough to spend three weeks in Denver. She and a girlfriend from North Dakota stayed at Wayne's cousin, Ron Rierson's. He, his wife Sonya, and their 3-year old, Tyler, showed them the best time. It's not something she will soon forget. They did everything from whitewater rafting to bungee jumping!! This fall, as an 8th grader, Briann did well on her Jr Hi basketball team and also was a girls varsity BB cheerleader.

In September, Wayne, Vicki, Seth, Luke, and Briann took off for a week to make a return trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Other attractions included in our vacation were Sea World, the Hard Rock cafe, Planet Hollywood and Universal Studios. We had great weather and lots of fun!!

On a sad note, our family lost someone very dear to us. Vicki's dad, Adolph Anderson, passed away October 7th. He had been in the Plentywood Nursing Home since September 1990. We all know he is finally at peace with the Lord, so we find comfort in that thought.

Wayne's parents are doing well and spending another winter in Arizona. The warm weather suits them well.

We hope this finds each of you doing well and enjoying the holiday activities. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we wish each of you a peaceful, prosperous and very happy new year!!

Wayne Vicki

Seth Briann

Luke Kyle

David- Hope this finds you doing well. Are you ready for the holidays? I think I'm getting there but it always seems hectic. I'm sorry I'm so slow about thanking you for sending out the pictures & also the book that your wife wrote. Were those all extras that you had or would you prefer I make copies of the pictures & send them back. Also the book, could I purchase that one from you? It would be nice to have one, but will want to return it after reading it if you do not have many. Let me know!! Michael George had sent some photo copies of ancestor photos a while back so there are several Tomke relatives that are new to me. If you would also like copies, I'll send them to you. ← See below, Apr. 22, 1998

Say hi to the rest of your family. Friedrich wrote and mentioned about being in the U.S. again next summer. I sure hope we can work something out in order to get together again. Last summer was great!!

Take care! I think of you often!!! Love, Vicki & family

[Apr. 14, 1998]

1-406-385-2346

Call to Vicki Koterba 4/14/98

Minneapolis

Friedrich Nemitz from Germany

Wondering if you've decided whether you are coming to Mpls when Friedrich is here. (Sister + Hilda) June 18-25 (Thursday)

Did I write you a letter in February?

On my Christmas note, did I answer the questions in your Christmas letter? She will send copies of pictures from Mike George moving to Seattle

Mike George (of Brookfield, MI)

Vicki's brother Darrell

Do you think Darrell will go to Milwaukee again to see Friedrich et al? (Going by train)

I'd like Mike George to be Milwaukee contact

Did I tell you about the Regency Plaza Hotel?

Do you have an E-mail address and a fax no.?

Would you be staying in the Regency Plaza?

Their phone number is: 1-800-24-235-4100 1-612-339-9311

Address: 41 No. Zenith St., Mpls. MN 55403

Mention Nemitz Family Reunion + my name

She + Wayne are going to China, leave Mpls June 22. Hope to come a day or two early.

E-mail - vrkoterba@hotmail.com

Fax - 406-385-2430 (at Wayne's school)

See the following pages.

[Apr. 22, 1998]

4/22/98

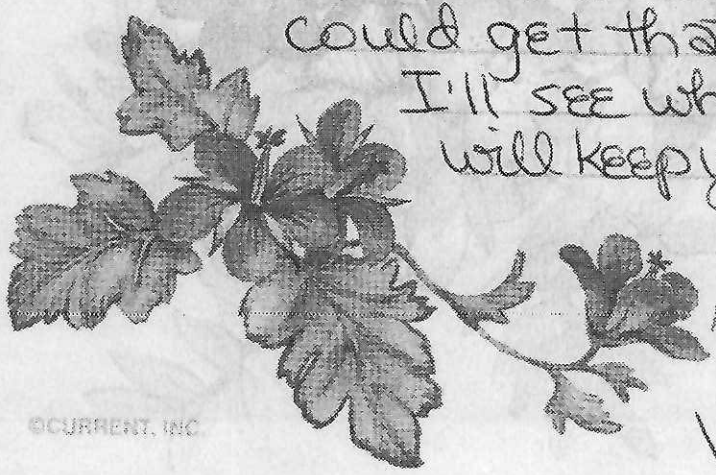
David -

Again, my apologies for being so slow to send these photo copies to you. I'm sure most of the names will be more familiar to you than they are to me.

The top letter was just a photocopy of a letter sent around to the relatives after the death of Fran Tomke (whose obituary, etc., is included). Mike George had written a short note at the top when he sent the pictures to me.

Hope you enjoy them. I was particularly intrigued by the photo of Johann and Johanna Tomke since they are my "double" ancestors. They would be Grandma Hass's grandparents on her dad's side and her great aunt and uncle on her mom's side. (How confusing!)

Still working on a plan for June. I may be able to talk Mabel Mientke and family into coming to Minneapolis and taking Mom and Theresa back to Wausau to visit while Wayne and I are in China. Wouldn't that be great if I could get that all coordinated!! I'll see what I can do and will keep you posted. Take care!



In the garden grows
far more than herbs and flowers,
kind thoughts, contentment, peace of mind,
and joy for weary hours.

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Love, Vicki

Michael Richard George (b. 1950)

3429 Stone Valley Road
Danville, CA 94526
August 4, 1991

Vicki
These were from my mom's album. Enjoy.
Mike
P.S. Thanks for the "mug" shots.

Dear Grace ,

As I went through some of Aunt Fran and Aunt Lena's photos, I found some that seemed to be of significance to all of us. I decided to make copies so that everyone could enjoy them and hopefully pass them on to their children and/or heirs. It's a history of our family that could otherwise be lost. I used the "gift" account to pay for the albums and photos so you owe me nothing.

The ziploc bag contains buffalo nickels. Some of the dates are completely lost and I've tried to split those equally. The ones without dates aren't worth much. The ones with dates aren't valuable but they do represent keepsakes for each of you. The nickels were in Aunt Fran's piggybank. I've attempted to split them equitably.

There were also some Indianhead pennies which I somehow misplaced during my move. When I locate them, I will forward your share to you. I'd guess there are 10-15 for each of us. I guess memory is the first thing to go, and in this case mine has gone. I apologize.

Other than the final estate settlement, I think we're done. I'm hopeful that the last settlement should occur in the next 4-8 weeks. I do have all of your social security numbers and I am most appreciative of your promptness. I apologize for how long this whole process takes but the law moves deliberately and I'm acting from 2500 miles away. Hope you understand.

If you have questions, feel free to call or write. Enjoy the album and thanks again for your patience.

Love,

John

PS. The grave stones are in place and look very nice.

Frances Anna Viola Tomke
Born: October 4, 1910
Died: July 15, 1990

A Tribute

Prepared for you by THE GEPHART FUNERAL HOME, INC.

In Memory Of

Tomke, Frances A.
Bay City, Michigan

Frances Tomke passed away Sunday afternoon, July 15, 1990 at her home following a short illness. Age 79 years, she was born on October 4, 1910 on the family farm in Beaver township. She was the youngest child of the late Carl and Anna Tomke. She was a graduate of Midland High School and the Northeastern Business College in Bay City. She has worked for the Callahan Coal Company, Schroeder-Tomke Market and for McDonalds Dairy from which she retired. She was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and a diligent volunteer for the economy center.

She is survived by one sister, Esther Plamp of Sterling Heights MI., one sister-in-law, Laura Tomke of Bay City, MI. 18 nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by 7 brothers and sisters. Augusta Tomke, Caroline Tomke, Clara Ittner, Alice Schroeder, John, Martin, and Edgar Tomke.

Funeral Services will take place Wednesday, July 18, 1990 at 11:00 a.m. from Zion Lutheran Church. Officiating will be Rev. John W. Rauh with committal services at 3 p.m. at Oakwood Memorial Mausolum, Saginaw MI. Friends may call at the Gephart Funeral home Inc. Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. She will be taken to the church Wednesday to lie in state from 10 a.m. until the time of service. For those who so desire memorial cards for Zion Lutheran Church, Lutheran Child and Family Services or to the American Cancer Society will be available at the Funeral home

—Gephart Funeral Home, Inc.
201 W. Midland Street

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me, Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FRANCES A. TOMKE

- BORN -
OCTOBER 4, 1910
BEAVER TWP., MICHIGAN

- PASSED AWAY -
JULY 15, 1990
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

- FUNERAL SERVICES -
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1990

- OFFICIATING -
REV. JOHN W. RAUH

- ENTOMBMENT -
OAKWOOD MEMORIAL MAUSOLEUM
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

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BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

"LORD, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, SO HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?" JESUS ANSWERED, "I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

APOSTLES CREED: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED. HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY, HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. FROM THENCE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.

SERMON HYMN: #519 "How Great Thou Art"

SERMON: "God Wants To Be Close to Us" (Psalm 145:18-19) THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH. HE FULFILLS THE DESIRES OF THOSE WHO FEAR HIM; HE HEARS THEIR CRY AND SAVES THEM.

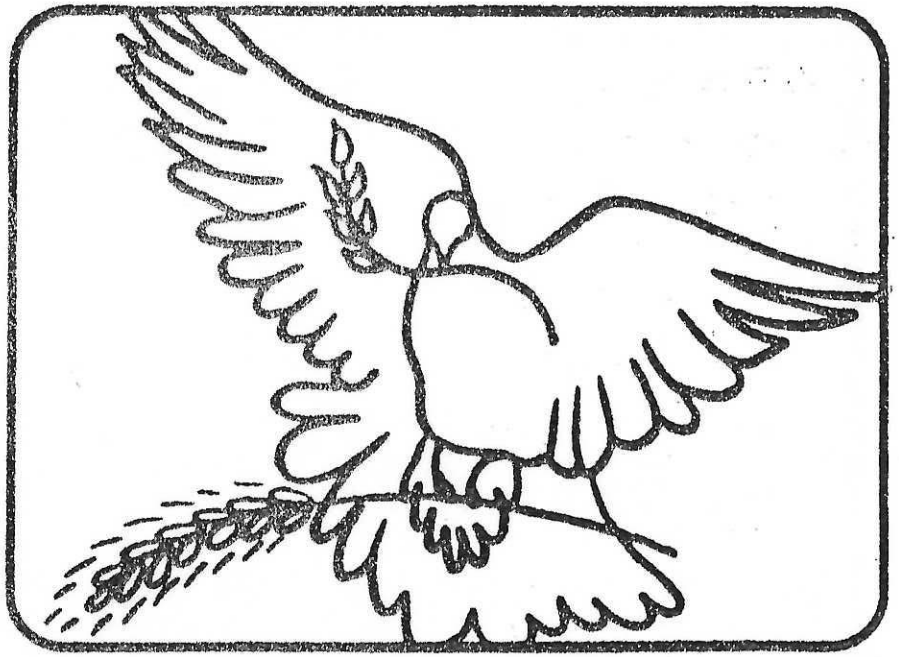
PRAYER: ALMIGHTY GOD, BY THE DEATH OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, YOU DESTROYED DEATH; BY HIS REST IN THE TOMB YOU SANCTIFIED THE GRAVES OF YOUR SAINTS, AND BY HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION, YOU BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT SO THAT ALL WHO DIE IN HIM ABIDE IN PEACE AND HOPE. RECEIVE OUR THANKS FOR THE VICTORY OVER DEATH AND THE GRAVE WHICH HE WON FOR US. KEEP US IN EVERLASTING FELLOWSHIP, WITH ALL WHO ARE WITH HIM, WHO IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #517 "I Am Jesus Little Lamb"

Following the service, guests and friends are invited to attend a luncheon at Linden Hof Restaurant, 201 N. Euclid



The Lord will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He will hear their cry and will save them.

(Psalm 145:19)

FUNERAL SERVICE for Frances Tomke
July 18, 1990

BELLS AND PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN: #143 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

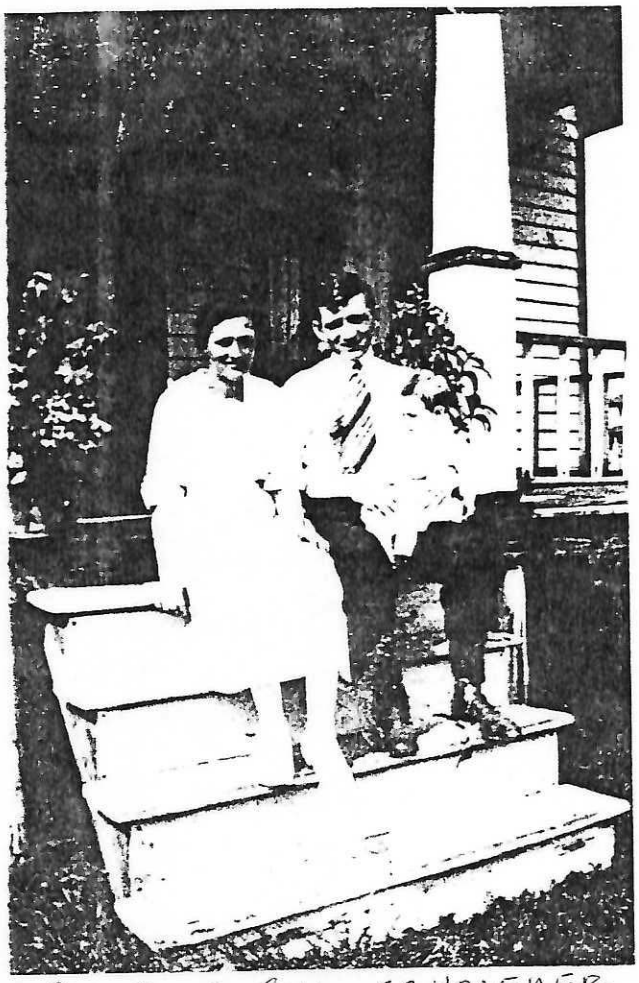
INVOCATION and RESPONSIVE PSALM: (Psalm 23)
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS, HE RESTORES MY SOUL.
He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

COLLECT: O GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, WE GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS TO ALL YOUR SERVANTS WHO, HAVING FINISHED THEIR COURSE IN FAITH, NOW REST FROM THEIR LABORS. GRANT THAT WE ALSO MAY BE FAITHFUL TO DEATH AND RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *(Psalm 27:1, 3-9, 13-14)* THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION--WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE--OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID? THOUGH AN ARMY BESIEGE ME, MY HEART WILL NOT FEAR; THOUGH WAR BREAK OUT AGAINST ME, EVEN THEN WILL I BE CONFIDENT. ONE THING I ASK OF THE LORD, THIS IS WHAT I SEEK: THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO GAZE UPON THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD AND TO SEEK HIM IN HIS TEMPLE. FOR IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE HE WILL KEEP ME SAFE IN HIS DWELLING; HE WILL HIDE ME IN THE SHELTER OF HIS TABERNACLE AND SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK. THEN MY HEAD WILL BE EXALTED ABOVE THE ENEMIES WHO SURROUND ME; AT HIS TABERNACLE WILL I SACRIFICE WITH SHOUTS OF JOY; I WILL SING AND MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD. HEAR MY VOICE WHEN I CALL, O LORD; BE MERCIFUL TO ME AND ANSWER ME. MY HEART SAYS OF YOU, "SEEK HIS FACE!" YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK. DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME, DO NOT TURN YOUR SERVANT AWAY IN ANGER; YOU HAVE BEEN MY HELPER. DO NOT REJECT ME OR FORSAKE ME, O GOD MY SAVIOR. I AM STILL CONFIDENT OF THIS: I WILL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD.

EPISTLE: *(Romans 8:28-39)* AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. FOR THOSE GOD FOREKNEW HE ALSO PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE LIKENESS OF HIS SON, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BROTHERS. AND THOSE HE PREDESTINED, HE ALSO CALLED; THOSE HE CALLED, HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; THOSE HE JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO GLORIFIED. WHAT, THEN, SHALL WE SAY IN RESPONSE TO THIS? IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL--HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO, ALONG WITH HIM, GRACIOUSLY GIVE US ALL THINGS? WHO WILL BRING ANY CHARGE AGAINST THOSE WHOM GOD HAS CHOSEN? IT IS GOD WHO JUSTIFIES. WHO IS HE THAT CONDEMNS? CHRIST JESUS, WHO DIED--MORE THAN THAT, WHO WAS RAISED TO LIFE--IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD AND IS ALSO INTERCEDING FOR US. WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TROUBLE OR HARDSHIP OR PERSECUTION OR FAMINE OR NAKEDNESS OR DANGER OR SWORD? AS IT IS WRITTEN: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE FACE DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." NO, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US. FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

GOSPEL READING: *(John 14:1-6)* "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD; TRUST ALSO IN ME. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS; IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM. YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE PLACE WHERE I AM GOING." THOMAS SAID TO HIM,



ALICE & PAUL SCHROEDER
& VI SCHROEDER

FLORENCE TOMKE
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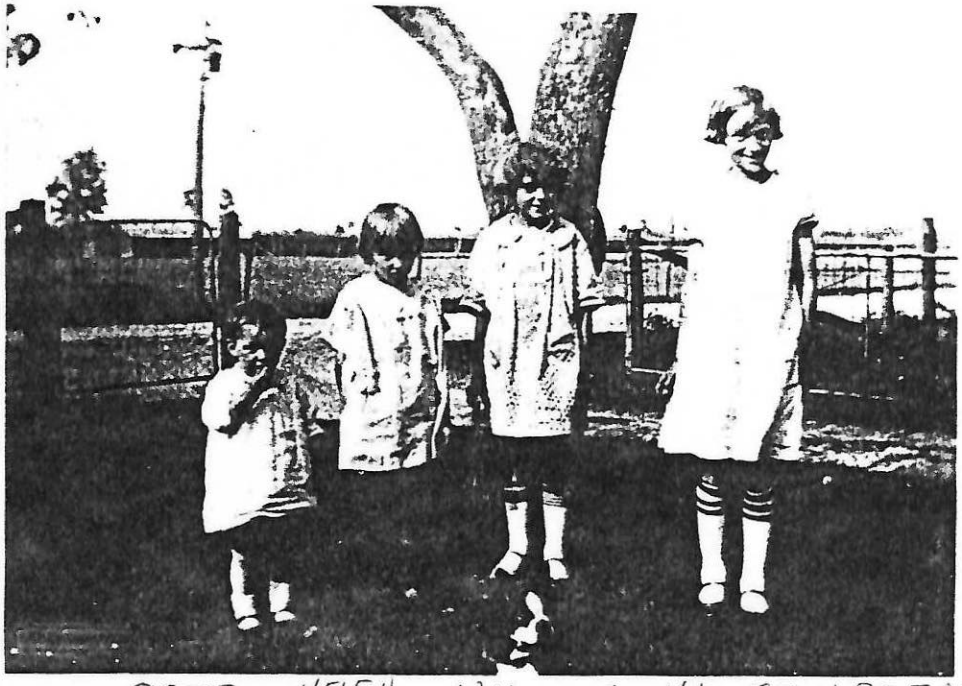
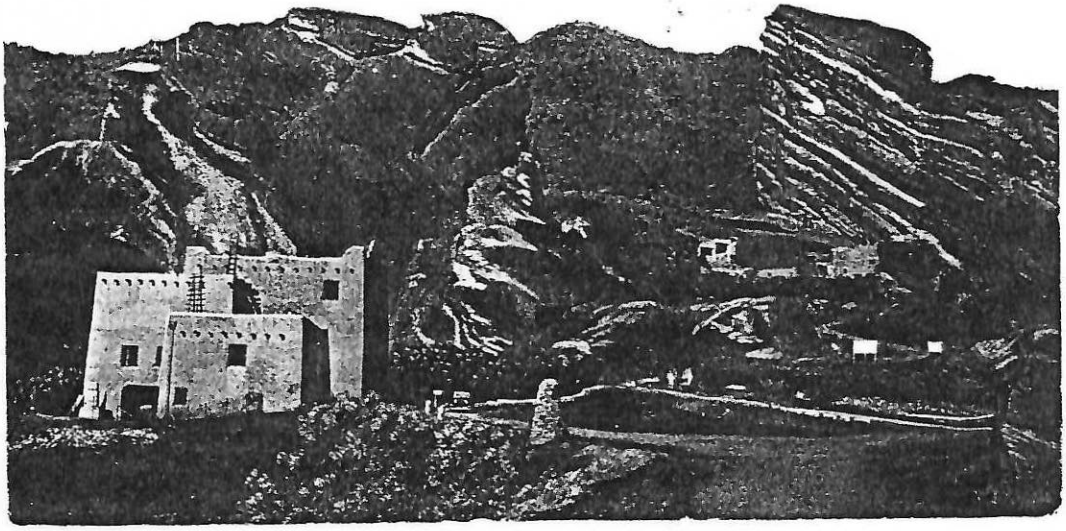


GRACE, HELEN, WIN & VI SCHROEDER

PARK OF THE RED ROCKS, NEAR DENVER, COLORADO



"THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE"

BACK ROW EISIE, PAUL, Philip, SAM, TED, LYDIA
FRONT ROW OLLIE, G.MA, PEGGY, G.PA, FRIEDA, + BEN

SCHROEDER

Esther Otillia Loretta Tomke Plamp
Born: May 5, 1907

Edgar Carl Paul Tomke
Born: January 1, 1903
Died: June 12, 1916

John and Martin

Martin and Edgar

Martin Emil Herman Tomke
Born: January 13, 1901
Died: June 19, 1979

John Albert Theodore Tomke
Born: November 16, 1898
Married: May 14, 1922
Died: September 16, 1982

Alice
Clara, Lena

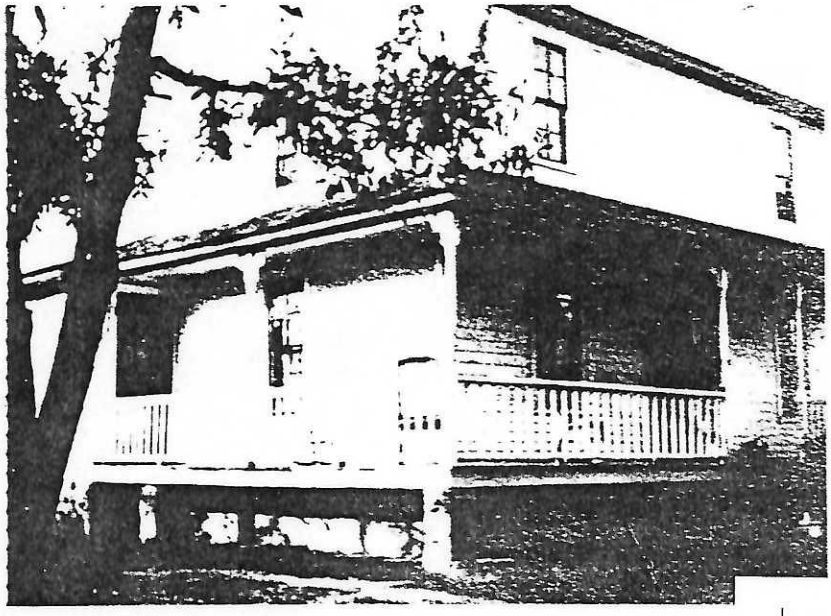
Grandma and her five daughters
Lena, Frances, Clara, Alice, Esther

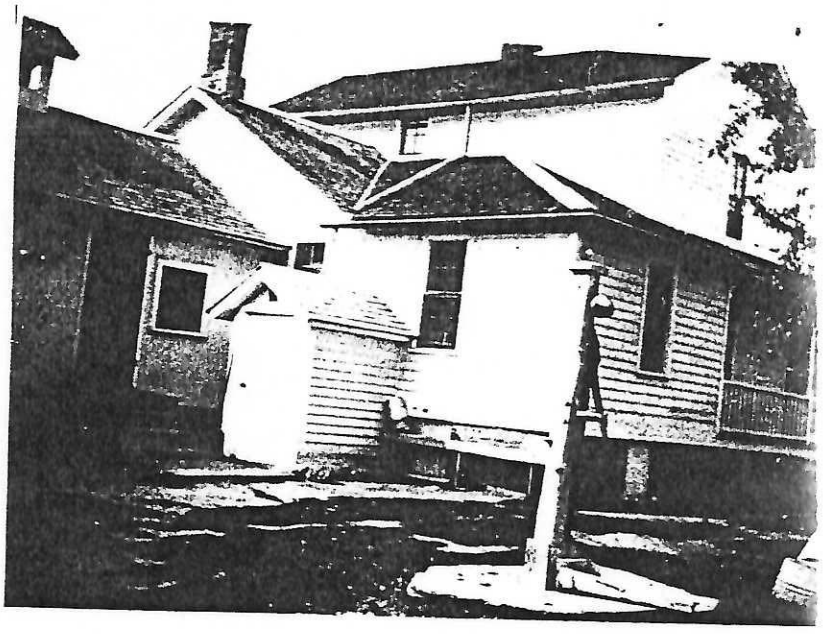
Alice Kunda Kundi Wilhemina Tomke Schroeder
Born: April 4, 1896
Died: August 3, 1966

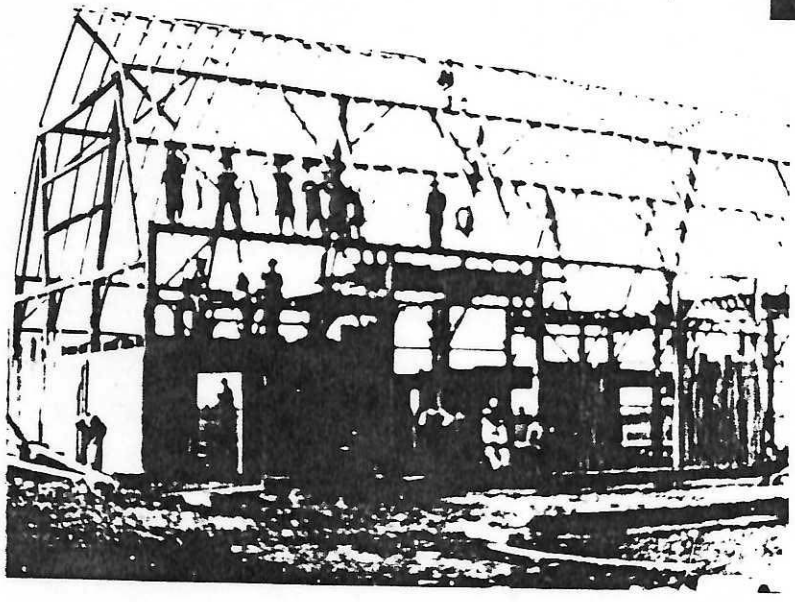
Johanna Alwina Clara Tomke Ittner
Born: December 11, 1893
Died: September 15, 1955

Bertha Louisa Carolina (Lena) Tomke
Born: November 7, 1891
Died: October 13, 1978

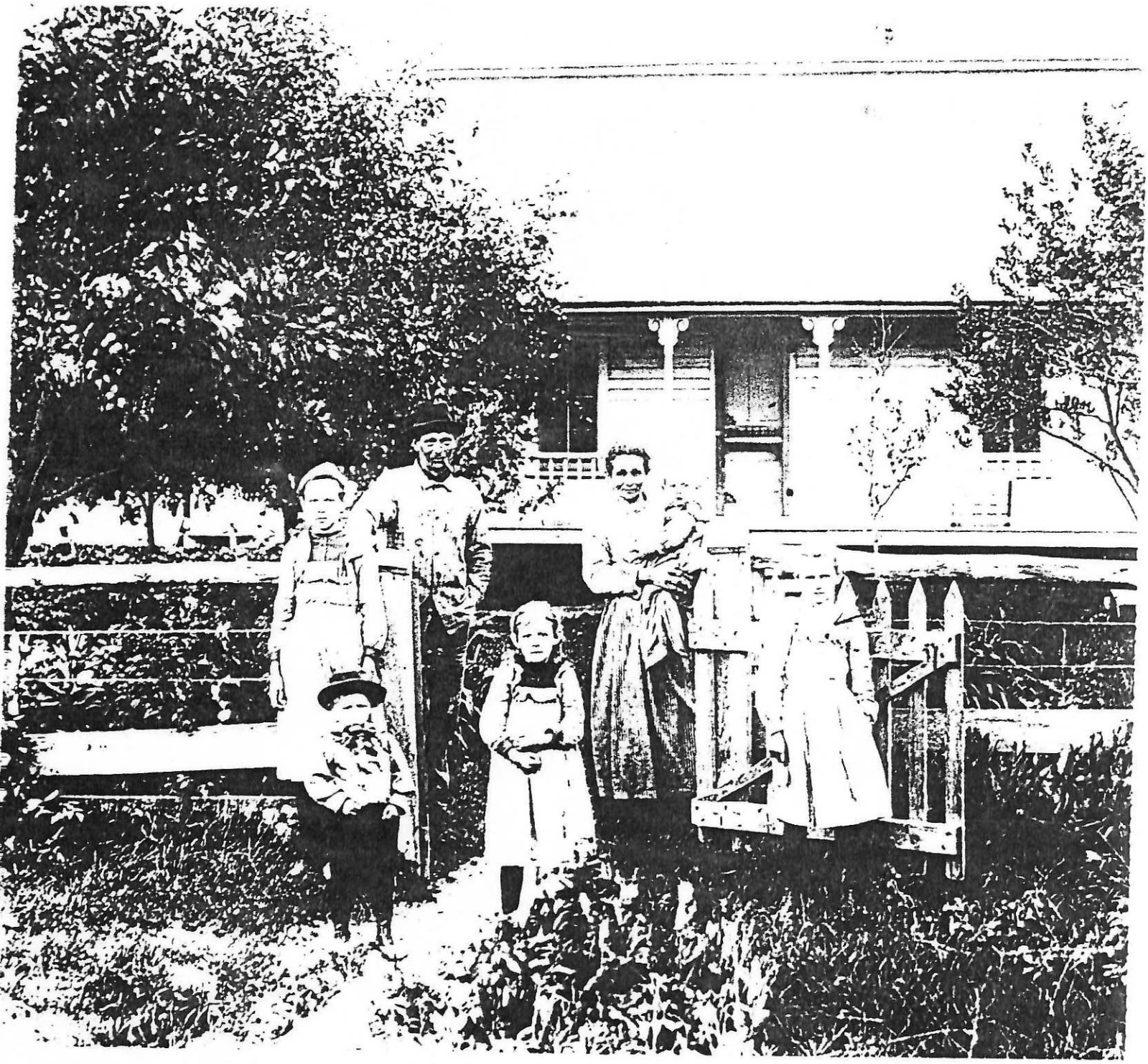
1837 Beaver Road - Bay County, Mich.







Barn Raising at the Tomke Farm - July 22, 1920



Carl and Anna - Beaver Road Farm House - 1901
Lena, John, Alice, Martin and Clara

Augusta Tomke (no photo)
Born: April 5, 1890
Died: September 11, 1890

Carl August Tomke
Born: December 14, 1862 in Stolp, Germany
Baptized: December 16, 1862
Confirmed: September 24, 1876 in Dumen, Germany
Died: April 19, 1952

Anna Barbara (Spengler) Tomke
Born: October 18, 1867 in Beaver Township
Baptized: November 27, 1867
Confirmed: April 10, 1881 (verse John 8:12)
Married: May 12, 1889
Died: August 18, 1955

Johann Friederich Tomke
Born: 1830
Died: May 24, 1897

Johanna Nemitz Tomke
Born: 1833
Died: August 26, 1894

[DEW's notes on Vicki's phone call] [June 7, 1998]

Call from Vicki Kotarba - 6/7/98

Plans are all set.

She + Wayne are coming, also Florence + Theresa. They are driving and will arrive Saturday morning, June 20 some time before noon and plan to eat lunch with us.

On Monday, June 22, they will put Florence and Theresa on the Amtrak. Mabel will meet them at Portage, and they will stay with her for a week.

On Monday, June 29, Mabel will put them on the train again in Portage, and they will arrive in Minneapolis about 11:00 p.m., when Vicki and Wayne, who arrive from China that day, will pick them up. They will all stay at the Regency Plaza that night and drive to Montana the next day.

So they will eat with us Sat. lunch + dinner and Sunday lunch + dinner.

[Aug. 13, 1998]

postmark

David-

It seems that life has given us
So much to keep us busy
That the times we share are few,
yet somehow still,
The special bond between us helps
To keep us close together
And something tells me
that it always will.

Have a
Wonderful Birthday

Love
Vicki
and Family

I'll be thinking of you - take care & write sometime.

1998

Happy birthday! Hope you have some special plans for your 84th birthday! I couldn't let the opportunity go by to send my best wishes to you.

We're all doing fine. Summer is almost over and school begins for Wayne, Luke, and Briann on Wed Aug 19. Concordia's classes start on Sept 3, but Seth will be busy from Aug 30 on with the first few days set aside for freshman orientation.

My transcription work is going well. I've been assigned to a new account our company just added. And guess what, it's a health care facility in Minneapolis! It's called Park Nicollet.

Did you get the note from Friedrich about his plans next year for a reunion in Germany? I don't suppose there's any way I can get you to consider going, is there?

Thanks again for all the work you put into making our Minneapolis reunion a success! We had such a good time!! Hi to Jim, David, Tom + Rebecca

[Christmas 1998]

Merry Christmas!

Here it is, time again to send out our holiday greetings and update all our family and friends with highlights of our adventures and experiences of the past year. It has gone so quickly though, that it hardly seems possible that an entire year has gone by since the last letter.

Kyle

Kyle is now 21 and is in his 4th year at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. He will be transferring to NDSU in Fargo, ND (just across the river) for his second semester. He is planning to pursue an engineering career and cannot complete all the requirements at Concordia. Kyle has had a memorable year. The highlight of 1998 for him was the opportunity he had to travel with other Concordia students on a May seminar. They spent the entire month of May traveling through England, Turkey, Greece, Italy and Switzerland viewing such relics as Stonehenge, the Acropolis, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Vatican from a math perspective. Kyle turned in to a real "camera bug" and came home with many excellent photos and a lot of super memories.

Upon his return he worked on campus for his third summer with Concordia's electronics department helping to "wire in" more campus buildings and dorms to keep up with technology and increasing need for Internet service to the college.

Another memorable event was when his Fargo fastpitch softball team won State and Regional Championships and qualified for the National Fastpitch Tournament. The Kegel Outlaws traveled to Prescott, AZ at the end of their season to compete in the 64-team tournament. They went 3 and 2 in the tournament, ending in a tie for 13th place.

Seth

Seth, too, has had a truly memorable year. He graduated from high school on May 15th at the top of his class. He gave his valedictory speech with his usual grace and style and, of course, his witty humor. Seth had about two weeks of summer vacation and then jumped right into the "away-from-home" mode and joined Kyle in Moorhead. He also was hired on campus by the Concordia electronics department and gained some valuable work experience. He and Kyle roomed with five other guys in a 5-bedroom duplex. Over the 4th of July weekend, Seth and one of his house-mates flew to Chicago to visit another friend and see the sights.

In the fall, Seth turned 19 and began his first semester at Concordia. He received a much-appreciated Faculty Scholarship from Concordia and was also accepted into the Credo Honors Program. Even though he's found out that college requires a lot more study time than high school, he has managed to make many friends and maintain a social life as well.

Luke

Luke, who just turned 18 the day before Thanksgiving, has managed to stay busy all year, as well. Last spring he made the rounds at area school proms, getting invited to both Scobey and Flaxville proms, besides decorating for and attending Westby's prom. Spring also found him involved in both track and on the golf team. He made it to the State Golf Meet for the second year. This year's meet was in Anaconda. He came home with a new "do", having dyed his hair blonde during his "spare time". Thankfully (from Mom's point of view), the last of the blonde was cut off a week before Luke's senior pictures in August.

This past summer, Luke began working for Blue Rock Distributing (the Pepsi plant) in Plentywood. His job was to reload the Pepsi trucks each day. He kept this up until the week before Thanksgiving when he had to quit because of the beginning of boy's basketball season. Otherwise, he faithfully took off for work everyday after school, only missing 2 or 3 days because of icy roads or stormy weather.

Luke has already been accepted at Concordia for the 1999 fall semester. He is again on the honor roll and will graduate from high school next May. He is also looking forward to being a page at the Montana Legislature next spring for Senator Linda Nelson. For now, Luke is concentrating on putting all his energy into having a great Senior season in boy's basketball!!

Briann also graduated this past spring, moving from 8th grade into the ranks of Westby High School. At 15, she continues to be involved in athletic events, being on the Jr Hi track team last spring and participating in discus, shot put, 800 medley relay, 400 medley relay, 100 meter sprint, bringing home several ribbons by season's end. Summer brought softball season and fall brought girl's basketball. Briann managed to get quite a bit of playing time on the girl's varsity basketball team this fall, usually being one of the first ones off the bench when a starter needed a rest. She enjoys defense the best and does very well at it. Now, with boy's season in progress, Briann is one of the varsity cheerleaders. Even with all her extra curriculars, she manages to stay on the honor roll. It's quite difficult to keep up with all Briann's activities. She even finds time to support her habit of collecting Beanie Babies and Cherished Teddies by fitting in some baby-sitting now and then.

Briann

With keeping up with four kids running in all directions, you would think Wayne and Vicki wouldn't have time for anything else. But we did have an extremely memorable "once in a lifetime" adventure this past June. First we traveled to Minneapolis for a family reunion on Vicki's maternal side of the family. Vicki's Mom, Florence, and Aunt Thresa were also along. There were approximately 40 relatives there including four from Germany. Thresa and Florence then hopped a train for Wisconsin and visited with Vicki's Aunt Mabel and Uncle Norbert in Wausau. After seeing them off at the train station, we met four of our friends at the airport in Minneapolis and ventured all the way to China!! Our trip took us to BeiJing where we took several area tours, seeming Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, Ming Tombs, and Temple of Heaven, just to name a few. We loved every minute of it and wouldn't hesitate to go back again if we ever have the opportunity! We made a lifelong friendship with our 27-year-old tour guide, Niu Yi, or "Louie", as we call him. We still correspond regularly and can't wait for Louie to visit us someday in Montana.

Minneapolis Nemitz reunion

China trip

This fall Wayne began his 28th year at Westby School and his 4th year as Superintendent. Many hours are spent inside the school walls or traveling to school related events or meetings.

Wayne

Vicki is still enjoying her medical transcriptionist work. It is a very rewarding career and the freedom of setting her own schedule is an added plus. She took a vacation to Banff and British Columbia with a couple of girlfriends from Plentywood in late August, early September and really enjoyed the scenery, the relaxation, and the company!

Vicki

The next Koterba adventure is a trip to Phoenix, AZ for Christmas. Wayne's parents spend their winters in Mesa so this year we have decided to join them. Vicki's Mom and her Aunt, Thresa, will be spending Christmas near Denver with Vicki's sister, Merna.

Thresa and Merna Anderson

God's blessings to all of you for a Happy New Year!

Love,
The Koterba's

David - Hope this finds you well. We're all doing great & looking forward to spending a "warm" Christmas. We hope to do some sightseeing - The Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, a day to Mexico, etc. Should be a lot of fun! So glad we can all go together as we may not have too many more chances to take a family vacation.

I have fond memories of our reunion in Minneapolis. You did such a great job getting everything organized! Please say hello to your family for us. We look forward to seeing all of you sometime again.

Take care & keep in touch. Best wishes for the New Year!!

Love, Vicki & Family

Peace on Earth 1998

Kyle, Wayne
Seth, Vicki
Luke & Briann
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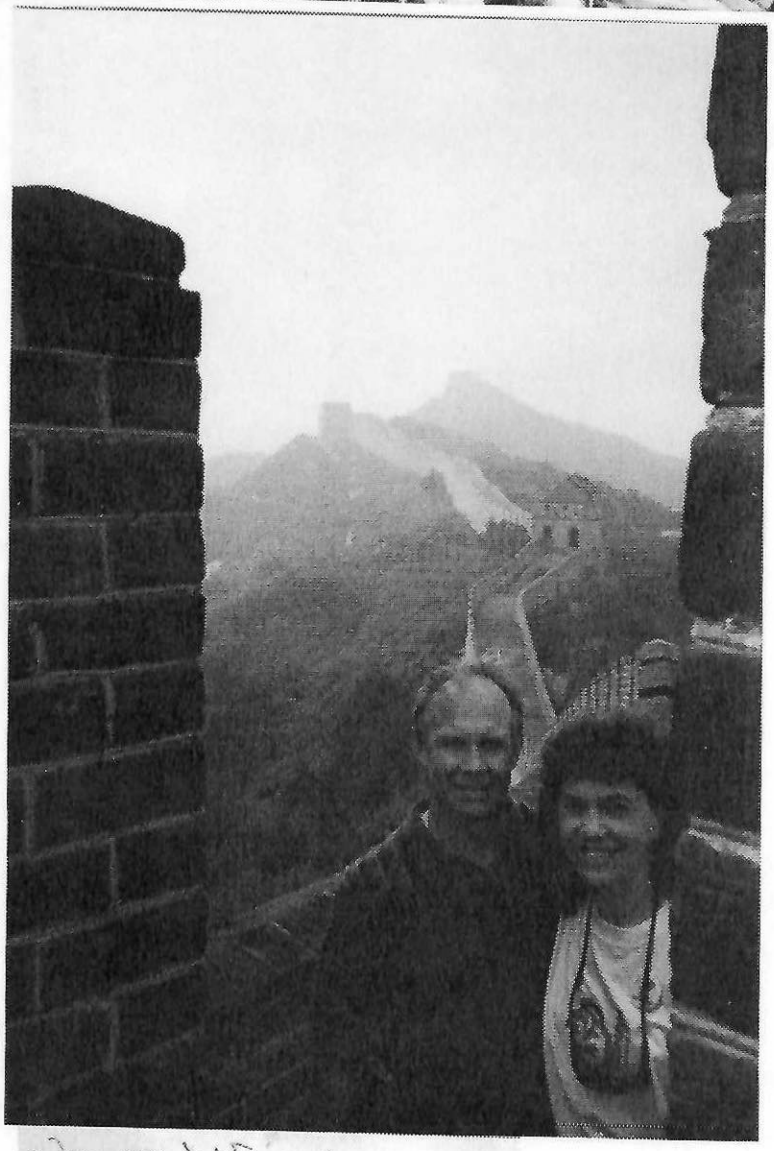

Wayne & Vicki
June 1998
Great Wall of China

[Jan. 4, 1999]

1/4/99

David –

Thanks so much for the newspaper article and all the pictures! I appreciate you sending them all!!

How was your Christmas? We had a wonderful time in Arizona!. The Grand Canyon was totally awesome!! The boys and Wayne were thrilled with the chance to see Hoover Dam & learn more about that, too. We were glad we could join Wayne's parents this year in Arizona as they have decided this will be their last winter heading south. It just gets to be to hard for them to make that three day drive. Enjoy the new year & keep in touch!!

Love,
Vicki

[Feb. 12, 1999]

Subj: **Cousin Brad Babcock**
Date: 2/12/99 11:23:25 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com ← Vicki Koterba and Brad Babcock
CC: bbabcock@imag.net, Mjnemitz
CC: christoph.nemitz@t-online.de, mjkpom@juno.com

Dear Vicki, → Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

Martha Riggle

Yesterday on my computer I got an E-mail message through the Pommern-L mailing list from our cousin Brad Babcock. I was amazed, because he seemed to know exactly who I was, and he said he figured I was his first cousin three times removed. When I checked my records, I found that he is your second cousin once removed, so perhaps you know all about him. I couldn't remember having heard his name, but eventually I found that I did have him listed in records given to me by your mother's aunt, Florence Knuth, probably when Elizabeth and I visited Florence and Emil (Brad's great-grandparents) out in Richmond, B.C., in l974. As you probably know, he is the son of Orville Babcock and Beverly Coe and the grandson of Paul Coe and Lyra Knuth.

I got Brad's message only a week after subscribing to Pommern-L at the suggestion of Martha Riggle of Wichita, Kansas. You remember that she is the one who got Friedrich and me together. You met her and her husband Les at the 1997 Pommerntag in Milwaukee. I was talking to Martha on the phone, and she said that Pommern-L includes about 300 people with roots back to Pomerania. As soon as I got on the list, I started getting an avalanche of mail, sometimes 20 or more a day, most of which I just delete.

Two days after I got on the list I sent in a message about my ancestors Heinrich Nemitz and Henriette Bonke in the towns of Dammen and Rathsdamnitz. The next day I got a reply from Judy Eikenberry saying we might be related, because she had Bonke ancestors in Rathsdamnitz. I looked her information over and replied that we probably are related, though it might take quite a while to prove.

Then Brad appears, and he obviously knows a lot about genealogy and has his records on a computer. The reason I decided to write to you about him is because you and he share a common interest in genealogy and come from the same family of Herman and Bertha Tomke. At 84 years of age I"m beginning to think about who are going to carry on the Nemitz family history into the future, and I hope it will be you and Brad. If you are not already in touch with him, I'm sure you will want to write or E-mail him soon.

For your information I'm including my Pommern-L message and his reply.

Love, David

Subj: **Re: Ratsdamnitz and Dammen**
Date: 2/10/99 7:31:24 AM Central Standard Time
From: bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock)
To: DWitheridg@AOL.com

This is a duplicate of p. 25 in folder 2.5

At 05:01 PM 2-5-99 EST, you wrote:
>Baron von Vormann asked for the location of the church books of Rathsdamnitz,
>which is a little southeast of Stolp. I am also looking for those church
>books. My grandfather's brother, Ferdinand Nemitz, was born in Rathsdamnitz
>in 1844, and perhaps some of his brothers and sisters were also born there.
>He was married to Henrietta Skibbe in Dammen, a little northeast of Stolp, in
>1869. My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in Dammen in 1835, so I am
>looking for the Dammen church books, also. I understand there was a terrible
>fire in Dammen in 1842, which burned down most of the houses. Perhaps
that is
>why my great-grandparents, Heinrich Nemitz and Henrietta Bonke, left Dammen
>and moved to the vicinity of Rathsdamnitz.
>
>David E. Witheridge

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I believe that we are cousins! Your name appears in my files as my 1st cousin 3 times removed. That is, if you are the son of William Allen Witheridge and Edith Sophia Nemitz.

I have some information about the Nemitz's that you mention above, but I can not confirm any of the dates or places with references (yet). The information I have was given to me by my grandmother, and I don't know where she got it from. Currently I am researching a different line of mine, but in the next few months I plan on figuring out the Nemitz line. I would be interested in hearing about any church books, etc. that you dig up in the mean time. If you're interested, I can send you a GEDCOM of all the Nemitz info that I have, although most of the sources are unverified for that line. Here is my direct line up to your Nemitz's:

Source

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1 Bradley Emerson Babcock. Born 5 May 1972 in Surrey Memorial Hospital, Surrey, BC, Canada.

Parents

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2 Orville Kenneth Babcock. Born 5 Jul 1941 in Cadillac, Saskatchewan, Canada. He married Beverley-Anne Lyra Coe, 17 Oct 1970 in Faith Evangelical Church, Richmond, BC, Canada.

3 Beverley-Anne Lyra Coe. Born 24 Jul 1942 in Grey Nun's Hospital, Regina, SK, Canada.

Grandparents

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6 Paul Bailey Coe. Born 4 Nov 1910 in Tribune, Saskatchewan, Canada. Died 24 Aug 1986 in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada. He married Lyra Adeline Knuth, 18 Sep 1941 in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. They were divorced.

7 Lyra Adeline Knuth. Born 9 Aug 1918 in Tribune, Saskatchewan, Canada.

G Grandparents

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14 Emil Otto "Amiel" Knuth. Born 7 Aug 1889 in Augusta, Wisconsin, USA. Died 20 Sep 1977 in OakHurst Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Buried in Valley View Cemetery, Surrey, BC, Canada. He married Florence Johanna Marie Tomke, 29 Oct 1913 in Weyburn, SK, Canada.

15 Florence Johanna Marie Tomke. Born 5 Jan 1891 in Bay City, Michegan, USA. Died 16 Feb 1986 in Glen Hospital, Vancouver, BC. Buried in Valley View Cemetery, Surrey, BC.

GG Grandparents

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30 Herman Martin Tomke. Born 26 Nov 1866 in Stolp, Germany. Died About 1912 in Bay City, Michigan, USA. Buried in Pub. Cemetery Next To Zion Luth. Cemetery, Beaver Twp.. He married Bertha Theresa Nemitz, 31 Dec 1889 in Crown Point, Indiana, USA.

31 Bertha Theresa Nemitz. Born 9 Jul 1866 in Stolp, Germany. Died 14 Feb 1951 in Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada. Buried in Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada.

GGG Grandparents

60 Johann Frederick Tomke. Born Oct 1829 in Germany. Died 24 May 1897 in Bay County, Michigan, USA. He married Johanna Nemitz, in Germany.

61 Johanna Nemitz. Born 9 Aug 1833 in Germany. Died 30 Aug 1894 in Bay County, Michigan, USA.

62 Wilhelm Frederick Johann Nemitz. Born 3 Aug 1835 in Dammer, Germany. Died 3 Jan 1921 in Beecher, Illinois, USA. Buried in Peotone, Illinios, USA. He married Theresa Jacobs, 1856 in Germany.

63 Theresa Jacobs. Born 20 Jul 1843 in Dammer, Germany. Died 24 Dec 1885 in Farm Between Montane And Peotone, Illinois, USA.

GGGG Grandparents

122 Heinrich Nemitz. Born 1800. He married Henrietta.

123 Henrietta ?. Born 23 Feb 1800 in Germany. Died 22 Nov 1888 in Beaver Twp., Bay County, Michigan, USA.

124 same as ahnentafel number 122

125 same as ahnentafel number 123

126 ? Jacobs. He married Augusta.

127 Augusta ?.

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[Feb. 17, 1999]

Subj: **More Genealogists in the Family Tree! Alright!!!**
Date: 2/17/99 6:31:16 PM Central Standard Time
From: vrkoterba@hotmail.com (Vicki Koterba)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com
CC: bbabcock@imag.net

Dear David,

Hey, it was great to hear from you!! That's great news to hear that we've found another avid genealogist in the family! I've been meaning to send you a note ever since you sent the pictures and the news article but, as usual, time slips by much too quickly and the elusive thing called "free time" comes too infrequently for me. I really appreciated receiving your card and pictures at Christmas time. That was also very interesting that our reunion article was published in Germany and how you came to find out about it.

So, tell me more about this Pommern-L. Is it something you have to subscribe to on the Internet or what exactly do you have to do? I'm not familiar with it and just curious. You'll have to teach me all your little tricks you've learned over the years about your genealogy hunting. I might as well start learning all of that valuable information that you have to offer. I'm sure it will come in handy and save me alot of time and trouble in the continued search for relatives. I'm not familiar with the GEDCOM that Brad mentions either so I will be anxious to see just what that is. He'll probably send me a "cc" now that you have given him my address, perhaps.

Pommern-L

GEDCOM

Any other internet tricks of the trade that you have learned would be much appreciated also, especially since the genealogical society here in Sheridan County, of which I am a member, is considering offering some classes in research on the internet and I'm supposed to be looking into how to go about teaching the class. Guess I'm going to need some kind of a basic crash course myself. Do you have any ideas on the best way to go about a basic beginner's class? I've got a couple of other people that I plan to check with, too, that are more knowledgeable than I am, but I will welcome any and all suggestions! There are only a hand full of us in the group right now so we thought that we may spark some more interest if we could get something like this going. Our local telephone cooperative is supportive of the idea too and I'm trying to work out some details there with them offering the access to the internet for the class. I'm not sure when we will get it all coordinated but hopefully sometime before spring is over, so I have plenty to do to prepare myself.

Anyway, back to Brad. He sounds as if he is quite interested in the family tree also. I plan to send him an e-mail sometime, too, just to let him know a little bit more about our family. It will be interesting to hear a little bit more about him, too. You wrote him such a nice long letter that I am sure he is very pleased that he has located you. I did meet his grandmother, Lyra, a couple of years ago when she was here with her second husband. They were visiting her brother, Russell Knuth, who just lives across the border in Weyburn, Sask. Mom also told me that not too long ago Lyra had written her about some of the family information, birthdays, etc., so I'm sure that was all passed along to Brad, too, since he would have an interest.

Russell Knuth (of Weyburn, SK)
Lyra Knuth (b. 1918)
Weyburn, SK

You have such a wealth of information about the family, David, and I know you don't want all of your work to be in vain, so I would be honored to continue on with the genealogy when you reach a time that you do not feel you can do it any longer. Not that you're ready yet, but I just wanted you to rest assured that there is someone to pass it along to. The energy that you have dedicated to the project has a lot to do with what keeps you going day after day, though, so don't be too anxious to give that all up. It keeps you feeling young!!! In fact, I love to tell people about my "young 84-year-old cousin" who bought a computer, learned how to run it, uses e-mail, and "surfs the web!" It just goes to show that you are never too old to try anything if you put your mind to it. I use you as an example when I hear these 60-70 year old people saying they're to old for this or that. I'm very proud of you, in case you haven't figured that out. You're very special to me and don't you ever forget it, OK?

"I would be honored to continue on with the genealogy"

"You're very special to me and don't you ever forget it, OK?"

Well, I've been writing this to you in the middle of the night. I finally found some "free time" but unfortunately it was because I was having trouble sleeping. Well, if I close now and try to get back to sleep I should get another hour in before I have to get up. I need to go to Williston today and it is about a 75-minute drive. Wayne has an appointment at 7:20 AM at the dentist. I will send you another e-mail soon. Thanks again, for the messages and be sure to keep in touch. Say hi to Jim, David, Tom, and Rebecca!!

Lots of Love!!!

Vicki

P.S.

Hi again, David!!

I tried to send you the above message this morning about 4:15 AM but, unfortunately, in my "half-awake" state, out of habit, I added the last "e" to "Witheridg" in your e-mail address and, of course, got a message back that it wasn't able to be sent. Anyway, in the meantime I received both your message and Brad's. I guess our three minds must be all on the same wavelength since we all had the urge to e-mail each other today!! That's encouraging news! I think we're all going to get along great, don't you?

Well, now I've found out what GEDCOM is and now maybe Brad can even help me with my question to you, David, about the basic beginner's lessons for searching your genealogy on the internet. Any help will be much appreciated. Reading what the two of you have written about your computers and your genealogy programs makes me feel like a real novice because I don't even have a family tree program on our computer at this point. Just for your information, we have a Power Macintosh 7200 with an 8.0 system, but since I have no genealogical program yet it probably doesn't matter. I will have to get busy and get something going if I'm going to keep up to the two of you!! My husband told me that our e-mail would handle 1MB of information if it was sent to me, though, so that's always a possibility.

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Lambrecht family

Edward Frederick Hass (b. 1883)

Emil Otto ("Amiel") Knuth (b. 1889)

Well, it's getting late and I have a Norwegian language class to attend this evening. That interest comes to me from my dad's side, of course. My Norwegian ties have always kept me yearning to learn to speak Norwegian so I'm prepared for the day when I can finally travel to Norway and meet those relatives. I'm taking the class over the ITV at the school, which connects us to the town the teacher is in plus all the other towns where the other students are from. It's really fun and interesting. I just wish my dad was still alive so I could converse with him in Norwegian!!!

Take care David. I've sent a "cc" of this to Brad, too, so he can catch up on what's happening here in Montana. I will have to send him a personal email at another time. I will add your address to the "cc" so you will know what I say, too.

Again, lots of love!!

Vicki

[Email from Brad Babcock to Vicki Koterba, [Feb. 20, 1999]
cc to DEW]

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>hunting.

I'll fill you in on some of things I've picked up during my Internet research. There are two ways that I collect information off of the Internet: web surfing and email mailing lists.

Brad's tips on using the Internet for genealogical research

Pommern-L is a mailing list. You need to subscribe to each list that you want to receive messages from. It is free. People can post messages to the list, then the message is sent out to all members of the list. Some lists are very active, and it's not uncommon on Pommern-L to receive 10 or 20 messages every day. Each mailing list is restricted to a particular topic. Pommern-L is for people researching genealogy in what was Pommerania. There are other lists for pretty much any area of the world you can think of. Most lists have two different modes to which you can subscribe. List mode delivers each message individually. Digest mode delivers several messages packaged into one message, making it easier to manage your mail. I believe that Pommern-L only has list mode right now. To subscribe to Pommern-L, send an email to majordomo@genealogy.net with the following in the body of the message: subscribe POMMERN-L. For more information about Pommern-L and some other mailing lists, check out http://members.aol.com/gfsjohnf/gen_mail_country-ger.html

Posen-L is another mailing list that you may be interested in. Posen was just south of Pommerania, and it is where the Knuth's and Lambrecht's originated. To subscribe to the Posen mailing list, send the word "subscribe" (without quotes) in the body of a message to posen-l-request@rootsweb.com (mail mode) or posen-d-request@rootsweb.com (digest mode).

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet
http://www.cyndislist.com/
This is one web site in particular that is a must have in your bookmarks. It is basically an index of web sites that have anything at all to do with genealogy.

RootsWeb
http://www.rootsweb.com/
This is a society that is dedicated to providing genealogical data which has been submitted by people around the world. They also host many mailing lists.

USGenWeb
http://www.usgenweb.org/
This a great site if you're researching in the US. Volunteers are maintaining a web site for almost every county in every state in the US. The amount of information varies from site to site, but sometimes you'll

find transcribed church records or census information, and you'll usually find info about a mailing list for that county so you can converse with others with descendants from there.

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>doesn't matter.

If you are going to get a genealogy program, you can research them on the Internet. Cyndi's List has a list of a bunch of them. One of the best (so I hear), especially for the Mac, is called Reunion. I think they have a viewer program that you can download for free. You can only add 15 new people or something unless you buy the real program, but if you wanted an easy way to look at my files, that might be the way to go for now. I'll look into that and get back to you.

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>had gotten that all from mom.

I'll have to ask my grandma (Lyra), perhaps she hasn't gotten around to putting it in her books yet. On our trip last summer, I remember her mentioning some people in Montana that she wouldn't mind visiting, but we were going a different way home. That might have been you... I guess we'll have to make another trip out that way soon, but this time visit you and David!

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Lambrecht family

This excites me as well. The Lambrecht's that I'm researching were born in Prussia and emigrated to Augusta, Wisconsin. Fall Creek is just a few miles from Augusta. One of them was my GGG Aunt Ernstine Lambrecht, born July 14, 1860. I don't have any other information about her, but it sounds like it must be the same person. It will be interesting to combine our information together to see what we come up with!

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[Mar. 6, 1999]

cc: Brad
[Brad Babcock]

3/6/99

Dear Vicki,

I'm sorry I'm writing so long after your E-mail of Feb. 17, because there is so much in it that I should have responded to. Fortunately, you got an E-mail from Brad in which he answered some of your questions, particularly about Pommern-L and about genealogy on the Internet.

I won't deal with Pommern-L, but I do want to add a little about the Internet. I've attended a couple of sessions of our Minnesota Genealogical Society on the subject of using the Internet, and they suggested two books that deal specifically with this topic. One is written by Cyndi Howells: Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet. It was published by Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md. 21202. The price on the cover is $19.95. She is the one who runs "Cyndi's List of Genealogical Sites on the Internet" that Brad mentioned in his E-mail to you on Feb. 20.

The other book is Genealogy Online for Dummies, by Matthew L. Helm and April Leigh Helm, published in 1998 by IDG Books Worldwide. The price is $24.95. It's part of the "Dummies" series that all major bookstores carry. (If they don't have this title, they can order it for you.) This is a little more recent and up-to-date, of course. Also, it's bigger, and it includes a lot of information and suggestions that the other one doesn't.

I bought Cyndi's book first, when I first heard about it, and then I bought the "Dummies" one when I heard about it only a couple of weeks ago. I always find that each book has things the others don't. One reason I'm telling you about these books is that you're going to be teaching a class on the Internet. It's good to be able to recommend a well-respected book. It can help you organize your presentation and give the class a resource to deal with other items you can't cover.

As I look these books over, I think I would suggest Genealogy Online for Dummies for someone who only wants to get one book, and I think it would be easier for your bookstore to order, if they don't have it in stock.

One reason I didn't get around to writing earlier is that for a week I was involved in trying to import Brad's GEDCOM into my computer genealogy program. I didn't have any problem downloading it from his E-mail, but my computer seemed to have trouble handling it and transferring or "importing" it into my genealogy program. Finally, Brad set it up on a special page for me on his web site, and that worked without any problem. The main thing I've done with that so far is to print out (on 45 sheets!) a chart of all the descendants he has of Heinrich and Henrietta Nemitz. Of course, you and I and he all show up on this chart. This included many relatives whom I didn't know about. But I have many others that he doesn't have, and I want to get my information photocopied as soon as possible, so I can send it to both you and him. That's a big job, and it will take a little time to get it done.

Now I want to tell you about another Tomke cousin of ours who is also interested in family history. His name is Howard Kohn, and he grew up in the Bay City area (Beaver Township). I have known about him for many years, and Anita Schmidt had told me he was interested in family history. I wrote him about this in 1987, but never got a reply, so I figured he wasn't very interested in relatives or just didn't want to communicate.

But now with Brad turning up and our new efforts to consolidate our data about the Nemitz family, I decided to try to reach Howard again. This time, however, I telephoned him so I didn't have to wait around for a reply. It worked! He was surprised to hear from me, and he was very friendly. He is definitely interested in family history, though he hasn't done much with it lately. I told him about our wanting to get everything eventually into Brad's computer and asked if he would photocopy his material and send it to me, and he said he would. It should contain many things about the Tomke and Kohn families that we don't have. I, of course, will make copies for you and Brad. His address is:

Howard Kohn (author)

Howard Kohn
16 Jefferson Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
Phone: (301) 270-8187

I asked if he has a computer, and he said he does, but he doesn't have his data on a genealogy program. He gave me his E-mail address. I haven't tried it yet, but if I didn't make a mistake taking it down over the phone, it is: Kohn@erols.com

Another interesting thing is that he has written a book about his family called The Last Farmer. It was published in 1988 by Summit Books. He didn't have a copy I could buy, and if I can't get a copy through my bookstore, I'll try to borrow it on interlibrary loan.

Ruth Grassow - Nemitz

A couple of weeks ago I had a letter from Friedrich with what I think is very exciting news--at least if it works out the way it sounds. He had received a phone call from a woman in West Germany--Ruth Grassow/Nemitz--who had read his article in Die Pommersche Zeitung (the clipping I sent you). She told him her family came from the area of Pomerania near Stolp. In their Nemitz family were fifteen children, and her mother had told her that she (her mother) had had an aunt by the name of Henrietta Nemitz (!), who had moved with her daughters to America. This Ruth Grassow/Nemitz said that her sister-in-law had information about the Nemitz family going back to the 13th century. Friedrich hadn't heard any more from this woman on February 18th when he wrote to me, so we shall have to wait and see what further comes of this. It's amazing, if true.

What a lengthy epistle this has turned out to be. I think of you often with great fondness, as you know. Best wishes to you and your whole family.

Love, David

[Apr. 3, 1999]

Subj: **The Last Farmer**
Date: 4/3/99 11:14:50 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com
CC: bbabcock@imag.net, kohn@erols.com

More on Howard Kohn (author)

Dear Vicki and Brad,

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that there were a dozen or so used book stores where they had a copy of Howard Kohn's book, The Last Farmer. So I ordered three of them by phone--one for me and one for each of you. From the descriptions I thought they were used copies, but in pretty good condition. Imagine my surprise when they arrived and I found that they were all new, unopened copies in perfect condition!

On Monday I'll mail these out to you. They are a gift from me. With the book I'm also enclosing a photocopy of a biographical sketch of Howard from Contemporary Authors, Vol. 124, which I found in our local branch library. I know you'll appreciate all the information there.

I have finished The Last Farmer and was greatly moved and impressed. It's ostensibly about Howard's father, but it's also his fond memories of his family and of the farm and community where he grew up. I know you'll both like it, because it's all about some of our relatives we never knew much about before. Vicki, you'll be especially interested, because you grew up on a farm. You will see many similarities and many differences--your farm was so much bigger, with the newest equipment, and they did find oil on it.

On the Barnes & Noble web site I found that Howard has written a more recent book, We Had a Dream, published in 1998 by Simon & Schuster. It's about the struggle for racial integration in America. I ordered a copy through our local Barnes & Noble store, and I have begun reading it, but haven't finished it yet. It's a very powerful book, and I'm pleased and proud that one of our relatives wrote it. However, if you want a copy, you'll have to buy it yourself!

Happy Easter,

David

Editor's Note

Dad's "Nemitz family group sheets," which he mentions in his May 13, 1999, email on the next page, were not in the Vicki Koterba file, and I haven't run across them elsewhere.

I'll keep looking!

In the meantime, I am trying very hard to get in touch with Vicki, who is definitely young enough to still be alive, in hopes that she can find her copy.

Tom Witheridge
February 22, 2023

[May 13, 1999]

Subj: **Family Group Sheets**
Date: 5/13/99 3:55:52 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com

See editor's note on previous page.

Dear Vicki,

I'm glad to report that today I finally mailed to you a complete set of my Nemitz family group sheets. I also mailed a set to Brad Babcock and another to Howard Kohn. I hope you will find them helpful as you continue your work on family history. It's a good feeling to know that there are now three other copies in the hands of Nemitz relatives who are also interested in genealogy. Someday in the future when you have time perhaps you can send me additions and corrections to the sheets that you know best.

Best wishes to your whole family,

David

[May 23, 1999]

Subj: **Family Group Sheets and "The Last Farmer" THANKS!!!!**
Date: 5/23/99 11:59:27 PM Central Daylight Time
From: vrkoterba@hotmail.com (Vicki Koterba)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David!

I received your wonderful package of family group sheets! So much work!! I bet you are so relieved to have that project behind you, although it is a project that "never ends." I will see what I can do to get additional information to you along our immediate family lines so you can get that all up to date.

See editor's note two pages back.

Also, thank you so much for the book by Howard Kohn. I haven't had a chance to read it yet but plan to sometime over the summer. I was also reading his biography and noticed that he had written the book "Who Killed Karen Silkwood?" There was a movie called "Silkwood" a number of years ago that was based on a true story. I wonder if it was based on his book? I thought it was an excellent movie, you may want to rent it sometime. I wonder how he became interested in that story? I will definitely have to look for some of his other writings in our library. Anyway, I thank you for sharing the gift of his book with me and I hope to get in touch with Howard at some point in the future, too.

Howard Kohn (author)

Sharon Silkwood book

My schedule has been so hectic since the first of the year. I may have already mentioned to you about the 18-week course going on in Plentywood, in which I was helping train nine women to be medical transcriptionists. That started January 18 and just got over now on May 17. It went four nights a week for five hours each night, so in addition to doing my own transcription work, I drove the 26 miles to Plentywood to help with the class. Anyway, all nine girls passed the course and have been hired by a hospital in Denver to do transcription work from their homes.

Not only that, but Briann was confirmed on April 25 at Immanuel Lutheran, so we had a big celebration for her. Then, on May 14, Luke graduated from high school so there was a lot of preparation for that event and the community party held afterward. There were probably 700 people at the graduation and approximately 200 came to the celebration we held in the church basement following graduation. There were five families that went together to put on the reception, so at least I had help with all of the preparation. It still gets to be a lot of work.

I have talked my husband in to letting me get a new, updated computer -- one that I can put the Family Tree Maker program on. I am really excited about that prospect. We haven't actually purchased it yet but sometime in the near future we hope to. Hopefully, that will make it easier for us to exchange information, too.

We will be moving Luke out to Moorhead on May 28. He will be living with Kyle and Seth for the summer and working on the college campus. He and Seth will work together, helping wire in more of the campus buildings for internet access. Kyle will hopefully be working for Moorhead Electric, doing essentially the same thing in the Moorhead area businesses, etc.

It will be rather quiet here at home with just Briann left. I'm not sure I like this "empty nest" syndrome but one can't keep them home forever, I guess.

Wayne and I are looking forward to our trip to Alaska in July. Mom and Thresa will be flying with us as far as Seattle and then staying with Darrell for the week while we are in Alaska. We will then fly home together. Mom and Thresa are both doing well and staying healthy.

Well, just thought I better let you know I received all of your information. I do want to pay you for the expenses, so please let me know what your copying and shipping costs were. I insist on reimbursing you so be sure to let me know, okay. I really want to cover the cost of all of it, I realize it can get very expensive, especially if you made three copies of everything.

By the way, have you e-mailed Friedrich at all?? I did get an e-mail from him a while back but again have been caught up in such a busy schedule that I haven't had a chance to reply. I am very anxious to hear if he had any luck with the genealogy connection from that lady in Germany who had records dating back to the 1400s. That would be so exciting if that line proved to be our ancestors, too. Let me know when you find out.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz
(b.1934)

Ruth Grassow Nemitz

Hope this finds you well. I think of you so often and hope it will not be too long before we can see each other again!!

Love,

Vicki

[May 25, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Family Group Sheets and "The Last Farmer" THANKS!!!!**
Date: 5/25/99 7:38:54 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com

Dear Vicki,

Just a note to say I got your E-mail. I knew you were extremely busy, but to see it all laid out is staggering. I'll answer when I can. There are many things to answer and make comment on, so I can't do it right now.

Love,

David

[June 9, 2001]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 9, 2001

See the charts on pp. 13-23 in folder 2.5.

Dear Vicki,

Lupow church book

I can't remember exactly what I told you in my last letter about the many new Nemitz individuals and families I had found, mainly in the Lupow church book, but also from a few other places. At any rate, here are the three charts I have constructed showing them all. I have just sent copies of these charts to Friedrich and to Hans-Joachim Nemitz, his cousin (and ours), who is also working on our Nemitz genealogy. As "keepers of the records," I want you and Brad also to have them.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I think that most, if not all, of these people are somehow related to us. Those on Sheet One are probably closely related, because they were all living at the same time in the parish of Lupow. Some day more records will become available, and we will be able to tie more of these people together.

Karl Nemitz

Nemitz "lost brother"

You will note that I have placed a Karl Nemitz in our family. This is just a conjecture on my part, because his probable birth date of about 1840 would fit right into an empty space in our family, and he doesn't seem to fit in anywhere else. So, for now, until we find evidence to the contrary, I am considering him our "lost brother." You knew, I believe, that my grandfather's (Wilhelm's) family thought there were two brothers who stayed in Germany, but Friedrich's great-grandfather Ferdinand said that all the others had gone to America. So there's a "lost brother" somewhere, but we don't know his name.

Ruth Grassow-Nemitz

Down at the bottom right-hand corner of Sheet Two you will find listed the ancestors of Ruth Grassow/Nemitz. (That's apparently how they write it in Germany.) She called Friedrich about two years ago after seeing in Die Pommersche Zeitung an article he had written about his trip to a family reunion in the U.S.A. She said she thought she might be related to him, because someone in her family (I can't remember who) said she had an aunt by the name of Henriette Nemitz, who went to America with her two daughters. She said her elderly sister-in-law has family records going back many centuries. Friedrich urged her to send him the information, but so far he hasn't received any. When I sent him these charts, I implored him to try again to make contact with Ruth Grassow/Nemitz by letter or phone or even by going to see her. There must be a lot of information there we ought to know about.

Well, here is a lot of material for you to look over. I wish I could have included all my sources for this information, but that would have greatly delayed my preparing and sending it. I just wanted to be sure you had everything I know so far.

Love,

[Feb. 23, 2023]

Editor's Note

Following this page are several items I obtained fortuitously by searching online today for Vicki Koterba, who, I learned, no longer lives in Westby, MT. The search was not in vain, and I am now pursuing Vicki on Facebook (but that's another story).

The following items were sent to me by Maggie Johnson of a Westby company called Montana Branded Inc., whom I called hoping that she could update me on Vicki's whereabouts and/or the current status of Adolph and Florence Anderson's ranch. Maggie's company sells premium cuts of beef all over the country, most of it raised on their own ranch near Westby. While Maggie didn't seem to know Vicki and Wayne personally, she had, of course, heard of them (like almost everyone in town), because of the Koterbas' and Andersons' prominence over many years.

Maggie took pictures from a locally written and published (2005) book called *Sheridan's Daybreak III: Entering the New Millenium, the Ongoing History of Sheridan County*. There had been two earlier editions of the book. It's Maggie's fingernails you see in a couple of the pics, taken by her cell phone camera.

Vicki Koterba was active in the group of civic minded volunteers who compiled the book (see her picture on one of the following pages). She undoubtedly wrote the loving piece about her parents. The part about moving their house into town, selling all the buildings and farm equipment, and transforming the farmstead into a wildlife refuge is especially remarkable.

Tom Witheridge
February 23, 2023

P. S. I promised Maggie Johnson that I would be buying her beef in the future, and I can hardly wait to sink my teeth into Montana Branded tenderloin, grilled by Rebecca and Will Schick on their Denver backyard patio — the next best thing to Anderson Ranch registered Angus!

SHERIDAN'S

DAYBREAK III

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Sheridan's Daybreak III

Entering the New Millennium, The Ongoing History of Sheridan County

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May Budke

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Pamla Hendrickson

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A note on the Collection of information for this Book:

Collecting the stories and pictures was an enormous task, made even tougher by the fact that the "new" computer technology wasn't always "user friendly". Everything was submitted to the Publisher in electronic format, which meant we had to scan all pictures and retype stories in the same program. Confusion over the type of electronic picture format to be submitted resulted in us having to rescan and recollect all pictures again, just when we thought we were finished. Although we have done our best with the pictures, neither we, nor the Publisher were able to make a high quality picture out of a poor quality print or a scanned photo printed on plain paper. Therefore, the quality of the pictures in this book may vary due to no fault of the Publisher or ourselves.

Since the production of this book extended over 2 years, most stories were written in 2003, but there were updates as late as fall 2004. Allowing people to submit their stories electronically encouraged many to turn in a story who might not have, and yet major computer problems in 2003 created the worry that some information may have been lost. We have done our best to make sure that everyone who sent us their story was included. If anyone's story or picture was accidentally omitted, we beg their pardon.

ADOLPH and FLORENCE (HASS) ANDERSON

Update from Sheridan's Daybreak II, page 924.

Adolph and Florence Anderson

Adolph Anderson was born February 18, 1908 in Coon Valley, WI. His parents were Reinhardt and Trina (Thomte) Anderson. Florence (Hass) Anderson was born March 7, 1917 on the family farm north of Westby. Her parents were Edward and Ruby (Tomke) Hass. Adolph and Florence married on September 24, 1939 at the First Lutheran Church of Westby. They had four children: Darrell (b. April 2, 1943); Merna (b. December 9, 1945); Marlene (b. September 6, 1949); and Vicki (b. April 18, 1954).

Adolph and Florence submitted their story in Daybreak II. An update of their lives since that story was compiled is as follows:

In 1989, Adolph and Florence moved their farmhouse the 10 miles south into Westby and it is now located on the lots formerly owned by Gordon Stubbe, just west across the street from the Westby School. Following this, they held a farm auction to sell all of the farm equipment, buildings, etc., and the wildlife refuge now owns the land where the farmstead stood.

Florence and Adolph celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 24, 1989. Shortly thereafter, Adolph was diagnosed with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease and eventually moved to the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood, MT. He was a resident there for seven years before passing away at the age of 89 on October 7, 1997.

Florence continued to live in her home in Westby with her sister-in-law, Thresa, until complications from hip surgery in August 2001 required her to move to the

Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home. She enjoyed the visits from her children and grandchildren, relatives, and friends. She resided there until passing away on December 10, 2003 at the age of 86. The east lounge of the nursing home is now named the "Adolph and Florence Anderson Lounge" in memory of the couple.

Adolph and Florence's children are Darrell, who is a CPA and lives in Seattle, WA; Merna (Anderson) Thane who is a district court magistrate in the Denver area and lives in Evergreen, CO; Marlene (Anderson) Swant (husband, Neil) who is the school secretary at Powell County High School and lives in Deer Lodge, MT; and Vicki (Anderson) Koterba (husband, Wayne) who is a medical transcription proofer and lives in Westby.

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Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz
documents

[Sept. 18, 1977]

Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz (b. 1900)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
September 18, 1977

Mrs. Elsie Kohlmeyer
1114 So. Dakota Avenue
Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

Dear Mrs. Kohlmeyer:

Amanda Rabe

I am a second cousin of yours, and you probably didn't even know until now that I existed--unless Amanda Rabe has recently written to you. My wife Elizabeth and I spent a long weekend in Denison County, Iowa, in August and had a wonderful time getting acquainted with a lot of newly-found relatives.

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

My mother was Edith Nemitz, and her father was William (Wilhelm) Nemitz, who was a brother of your grandfather, Ernst. They lived first in Illinois, then moved to Bay City, Michigan, where my parents were married and I was born.

After my parents died, I realized that I knew nothing of my ancestry beyond my grandparents, and I began to work on genealogy as a hobby. In the process I learned that my grandfather had a brother on a farm somewhere in Iowa, but I didn't know where.

See Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

LeRoy Nemitz and Elaine Nemitz

Then two years ago we took a trip out to Montana and British Columbia, where I met some first cousins I had never met before. They told me the place was Charter Oak, Iowa. Through the telephone directory I began to correspond with LeRoy and Elaine Nemitz, but it wasn't until this year that we had a chance to visit them.

As I said, we had a wonderful time meeting relatives and accumulating genealogical information. I can hardly believe how much information we were able to get in such a short time.

Enclosed are three sheets that relate to your part of the family. I hope you will be kind enough to check them over carefully and make any corrections or additions you are aware of. I'd appreciate it very much if you'd keep one copy and send the other one back to me with your corrections. I'd also like to have the information about your children and grandchildren.

Although you never knew your Grandfather and Grandmother Nemitz personally, I'm sure you heard your parents and others talk about them. I'd love to have you tell me all you know about them. Do you have any old records, such as obituaries, newspaper clippings, letters, or a family Bible?

We know there were two brothers of Ernst and Wilhelm who stayed in Germany. We don't know their names, but we believe they lived in Stolp. Do you have any knowledge of correspondence your father may have had with any relatives in Germany?

Before closing, I should tell you that I began as a heating and ventilating engineer working with my father in Saginaw, Michigan, for four years. Then I decided to enter the ministry (Baptist). I graduated from a seminary in Rochester, N.Y., then took graduate work at the University of Chicago Divinity School while serving as an assistant minister there. I've been the Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for the past 26 years. My wife Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher before we were married and more recently has been the author of books for children. We have two sons: Jim, 30, and Tom, 29; neither one is married.

Enclosed is a picture of my wife and me, along with a couple we took in Iowa when we were there. Perhaps some day we'll be able to meet you. I hope so.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[May 30, 1978]

Cook gets surprise of her life

By GAIL RICHARDSON
Argus-Leader Staff Writer

Elsie Kohlmeyer seemed quite composed Sunday as about 70 of her relatives — some from as far away as Washington state — came trooping into the Senior Citizens Center.

But she confessed to a friend, "I wanted to cry and then I thought, 'Oh no, that don't look good.'"

Mrs. Kohlmeyer, 77, was the surprise subject of the Senior Citizens Center's second annual "This is Your Life" program, modeled after the television show of the same name.

Before an audience whose members have enjoyed Mrs. Kohlmeyer's generosity as cook and hostess at the center, her relatives recounted the special little memories of life on a South Dakota farm.

The subject of the program moved from Iowa to a farm near Wolsey, S.D. at age 10. In her early teens, she went to work cleaning house, and at age 16, married the brother of her employer.

They farmed, raised three children, struggled through the dirty thirties, and in 1947, gave up farming and came to Sioux Falls, where Mrs. Kohlmeyer went to work at the Sioux Falls Tent and Awning Company.

From 1963 to 1965, she worked at Raven Industries, Inc., making balloons. After that, she retired for her health.

Her husband Emil died in 1973.

A few weeks ago, she became a great-great grandmother.

"Do you remember that right after you were married, I came to stay with you and Emil and a snowstorm came and we couldn't get home for about a month?" came the voice from the tape recorder by the stage Sunday. "I was only about six years old, but I believe you were more homesick than I was."

"My brother, Herb!" — she identified the voice as her brother from Brookings came walking onto the stage. "My goodness, Herb, why didn't you tell me?"

"My parents lived neighbors to you and Emil for many years and you were the closest of friends," came another voice. "I best remember my mother and you cooking for threshers together. There was always a crew of men that worked together whenever the Gaffney threshing machine was in the area. Many hours were spent fixing scrumptious meals. You were an excellent cook, Elsie."

That was the little girl from next door — the former Joy Sibbers, now Joy Johnson — all grown up and come from Huron to help honor her old neighbor.

"I stayed with you while I attended Nettleton Commercial College in 1964-65," said another voice. "Without the support, inspiration, love and attention you and grandpa gave me — and of course, your good cooking, Grandma — I wouldn't have attained the goals I set for myself."

"Kenny! Oh, my goodness, Kenny — from Colorado," was the grandmother's reaction when her grandson walked on stage.

While Mrs. Kohlmeyer kept dry eyes through it all, her whole family didn't follow suit, and the sentimental ones seemed to be the men in the family. From time to time they could be seen on stage pulling out their big white handkerchiefs and drying their eyes.

Preparations for the "This is Your Life" program have been under way since December, according to Senior Citizens Center director Milo Norwick.

The honoree, he said, is intended to be "a person that's not in the limelight — one who is in the background giving a lot of themselves."

Mrs. Kohlmeyer, who proudly tells that she was the 446th person to join the center, used to volunteer every day to prepare noon meals at the center for a group of 15 to 40 people.

She's now a paid staff member of the center's federally-funded nutrition program.

Each year, she donates a quilt to be raffled off for the benefit of the center.

At center potlucks, she's known for the scrumptious buns she brings. She has another special dish — pfeffernuese — a little German cookie. Her reaction when that specialty was brought up probably tells a lot about why she was chosen as Sunday's honoree:

"If I'd have known, I could have brought some."

See also next page

← See previous page

Elsie Kohlmeyer accepts congratulations from Ernest Sibbers, an old neighbor from near Wolsey, S.D., at the Senior Citizens Center Sunday. The great-great grandmother was honored at the center's second annual "This is Your Life" program, for which relatives came from as far away as Washington state. She greeted relatives and fellow center members at a reception after the program.

[DEW's notes from a conversation at a Minneapolis motel with Elsie and her son — see his letter on the next page.] [Aug. 19, 1978]

8/19/78

✓ Caroline Hopping mother was Elsie's Mother
[Mrs. Heinrich Rix (Augusta Rasch)]

Mrs. Helmuth Knuth (Bertha Rasch)

✓ August Rasch

Wilhelmina/Wilhelmine Knuth (b. 1841)

children of Mrs. Ernst Namitz by her first husband, Ernst Rasch

Ernst Rasch

✓ John + Donna — Kenneth, Kevin + Michael
also Diane + Karen

~~Two~~ One brother in Washington + one in Brookings
(Robert + Richard)

✓ Amanda, Ricketts, Iowa

✓ John — Winchester — Mid-Town Storage + Distrib.
Commercial Pilot

Elsie work at Sioux City center

✓ John Kohlmeyer
2004 E. 5th St.
Sioux Falls 57103

See DEW's Dec. 31, 1978 letter below.

See DEW's Oct. 9, 1978, letter on the next page.

Elsie Kohlmeyer
Here with son
wife + 3 boys
Howard Johnson
8401 Oak Creek Ave.
by Airport
~~12:00~~ Rm 259
11:40 854-8400
when
Mother's life was threatened
had surgery

8/19/78

← See previous page.

[Oct. 9, 1978]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
October 9, 1978

Dear Elsie,

I have had these pictures for several weeks, intending to send them to you, but I kept expecting to make copies of some genealogical sheets to send along.

I finally decided to send the pictures without waiting to find time to copy the genealogical sheets. We think they came out rather well, and we hope you like them, too.

We are so pleased that you called when you were here, so we could come out to the motel to talk with you and your son and his family. We were also thrilled to have a copy of the newspaper article about your "This is your Life" award. We'll write more when we send the other information.

Love, David + Elizabeth

See May 30, 1978 document, above.

[Dec. 31, 1978]

John Kohlmeyer, Elsie's son

December 31, 1978

Dear John and Donna,

I want to end the old year right by sending you the enclosed Hanitz family history sheets. I'm sorry it has taken me so long, but I'm glad to have them ready at last.

As you can see, I have made you a copy of all the family record sheets I have on the descendants of Ernst and Wilhelmina Hanitz. Of course, you will want to remove the paper fasteners and place these sheets in a regular 3-hole notebook cover.

I hope this will be the start of an interesting hobby of genealogy for you. Once you get started, there is no end to the information you can amass--not only in the Hanitz line, but also in all your other ancestral lines.

Did I give you blank copies of the record sheets I use, so you can reproduce them? If I can be of any help or answer any questions, please let me know.

Editor's note: I'm surprised to see this! Dad almost never accepted payment for photocopying or other expenses. Odd! TFW, Feb. 23, 2023

I hesitate to mention it, but I think you said you would be willing to pay for Xeroxing these sheets. At 5¢ per sheet, this would be $3.25 for 32 sheets. I had to do both the front and back of each page, since I put all the footnotes on the back. (Whatever you do, always be sure to mark down where you get every piece of information.)

We had a lovely note from your mother, and we were sorry to hear about her illness during the fall. It will certainly be better for her to move into an apartment.

It was a great pleasure to meet all of you in Minneapolis last summer, and we hope to get together with you again some time. Be sure to let us know when you are coming this way.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

[This list was written by Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz (b. 1900)] [Undated – ca. 1978]

These are my children

Blandina Anna Dories Kohlmeyer Born March 13-1919 Aberdeen
She married Harold Bothwell Feb. 19, 1939 at Walsey S.D.
After their marriage they moved to Colman S.D.
and still live in Colman.
They have 2 children
Carlene Ann born March 21-1940 Colman
Kenneth Harold born April 12-1945 Colman

Than John Henry Carl Kohlmeyer born Nov. 19-1925 Aberdeen
He married Donna Kruger at Sioux Falls S.D.
May 19-1949
They have 5 children
Kermit Gene Kohlmeyer born Feb. 2-1950 Sioux Falls
Diane Kay Kohlmeyer " April 28 1951 " "
Karen Ann Kohlmeyer born Dec. 18-1952 "
Kevin John Kohlmeyer born March 16-1963 "
Michael Kohlmeyer Born Nov. 16 1964 "

Than William Martin Kohlmeyer born Nov. 20-1930
married Florence Stueder Oct. 7-1951
They have 6 children
Carma Lee Kohlmeyer born June 26-1952 Sioux Falls
David Kohlmeyer " May 14-1954 "
Connie Kay Kohlmeyer born May 10-1960 "
Daryl Kohlmeyer born June 21-1961 "
Cathy Lee Kohlmeyer born Nov. 19-1963 "
Dale Kohlmeyer born Oct. 7-1964 "

So I have 13 grand children
and 13 great grand children
and One great great grand child

Iva Lee and Gerald Kuhlmann

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[Letter from Iva Lee about the death of her mother, Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)] [Feb. 7, 1988]

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Log 1127

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Log 1127

2-7-88

Dear David & Elizabeth -

Have been wanting to write to you & tell you that our dear Mother passed away Feb 16th of '87. She was very sick the last six months, in & out of hospitals & then needed my sisters & I to care for her - about five weeks before her death she was in a care center - she was not happy to go, but needed professional care. Her liver was not functioning well - she filled with fluid much agony - death was a beautiful blessing for her - she waited so long with much suffering

When life can no longer be fulfilling the Lord in His good time releases us from our burdens. Her faith was very strong. She would have been interested in your genealogy findings in regard to your ancestors. She relayed this information to Mom's sister who lives near here - She is the only one left of the Daniel Nemitz family. If you want to keep in touch with us we certainly would enjoy hearing of your discoveries in our ancestral background.

May you be blessed with a happy year.

With love

Ivo Lee Kuhlmann
Charles Oak, Ia. 51439

Sam Amond's
eldest daughter

[Dec. 11, 1989]

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Treasured Seasons

For everything there is
an appointed season.
And a time for everything
under heaven-
A time for sharing,
a time for caring;
A time for loving,
a time for giving;
A time for remembering,
a time for parting.
You have made everything
beautiful in its time
for everything You do
remains forever.

In Loving Memory of
RICHARD KUHLMANN
June 23, 1947 - December 8, 1989

Services
St. John's Lutheran Church
Charter Oak, Iowa
10:30 A. M., Monday - December 11, 1989

Officiating
Pastor L. C. Gebhardt
Vicar Andrew Currao

Organist
Mr. Art Beeck

Congregational Hymns
"Lift High the Cross" V 1, 4 & 5 LW 311
"How Great Thou Art" LW 519

Kuhlmann Sisters
"If I Could See Your Eyes"

Pallbearers

Gary Christiansen	David L. Johnson
James L. Jurgens	William Magill
Marlowe Schultz	Russell Westphalen

Interment
St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
Charter Oak, Iowa

Everyone is invited to return to the Church for fellowship and refreshments

Walter A. Huebner & Sons Funeral Service

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Richard Kuhlmann was born June 23, 1947 in Charter Oak. He died December 8, 1989 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, Iowa at the age of fourty two. Richard was the son of Gerald and IvaLee Green Kuhlmann.

Richard was Baptized in the Christian Faith as an infant July 24, 1947 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, where he was later Confirmed March 26, 1961.

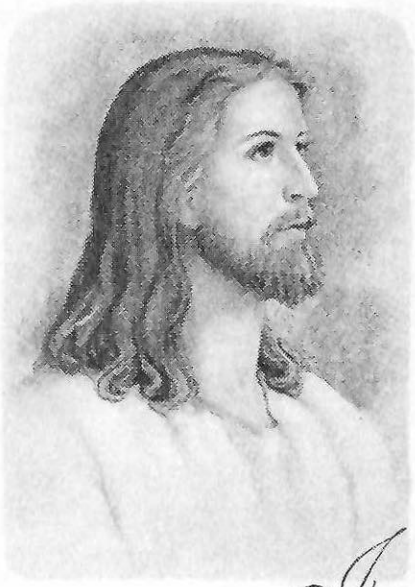
As a young boy he attended school in Charter Oak, where he graduated from high school in 1965. He continued his education at Iowa State University graduating in 1969 with a Bachelors of Science Degree and again in 1971 with a Masters Degree in Agronomy.

After graduation in 1971, he returned to Charter Oak where he continued farming. On November 24, 1973, Richard and Susan Hanneman of Schleswig were united in marriage at the United Church of Christ in Schleswig by the Rev. R. J. Ratzlaff. Sharing their lives together, the Lord blessed Susan and Richard with three children.

Throughout his life, Richard was dedicated to his Lord and Savior, as evidenced by his participation in Church activities and responsibilities which include memberships in: St. John's Voters Assembly; Board of Education; and past President of St. John's Congregation. He was a fine son, loving husband and devoted father who cherished the love of all those he loved.

In addition to his Lord and family, Richard had a Strong commitment to his community, and was active in community betterment and was currently serving as Vice President of the Charter Oak Community Club. Athletics and fishing occupied part of his leisure time in addition to his family.

He is preceeded in death by both his maternal and paternal grand parents, and is surrived by: his wife Susan; three children: Amber, Ryan, and Rachelle all at home in Charter Oak; his parents, Mr. Mrs. Gerald Kuhlmann, of Charter Oak; one brother Mark and his wife Kelley, of Charter Oak; three sisters: Kathryn and her husband, Alan Sievers of Ankeny, Iowa; Julie and her husband, Charles Woodworth of Ankeny, Iowa; and Kristin Kuhlmann of Ames, Iowa.



In Remembrance

[Mar. 19, 1990]

Mr. + Mrs. Gerald Kuhlmann

March 19, 1990

Dear Don Lee + Gerald,

Elaine Nemitz (see DEW's Sept. 18, 1977, letter in the Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz section of folder 2.12)

We were very sorry to hear from Elaine in her Christmas letter that your son Richard had died early in December. She sent us a copy of the memorial folder. We know that you and your whole family were greatly distressed to lose him at so young an age, and you have often been in our thoughts and prayers.

I am reminded that you wrote us a lovely note two years ago telling us of the death of your mother and her illness during her last six months. I did an want to write to you at that time and express our sympathy, but we were in the midst of preparations for a month-long trip to Britain with many arrangements to make and letters to write to relatives there, so I never got around to it. We were very fond of Amanda from the moment we met her and were very grateful for her help in finding records of the family in that area. We're sure you still miss her.

A few days ago I came across some extra copies of pictures I took when we were there in 1977 and 1978. I had intended to send these copies to you and to Phyllis and Eric, but I had lost them at the bottom of a pile on my desk. I decided you and they might as well have them, as someone in your families would no doubt like them. Please see that Phyllis and Eric get theirs, as I do not have their addresses. I'm also enclosing a picture of Elizabeth and me taken in England in 1988.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [Apr. 12, 1997]

Cheri Schwalbe 6106 47th Ave N.

← Cheri Greene

Telephone call to Iva Lee Kuhlmann - 4/12/97

1-712-678-3769 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kuhlmann

Hope everyone is well in your family. 6" snow?

Have some very interesting news. Maybe you have heard from LaRoy and Elaine.

I've found a cousin of ours in Germany, and he is coming to Milwaukee in June, and I'm going there to meet him.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I've been trying to find other relatives of his who will go to Milwaukee, too, to meet him. So far there are seven other relatives from Michigan and Wisconsin who are going, and I'd like to find some to go from the Iowa Nemitz family. I'd like to have your help in trying to find someone.

His name is Dr. Friedrich Nemitz & he's a dentist. His father was my second cousin and your mother's second cousin, so he is your third cousin.

Amazing story how we were brought together after our families had been out of touch with each other for 125 years.

We gets to Milwaukee on Thurs, June 26, and flies back to Germany on Mon, June 30. I'm trying to get people to be there especially on Saturday, June 28, so we'll have time to talk to him and to other Nemitz relatives who come, many of whom we haven't met before. Sort of wild Nemitz reunion.

Do you think you and Gerald would be interested in going?

Would you be willing to help me find others who might go?

Do you know any relatives who live in Wisconsin or Illinois? or western Iowa

Could you give me the names of your cousins who live in Minn.?

I've also talked to Janice & David Nemitz to enlist their help.

Timothy Greene ↓

Minneapolis ←

JoAnn Bertelson ←

Timothy Greene still lives in Mpls. Has two machine shops - one in Audubon, Iowa. His mother died around New Years. He played soccer and went to Germany. Has friend there. Might be interested in going to Milwaukee. Doesn't est.

[Feb. 11, 1998]

February 11, 1998
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Plans for Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis

Mrs. Gerald Kuhlmann
Charter Oak, IA 51439

Dear Iva Lee,

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I'm writing to see if I can convince you and Gerald to plan a trip to Minneapolis in June, when our cousin from Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, comes for a visit.

I have wanted to write to you ever since I got back from Milwaukee last summer, where I went to meet Friedrich. We had a wonderful time, and I know he enjoyed it very much. But after I returned home, my life was so hectic all summer and fall that I just couldn't find time to write.

Now he's planning a return trip, and this time his wife, Renate, will be coming, as well as his cousin, Hans-Joachim Nemitz, and his wife, Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes. They will be coming to Minneapolis on Friday, June 19th, and will stay until Thursday, June 25th, when they will go to Milwaukee for the annual Pommerntag.

I'm trying to get a large group of their American relatives to come and meet them (and each other!), and it looks as though we'll have a pretty good turnout. I find that, including my family, there are about thirty Nemitz descendants in and near the Twin City metropolitan area. Can you believe it? Maybe we could count on half of them coming. Then I hope to get a few each from the Seattle area, from Montana, and from Iowa. Doesn't that sound exciting?

In Minnesota besides Timothy Greene and his sister, Cheri Schwalbe, there are Marjorie and Robert Lackmann in Sauk Centre, and I find they have both a daughter and a son living in Minneapolis. Then there is a large family who descend from Johanna Tomke, a sister of Wilhelm and Ernst Nemitz. So far I have only met one of that family, Sharon Rose.

My family consists of two sons, Tom and Jim, both of whom live in Minneapolis. My wife Elizabeth had Alzheimer's and died 2½ years ago. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter, Rebecca. He and his wife Virginia have separated, and he lives with me now. Rebecca is with us about half the time. My other son, Jim, is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg, in an apartment about a mile from me, so I see them frequently.

Out in the Seattle area there are a number of descendants of Ernst's son John and Anna Fick. Perhaps you know about them. In particular there are LeAnn Bench and Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, a dentist, whom Friedrich, also a dentist, is hoping very much to meet. Jeffrey wants to come and is trying to work it out.

In Montana are some who descend both from my grandfather, Wilhelm, and from Johanna Tomke. (My mother's sister Bertha married her cousin, Herman Tomke.) They are Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, both of whom went all the way to Milwaukee last summer to meet Friedrich. I know they'd like to come to Minneapolis in June.

So that brings me to you and the others in Iowa. I hope you will start now to work out your plans so you can join us. Probably there are also others there who would like to meet their German and American relatives and who could arrange the time and afford the trip. Any time between June 19th and June 24th would work out fine, but the largest group will probably be here sometime during the weekend, from Friday evening to Monday morning.

I have arranged for Friedrich and his family to stay at the Regency Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. It is the least expensive of the downtown hotels, but it is approved by the AAA, and it has all the features we need. Rooms cost $66 for two in a king-size double bed, and I believe that those who come from out-of-town will want to stay there.

Please give this your serious consideration and start talking to others in the Iowa Nemitz family. I look forward to hearing from you when you are able to write.

Love,

David

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(K)

[Apr. 23, 1998]

Call to Iva Lee Kuhlman - 4/23/98
1-712-678-3769
She wrote to me last week. Hope arrived.
Sent letter on to couple of cousins
She and a sister have talked about coming.
One sister's health not the best

May stay with Cheri Schwebke if she comes.

One sister may come with her.

Her daughter is moving about June 15, and they will have to be with her.

She will let me know for sure early in June.

[More reunion plans] [June 8, 1998]

(Lois → 1-712-885-2257)

Call from Eva Lee Kuhlmann 6/8/98
(I called back at Lois')

She and her husband Henry are coming and also her sister Lois Kuhlmann and husband Herb.
They will drive up on Friday, June 19, in time for dinner + will eat with us.
They will be there all day Saturday and will leave after lunch on Sunday.
They will stay at the hotel.

She talked to Cleo Schwalbe today and she said if Eva Lee was coming, she would come some time.
Marjorie Lackmann also told her she would come if they did. Eva Lee will call her today and ask her to call me.

Marjorie Lackmann (of Sauk Center, MN)

Lois's husband Herb does pretty well with German, so he will be able to help translate.

[Dec. 2, 1998]

Charter Oak, Iowa
51439

12/2/98

Dear Iva Lee + Gerald,

I'm finally getting around to sending you these pictures, which I have intended to do for several months, as you can imagine.

Thank you very much for coming to our reunion. We all had a good time, and I know everyone was glad to meet you.

We're having such warm weather here that it's almost unbelievable. Probably you're having the same kind of weather.

I hope all is well with you, and I'm getting along fine.

Love,

David

[July 8, 1999]

Gerald cancer-colon

Herb lung cancer

Howard Kohn (author)

Tel. call to Eva Lee Kuhlmann, 7/8/99
1-712-678-3769

Is this a good time for you to talk? I have a long story to tell you.

Calling to tell you about a new cousin of ours I discovered a while ago. Actually I had him in my records, but I never knew much about him. His name is Howard Kohn, and he is part of the Zomke family of Bay County, Mich. Do you remember that your great-grandfather Ernst and my grandfather William had a sister Johanna Maintz who married Johann Zomke? They lived on a farm in Bay County and were very active in a Missouri Synod Luth. church. One of their daughters married Henry Kohn, and that's where Howard comes from.

All I knew about Howard was that he was interested in family history and that he had written a book. Many years ago I wrote to him about my interest in genealogy, but as often happens, he never replied. I didn't know whether he didn't get my letter or whether he just didn't want to get involved with another relative. He lives in a suburb of Washington, D.C.

Several months ago I decided to contact him once again, but this time I called instead of writing, so I'd know I had reached him without having to wait for a reply. Fortunately, I reached him and found him very willing to talk and to share family information with me.

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I asked him about his book and found that the title is *The Last Farmer*. It's about Howard's father and about Howard's growing up on the farm and then going off to do other things. He graduated from the University of Michigan and became a journalist. He wrote for the *Detroit Free Press* and later for the magazine *Rolling Stone*, becoming one of its editors. He has won many awards in journalism.

When I found out the book was out of print, I got several copies through used book stores I discovered on the Internet. I not only wanted to read it myself, but I wanted to give it to several relatives, because many of the people he writes about are relatives of ours. It's a very moving book about his family, the farm, and the community.

I'm going to send you a copy as a gift. It's really for all of you relatives in Iowa. I'm sure you'll pass it on to Lois and Hart. Another couple I want to ~~[illegible]~~ send it are Jo Ray and Elaine Nemitz. This particular book will have great interest for all of you Iowa families, because you are still engaged in farming and are active in the Missouri Synod Church. I think you will be pleased and proud to be related to the author.

I also learned that Howard had written a more recent book called *We Had a Dream*. It's about the struggle for racial integration in America. So I got a copy and read it through and was greatly impressed. You may not be as interested in that book, but if

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you are, you'll have to get it through your library on interlibrary loan, or buy it through your local bookstore.

By the way, our cousin Friedrich in Germany is now on the Internet, and a couple of weeks ago I had an E-mail from him saying he had to go into the hospital for prostate cancer surgery. I haven't heard anything further, but I hope he's getting along well.

I hope you are both well. I'm in pretty good health at the moment.

Lois and Herbert Kuhlmann

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[June 26, 1998]

6/26/98

Dear David -

We thank you for all the work you did to get this reunion together - It was wonderful - We got home safely Sun. evening about 8:30 - What a joy to meet the

Sending grateful thanks
and asking God to bless you.

German relatives - and the others also - We will never forget it - I hope you can relax now. May God bless you for all your work. Thank you also for the lunch at your home. It was just perfect - We enjoyed meeting Tom & Jim also - If you are ever in Iowa please come & see us - Herb is back to speaking English but enjoyed the German - Far from correct - but was able to communicate some -

God's Blessings to you all -

Herb and Lois

[Dec. 2, 1998]

Alta, Iowa
51060

12/2/98

Dear Lois + Herb,

Thanks for the lovely note you sent after you got home last summer. I think we all had a great time, and I thank you for making the effort to come. Everyone was glad to meet you, and Herb added a lot with his German.

Here are some pictures I've been going to send for a long time, but just let it slip because I was so busy. Hope all is going well with you. I'm getting along fine.

Love, David

[Oct. 30, 2001]

Subj: **Herb**
Date: 10/30/01 3:04:22 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Helokuhl@iowatelecom.net

Herb's funeral

Dear Lois,

Marge Lackmann called last week and said she had just returned from Herb's funeral. I was greatly distressed to hear about his death, and I want to let you know I am thinking about you and your family and praying for you at this time. I know Herb's health had not been good the last couple of years, but his death was still a shock, and he will be greatly missed. I was so glad you and he were able to come up here in 1998 for our mini-reunion.

I'm sure Herb was looking forward to the reunion there in 2002. It's a shame he won't be able to enjoy it. You and the others are putting out a lot of effort, and I hope it is a great success and draws a lot of people from near and far.

As you know, I haven't been doing any travel for a long time now, but I am really giving serious thought to trying to go to the 2002 reunion. One of my problems is being away from home overnight, because of my complicated lifestyle and regime. Since Iowa is so close, I thought maybe I could be there part of the time and just be away one night. But my sons are trying to convince me I could be away two nights. So if one of them will drive, I may be able to do it. I would certainly love to be there. We'll just have to see how it works out.

Once again I say my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Love, David

[July 26, 2002]

July 26-02

Dear David,

We are enjoying cooler days with little showers of rain - We constantly are praying for rain -

I am sending the cookbook - I hope you can enjoy it -

We are planning on 45-50 people here Fri. eve - 190-200 on Sat. at the park - and 140+ at church on Sunday - We have 30 singing in the choir -

Lipa Papps from Canada was especially wanting to meet you -

Will you still have a minute to write a note that we could share with the group on Sat. eve. at the motel - Would appreciate it -

God's blessings -

Love -

Lois Kuhlmann

Helmut Kunefke

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Editor's Note

This section consists primarily of email messages between Dad and a correspondent within Germany named Helmut Kunefke. Dad was very hopeful that Helmut would be able to facilitate his access to German source material that hadn't been destroyed or lost over the years.

Dad's connection to Helmut probably resulted from their mutual involvement with a website called Pommern-L, through which Dad had just discovered the existence of a previously unknown cousin, Bradley (Brad) Emerson Babcock (b. 1972). Helmut appears to have been involved with a sublist of email users conducting research on families from Stolp in Pommern (the German name for Pomerania). His group was called "Arbeitskreis [working group] Familienforscher Stolper-Lande in Stolper Heimatkreise [home circles]."

There was a connection of some kind between Helmut and a man named Wolfgang Langkabel. Perhaps one was Dad's original source and the other was an associate and/or translator. At any rate, their surnames were close enough to each other in the alphabet that I ran across them almost simultaneously in Dad's files; Wolfgang's section of documents is the third one after this section.

The Helmut Kunefke documents begin (rather suddenly) with a March 8, 1999, message to Dad from Helmut, making reference to an earlier email from Dad (not in the file) that apparently mentioned a catastrophic 1842 fire in Dammen, the town in Stolp where our Nemitz forebears lived.

Tom Witheridge
March 6, 2023

[Mar. 8, 1999]

1842 Dammen fire

Subj: **AW: Dammen 1842 Fire**
Date: 3/8/99 3:54:28 PM Central Standard Time
From: HKun.Slg@t-online.de (Helmut Kunefke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hello David
many thank for your information of Dammen. What is the name and adress from your relative in Germany? Is that christoph.nemitz@T-Online.de ? Is Dr.Friedrich Nemitz his Father or uncle?
I will your both put in my adresslist in my homepage.
Now I found the information in the book "Landkreis Stolp in Pommern" from K.H. Pagel printed 1989 in Lübeck on page 429 in german:
"Als am 14. August 1842 im Pfarrhaus eine Feuer ausbrach, wurde fast das ganze Dorf in Asche gelegt, wobei auch die Dorfchronik und viele alte Akten vernichtet wurden"

best regards
Helmut Kunefke
mailto:HKun.Slg@t-online.de
http://home.t-online.de/home/HKun.Slg
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Landkreise Stolp,Schlawe,Rummelsburg,Bütow,Lauenburg
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Gesendet am: Dienstag, 9. Februar 1999 16:16
An: Pommern-L@genealogy.net
Cc: christoph.nemitz@T-Online.de
Betreff: Dammen 1842 Fire

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I got the information about the fire in Dammen from my relative in Germany. He said that he had inquired into the history of Dammen and found that in 1842
there was a big fire that burned down most of the houses, but he didn't say where he had read that information.

I assume there was a newspaper in Stolp in 1842, which would have mentioned the fire in Dammen. Would there be back copies of such a paper in some university library or some archive?

David E. Witheridge

[May 4 – 24, 2000]

Transatlantic frustration

Subj: **Rathsdamnitz Church Books**
Date: 5/4/00 9:52:37 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: webmaster@stolp.de
CC: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de

Hello, Helmut,

You remember that last year you gave me information about the fire that destroyed most of Dammen in 1842. After that fire my great-grandparents apparently moved to the Rathsdamnitz parish, because their son Ferdinand was baptized there in 1844. Ferdinand was Dr. Friedrich Nemitz's great-grandfather.

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Thank you for your help.

Sincerely, David Witheridge

Subj: **Rathsdamnitz Church Books**
Date: 5/2/00 4:50:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: HKun.Slg@t-online.de
CC: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de

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Subj: **E-mail**
Date: 5/24/00 1:26:33 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: webmaster@stolp.de

Dear Helmut,

Did you get the e-mail message I sent on May 4th? The first two e-mail addresses I used didn't work. They must have been too old. But the third one seemed to go through. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

David Witheridge

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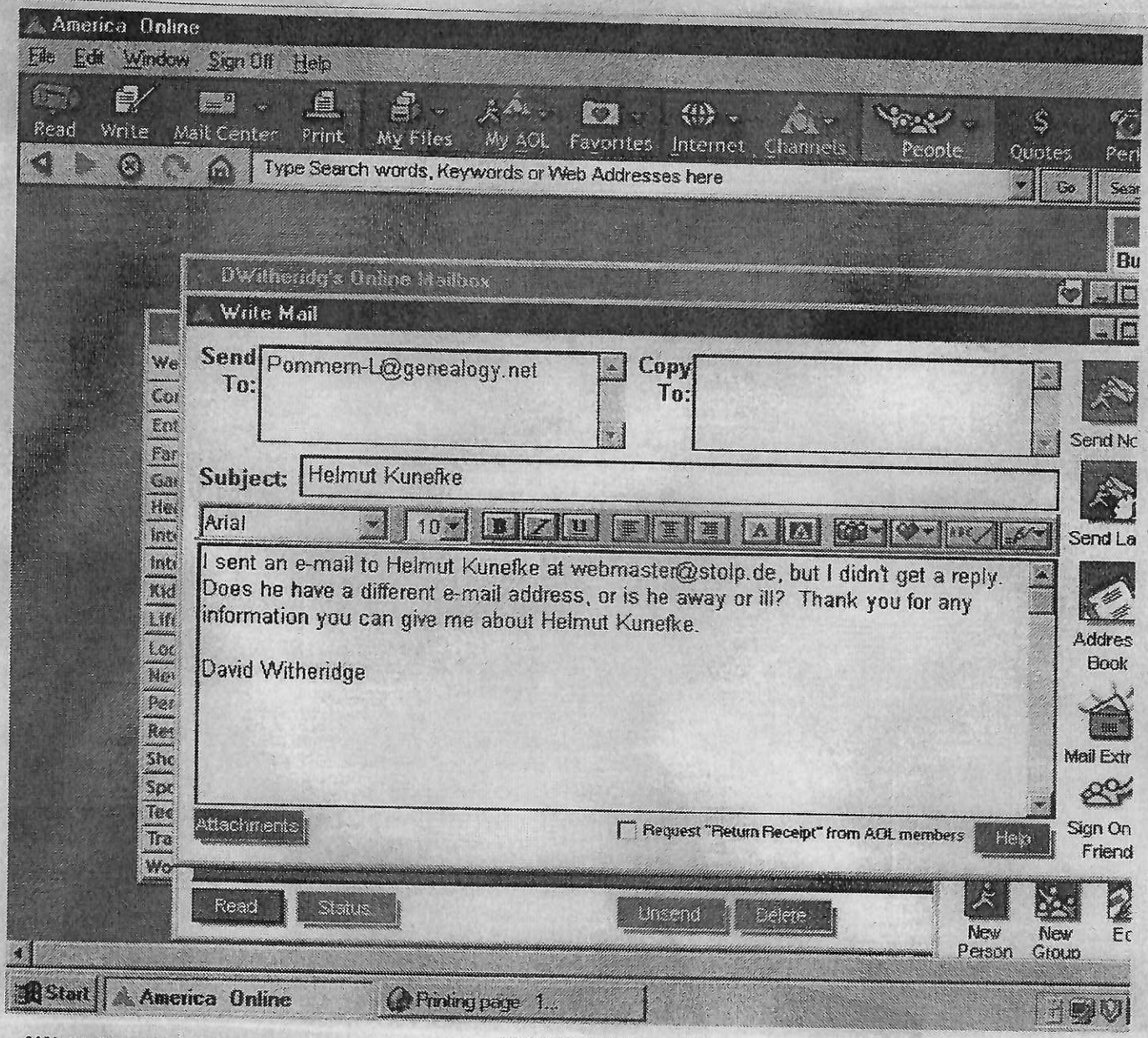
[June 6, 2000]

Subj: **Helmut Kunefke**
Date: 6/11/00 5:10:54 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Pommem-L@genealogy.net

I sent an e-mail to Helmut Kunefke at webmaster@stolp.de, but I didn't get a reply. Does he have a different e-mail address, or is he away or ill? Thank you for any information you can give me about Helmut Kunefke.

David Witheridge



Subj: **AW: Helmut Kunefke**
Date: 6/11/00 5:48:55 PM Central Daylight Time
From: pvberlin@gmx.de (Peter Vogel)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com ('DWitheridg@aol.com')

Hallo David,

please try it with helmut.kunefke@stolp.de.

best regards from Peter Vogel

Subj: **Re: Helmut Kunefke**
Date: 6/11/00 6:01:55 PM Central Daylight Time
From: hines60@hotmail.com (Katharina Hines)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi,
Here is the other E-Mail address
HKun.Slg@t-online.de
This weekend, is a long weekend in Germany it is Pfingsten/Whitsunday.
Katharina

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[June 12, 2000]

Subj: **Rathsdamnitz Church Books**
Date: 6/12/00 8:11:11 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: helmut.kunefke@stolp.de

Hello, Helmut,

You remember that last year you gave me information about the fire that destroyed most of Dammen in 1842. After that fire my great-grandparents apparently moved to the Rathsdamnitz parish, because their son Ferdinand was baptized there in 1844. Ferdinand was Dr. Friedrich Nemitz's great-grandfather.

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DWitheridg's Online Mailbox

Re: Helmut Kunefke

Subj: **Re: Helmut Kunefke**
Date: 6/12/00 10:05:28 AM Central Daylight Time
From: sbiedron@home.com (Susan Biedron)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

You can try helmut.kunefke@stolp.de
Be patient, he will get back to you - he is very busy and was probably
at the large Pommern meeting in Griefswald last week.
Susan

DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:
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[June 13, 2000]

Subj: **AW: Rathsdamnitz Church Books**
Date: 6/13/00 5:30:23 AM Central Daylight Time
From: helmut@kunefke.de (Helmut Kunefke)
Reply-to: helmut@kunefke.de
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Finally!

Hello David,

now we have a microfilm from the churchbook "Damnitz, Loitz und Podewilshausen" and we shell have a paper copy of the microfilm. It's in work in Bonn by brothers wolter of "Heimatstube". We must a little wait until it's ready. After this I think Dr. Friedrich Nemitz can read this book. I had some years ago sit on this book in Stolp and this is difficult to read the old letters. Everyone must have time to read the book. Now let us a little wait and you can ask me back, when it is ready?

best wishes
Helmut Kunefke
Arbeitskreis Familienforscher Stolper-Lande
in Stolper Heimatkreise e.V.

> ---Ursprüngliche Nachricht---
> Von: DWitheridg@aol.com [mailto:DWitheridg@aol.com]
> Gesendet am: Dienstag, 13. Juni 2000 03:11
> An: helmut.kunefke@stolp.de
> Betreff: Rathsdamnitz Church Books
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> Hello, Helmut,
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> You remember that last year you gave me information about the fire that
> destroyed most of Dammen in 1842. After that fire my great-grandparents
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Subj: **Re: AW: Rathsdamnitz Church Books**
Date: 6/13/00 5:01:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: helmut@kunefke.de

Thank you, Helmut, for your reply about the church books. I assume that "Damnitz" is a short way of referring to Rathsdamnitz. I'm glad there is now a microfilm copy of the churchbook in Germany, so that it is now preserved for the future. I know these old books are hard to read, as I have done a little of that at the LDS (Mormon) library, but of course it is easier for someone who can read German and knows the old script. I will have patience and wait until the paper copy is ready. Then after that I hope Dr. Nemitz will be able to look at it. if you think of it, maybe you can let me know when it is ready. Otherwise, I will contact you again later.

Best wishes, David Witheridge

[June 14, 2000]

Subj: **Helmut Kunefke**
Date: 6/14/00 3:02:50 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de ← Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Hello, Friedrich,

I think I sent you a copy of the e-mail I sent to Helmut Kunefke on May 4, 2000 about the Rathsdamnitz church books. (If you did not get it, please let me know, and I'll send you a copy.)

I kept expecting a reply from him, but finally I decided he had not seen it. So I asked on the Pommern-L mailing list what e-mail address I should use for him. I got a different address, and I sent him the same message again. This time I got a reply the next day, and I'm forwarding a copy of it to you. (If you don't get it, let me know, and I'll send it to you as a regular e-mail.)

It sounds as though you will be able to look at the paper copy of the microfilm somewhere in Germany later this year--probably after you get back from America. Than we may be able to learn more about our family during the years when they were in the Rathsdamnitz area.

Sincerely, David

Subj: **informationes**
Date: 6/17/00 3:33:11 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de (Dr. Friedrich Nemitz)
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hello, David,
thank you for your e-mail from the 14 nd of June. I have also becomit your e-mail on the 4 nd of May, thank you very much.
Now I have take contact with Helmut Kunefke, but I havn´d become answer to day.
You become another more informationes.
Love Friedrich and Renate

Editor's note

His garbled English is infinitely better than my nonexistent German!
T.F.W.
Mar. 8, 2023

[Aug. 25 – Dec. 29, 2000]

Subj: **New mailing-list for family-researching in Stolp / Pommerania**
Date: 8/25/00 3:46:58 PM Central Daylight Time
From: helmut@kunefke.de (Helmut Kunefke)
Reply-to: helmut@kunefke.de
To: fred@k2nesoft.com (Rump, W. Fred), jsalmons@facstaff.wisc.edu (Salmons, Joseph C.), FSawusch.BBG@t-online.de (Sawusch, Fred), jschiebe@acunet.net (Schiebe, Jeff), werner@bitstorm.net (Schmiedeberg, Werner), schmittc@chiriqui.com (Schmitt, Clayton), darcys@juno.com (Schultz, Darcy K), SchultzJG@aol.com (SchultzJG@aol. com), Stuart_Schulz@ucit.com (Schulz, Stuart), schwartz@primate.wisc.edu (Schwartz, Kevin J.), germgen@pacbell.net (Sherwin, Shelden N. (Shel)), lstan@ibm.net (Stanley, Lamont), stealth@htc-online.com (Stealth, Susan), streich_joel@jpmorgan.com (Streich, Joel), ksup@inficad.com (Sup, Karl), MarylnT@aol.com (T, Marylnl), birchwd@connect.net (Tami or James), jategen@means.net (Teschke, Jane), Wvandev@aol.com (VanDevender, geb. Hellstein, Wilayne), wesley.vietzke@snet.net (Vietzke, Wesley), esvo@data-box.com (Voeltzke, Shirley), rogervoles@mcmail.com (Voles, Roger), Ingrawa@aol.com (Wagner, Rainer), wendt@indy.net (Wendt, David), DWitheridg@aol.com (Witheridge, David E.), marla@whidbey.com (Wobser LaGasse, Marlene), JLWYCHOR@aol.com (Wychor, Julie Keech), Jackiezp@aol.com (Zander, Jackie), zastrowpm@netwurx.net (Zastrow, Irene), houseofbirds@qtm.net (Ziemke Carrington, Sarah), Hans.Zissow-Modin@actionmed.com (Zissow Modin, Hans), pwz@umich.edu (Zitzewitz, Paul), eez1@psu.edu (Zurbuchen, Elissa)

Hello friends for family-researching in district Stolp in Pommerania, Germany

Now we have a new mailinglist only for english friends - there parents or ancestres came from Stolp and around:
mailto:stolp-e@ecircle.de . So you can become contacts to Stolp or Rummelsburg or Schlawe or Buetow or Lauenburg-Friends, also the east-east-part of Pommerania.
Will you go inside in this list, so write me short: "please subscribe me in stolp-e@ecircle.de" and forget not your name.
Thank you.

Helmut Kunefke
Arbeitskreis Familienforschung Stolp
mailto:helmut.kunefke@stolp.de
mailto:stolp@ecircle.de (Mailingliste deutsch)
mailto:stolp-e@ecircle.de (Mailingliste engl.)
http://www.stolp.de

Subj: **Stolp mailing list**
Date: 12/29/00 12:59:40 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: helmut@kunefke.de

Please subscribe me in stolp-e@ecircle.de

Thank you. David E. Witheridge

Subj: **AW: Stolp mailing list**
Date: 12/29/00 1:59:02 PM Central Standard Time
From: helmut@kunefke.de (Helmut Kunefke)
Reply-to: helmut@kunefke.de
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

you are inside from 27.Aug.2000

Helmut Kunefke
mailto:helmut.kunefke@stolp.de
Arbeitskreis Familienforschung Stolper-Lande

[Feb. 25 - May 18, 2001]

Subj: **Stolp**
Date: 2/25/01 12:08:45 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: helmut@kunefke.de

Editor's note
If Helmut responded to these, his replies we not in the file,
T.F.W.
Mar. 8, 2023

Hi, Helmut,

Just a few items:

1. Where can I see a list of the outlying towns that were in the parishes (gemeinde) of the churches in the city of Stolp?

2. Where are the churchbooks of these Stolp (Stadt) churches?

3. Die Pommersche Zeitung (March 25, 2000) gives Karl-Horst Hoppe, Heinz-Joachim Wolter, and Willi Boulduan as the chairmen of Heimatkreise Stolp (Stadt) and Stolp (Land). Do they have e-mail addresses?

4. In your e-mail of Dec. 29, 2000, you said I was properly subscribed to the mailing list stolp-e@ecircle.de. Why do I not receive messages from this?

David Witheridge

Subj: **Isabel Sellheim**
Date: 5/18/01 9:08:18 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: helmut@kunefke.de

Hi, Helmut,

Do you have an e-mail address for Isabel Sellheim, HKA-Vorsitzende der Stadt und des Landkkreises Stolp?

Thank you,

David Witheridge

[July 21, 2001]

Subj: **AW: Paul Schmiedeberg**
Date: 7/21/01 3:51:19 PM Central Daylight Time
From: helmut@kunefke.de (Helmut Kunefke)
Reply-to: stolp-e@domeus.de
To: stolp-e@domeus.de
CC: werner@bitstorm.net (Schmiedeberg, Werner)

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Hello Werner,

my Schmiedeberg-Adresslist with a new (old Adressbook 1868)
Wolfgang Langkabel has more another Adressbooks between 1864 and 1927 from Stolp
His adress: mailto:DAVID-1820@t-online.de

Wolfgang Langkabel
(See his section of documents later in this folder.)

Helmut Kunefke

> —Ursprüngliche Nachricht—
> Von: Werner Schmiedeberg [mailto:werner@bitstorm.net]
> Gesendet: Sonntag, 10. September 2000 21:24
> An: stolp-e@ecircle.de
> Betreff: Paul Schmiedeberg
>
>
> Dear List,
>
> I'm new on the list and trying to find the church records for Paul
> Schmiedeberg born Feb. 8, 1856 in Stolp. Father was master baker, Rudolf
> Schmiedeberg mother was Karolina Band. Any
> help as to where and how I can get this information will be greatly
> appreciated.
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> Thank you,
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This translation may have been by DEW himself

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Um sich von dieser Gruppe abzumelden, schicken Sie bitte eine leere eMail an: stolp-e-unsubscribe@domeus.de

Marjorie Lackmann

documents

[Undated – probably April 1997]

Marjorie Lachman (Rotert) 61

Jack Ritz

adopted child goes to Bellfitt, Minn, in summer.

[Apr. 13, 1997]

1-320-352-3711 44512 South Shire Drive
South Centre 56378

Telephone call to Marjorie Lackmann - 4/13/97
(Mrs. Robert)

Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904) →

Cousin of yours - live in Mpls. Actually, second cousin of your mother and of your aunt, Amanda Rose. Didn't know your mother, but met Amanda a few times + corresponded. Amanda told me I had relatives in the Long Prairie area of Minn., but I never made an effort to contact any of you until now. I'm calling now because I have some special news to tell you.

Iva Lee Sophie Greene (b. 1925)

I was talking to your cousin, Iva Lee Kuklmann yesterday on the phone, and she gave me your name.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I'm calling to tell you I've found a cousin of ours in Germany. His name is Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, and he is a dentist. His father was your mother's second cousin, so that makes Friedrich your third cousin.

Our families have been out of touch with each other for 125 years, and how we found each other is an amazing story.

Martha Riggle

There's a woman in Wichita, Kansas, who was born in Germany but has lived in this country a long time. She writes for a publication in Germany - - - -

Friedrich is coming to this country the last week in June to attend a Pomeranian gathering in Milwaukee on Sunday, June 29. When I heard that, I decided I had to go there to meet him. He wants to meet as many relatives as possible, so I've also been trying to get other relatives to go to Milwaukee. So far I know of seven who are coming from Michigan and Wisconsin, and now I'm trying to get someone to go from the Iowa branch.

I'm hoping maybe you and your husband might be able to go, or maybe you could help me find someone.

Do you know any relatives who live close to Milwaukee, like Wisconsin or Illinois? Sometimes, children move away from home, and I wondered about your children or nieces or nephews.

Friedrich will be getting to Milwaukee on Thurs, June 26, and will fly back to Germany on Monday, June 30. I'm suggesting that the last day for people to be there would be Sat., June 28. That would give us more time to talk with Friedrich and with other relatives when we'd be meeting for the first time.

What is your address? ✓
Last name, spelled? ✓
Her father is 90 and is in a nursing home there.

Called 5/27/97

Do you get to Mpls occasionally? The next time you come, you should let me know, and maybe we could get together for lunch or something.

My name, address, + phone

Her sister: Beverly Knapp, Iron Mountain, Mich.
children in Green Bay, Wis. (christine)
+ Cary, Ill. (Roger)
3509 Park Ave

Her daughter: ~~3346 Columbus Ave. S.~~ Mpls
Lisa McNair, Rev. Christopher McNair
Park Ave Meth.

James Lardmann, Mpls

[Feb. 18, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 18, 1998

[Reunion plans]

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lackmann
44512 Sauk View Drive
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Dear Marjorie and Robert,

I fully intended to contact you last summer when I got back from my trip to Milwaukee to meet Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (a dentist), our cousin from Germany. However, I had a very difficult summer and fall and could never get around to it.

We had a very good time in Milwaukee, and I know Friedrich enjoyed it all. There were five of his relatives who were able to get there to meet him. Besides me, there were two all the way from Montana, one from Milwaukee, and one from Wilmette, Illinois. I know you would have enjoyed meeting Friedrich and the rest of us, and I'm sorry you weren't able to work it out.

Now I'm writing to tell you that Friedrich is making a return trip to America this June, and this time he is actually coming to Minneapolis. So I hope you will both begin to make plans now, so that you can be here to meet him when he comes. This time his wife, Renate, will be coming, as well as his cousin, Hans-Joachim Nemitz, and his wife , Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes.

They will arrive in Minneapolis on Friday, June 19, and stay until Thursday, June 25, when they will go to Milwaukee for the annual Pommerntag. I'm trying to get a large group of their American relatives to come and meet them (and each other!) sometime during their stay. It looks as though we could have a very good gathering. I find that there are about thirty Nemitz descendants and spouses right here in the Twin Cities and nearby Minnesota. Can you believe it? I also hope to get a few each from the Seattle area, from Montana, and from Iowa.

In Minnesota, besides you two in Sauk Centre, there are your son and your daughter and son-in-law in Minneapolis. I assume they are still living here. Also in the Twin Cities are Tim and "Deda" Greene and Tim and Cheri Schwalbe. Then there is a large family who descend from Johanna Tomke, a sister of Wilhelm and Ernst Nemitz. So far I have only met one of that family, Sharon Rose.

My family consists of two sons, Tom and Jim, both of whom live in Minneapolis. My wife Elizabeth had Alzheimer's and died 2½ years ago. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter,

ML021898

Rebecca. He and his wife Virginia have separated, and he lives with me now. Rebecca is with us about half the time. My other son, Jim, is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg, in an apartment about a mile from me, so I see them frequently.

Out in Seattle there are a number of descendants of Ernst's son John and Anna Fick. Perhaps you know about them. In particular there are LeAnn Bench and Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, a dentist, whom Friedrich is hoping very much to meet. Jeffrey wants to come to Minneapolis in June and is trying to work it out.

In Montana are some who descend from both my grandfather, Wilhelm, and from Johanna Tomke. (My mother's sister Bertha married her cousin, Herman Tomke.) They are Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, both of whom went all the way to Milwaukee last summer to meet Friedrich. I know they'd like to come to Minneapolis to see him again and meet his wife and the others.

I don't know who might come from Iowa , but I hope a few will be able to. I've written to Iva Lee Kuhlman in hopes that she and Gerald might be able to come and also find others from there who would like to meet their German and American relatives.

Friedrich and his family will be staying in the Regency Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. It is the least expensive of the downtown hotels, but it is approved by the AAA, and it has all the features we need, such as a dining room and adequate free parking for guests.

Of course, everyone won't necessarily be there at the same time, but most people will be able to come at least part of the time on the weekend, from Friday evening to Monday morning. We'll be able to eat all the meals together in the dining room, and Friedrich will have a large suite with plenty of room for extra chairs, so we can be together to visit and get acquainted. If you can't make it on the weekend, perhaps you could come on Monday, Tuesday , or Wednesday.

If you are'nt able to stay overnight with one of your children, you probably would want to stay in the Regency Plaza Hotel. Rooms cost $66 for two in a king-size double bed, and they are holding several rooms for our group near the suite where Friedrich will be staying.

Please do your best to save this time. I'd like you to call or drop me a note and tell me if you think you can be with us, so I can report to Friedrich the next time I write to him. I'd also like to get together with you for lunch the next time you come to Minneapolis for a visit, as we discussed last spring.

It seems too bad that we've been living so close together for so long and still haven't met each other.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

David Witheridge
(612) 377-4810

[Apr. 25, 1998]

Call to Marjorie Lechmann - 4/25/98

1-320-352-3711 HA

Keeping it in mind - Baby sitting - not in Mpls here, but was
1½ + 4 yrs. old

"Christ Children" - missionary work in neighborhood
Church service in home.
Other lost dad last day - (was in nursing home)
She has a family "history" about her grandparents,
Daniels fathers + sisters
She + her husband plan to come, but may only be
there one day.
Probably her daughter's family would also come
to the hotel for part of Saturday.
If she comes to Mpls in the meantime, she'll call
me + maybe I can go over to see them.

[June 12, 1998]

Call from Marjorie Lackmann - 6/12/98

She and her husband Robert will be coming to the Reunion on Sat., June 20.
Expect to be with us for lunch & dinner

Their son Jim lives at 3611 Fremont Ave S. Mpls

They are coming to Mpls tomorrow (Sat.) and will pick me up for lunch at 11:30. We'll probably go to Embers, and Jim will probably be with us. She may bring some family papers along.

[June 30, 1998]

6/30/98

Dear David,

I want to thank you for all the work you did putting the Nenitz mini-reunion together. I enjoyed meeting the relatives. I can tell you my head was spinning and my brain working hard trying to get it all straight in my mind of how we were related. I'm not sure I have it right yet. Someday I would like to get some copies from you that would help me understand - also I think you said you had a copy of Ernie's obituary. We left for home on Sunday morning as Bob was uncomfortable and was anxious to get home. He has improved a lot but didn't realize it would be as bad as it was. I'm sorry I didn't get to meet your sons. I hope you are getting some rest now that it's all over. Thank you again. I've especially enjoyed meeting you and have some questions for you the next time I see you.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Jackman

[Oct. 13, 1998]

October 13, 1998

Dear Marjorie,

Thank you for your kind note after our get-together in June. We all had a very good time, and I'm glad you and your family could come. Enclosed are a couple of pictures I thought you would like.

I've been looking for my copy of Ernst's death notice in the newspaper, but I can't find it. If it turns up some day, I'll send you a copy. It wasn't really an obituary, so there wasn't any biographical or family information. You will find an interesting quotation from it in a note on the back of Ernst's family record that I've enclosed.

These sheets show your family and your direct ancestry back as far as I know it into Germany. They don't show the information about all the other relatives who were at the reunion, but I'm counting on your coming over and looking at my records some time when you come to Minneapolis. Give me a call when you're going to be coming, and maybe we can get together for lunch and then come over here to see my records.

Sincerely,

ML 101398

[June 29, 1999]

1-320-352-3911

Tel. call to Marjorie Lockmann 6/29/99

Is this a convenient time for you to talk? I have a long story to tell you

Decided to call rather than write, so we could talk back and forth and not have to wait for answers.

Hope your health is good. I especially think about Bob from time to time. How is he doing?

Did you go to Pigeon Forge?

Calling to tell you about a new cousin of ours I discovered a while ago. Actually, I had him on my list, but I never knew much about him.

Howard Kohn (author)

His name is Howard Kohn, and he is part of the Jonke family of Bay County, Mich. Do you remember that your great-grandfather Ernst and my grandfather William had a sister Johanna, who married Johann Jonke? They lived on a farm in Bay County. One of their daughters married Henry Kohn, and that's where Howard comes from.

All I knew about Howard was that he was interested in family history and that he had written a book. Many years ago I wrote to him about my interest in genealogy, but as often happens, he never replied. He lives in a suburb of Washington, D.C.

"Wonder why some people don't respond to relatives," says DEW

Several months ago I decided to contact him once again, but this time I called instead of writing so I'd know I had reached him without having to wait for a reply. Fortunately, I reached him and found him very willing to talk and to share family information with me.

I asked him about his book and found that the title is The Last Farmer. It's about Howard's father and about Howard's growing up on the farm and then

leaving to go off and do other things. He graduated from the University of Michigan and became a journalist. He wrote for the Detroit Free Press and later for the magazine Rolling Stone, becoming one of its editors.

When I found out the book was out of print, I got several copies through used book stores I discovered on the Internet. I not only wanted to read it myself, but I wanted to give it to several relatives, because many of the people he writes about are relatives of ours. It's a very moving book about his family, the farm, and the community. (It's really new.) I'm going to send you a copy.

I also learned that Howard had written a more recent book called, We Had a Dream. It's about the struggle for racial integration in America. So I got a copy and read it through and was greatly impressed. He deals not only with the tensions in general that still exist between the races, but especially with the problems of interracial marriage.

I was very proud to have a cousin who is an author who could write such an excellent book and also one who has such a wonderful point of view on race relations and especially on interracial marriage.

When I wrote and told him how well I liked the book, I told him he has a cousin here in Minneapolis who is married to a Black Methodist minister.

I decided to buy another copy of the book, We Had a Dream, and give it to you. It came the other day, and I'll be sending it soon. I know you will be greatly moved by the

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book, and so will Lisa and Chris, too. I'm sure they've had their share of unpleasant experiences over the years. They, too, will be proud to have a cousin like Howard Kohn.

I'm going to send a copy of Howard's book, The Last Farmer, to one of our relatives in Iowa. It will have great interest for them, because they are still involved in farming. I'll just have to pick out one person, maybe Ina Lee, and she can pass it around to the others.

Can't you fly over here or so with me the next time you come to Minneapolis?

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Friedrich is now on the Internet, and last week I took an E-mail from him saying he had to go to the hospital last Saturday for a prostate cancer operation. I hope he gets along well.

Did you go to Arizona last winter? How was the trip and the weather?

Wilhelmina Schroeder Laderach

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Laderach

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55408
July 9, 1964

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)

M. Laderach

Mrs. Wilhelmina ~~Schroeder~~
601 Marne Street
Bay City, Michigan 48708

Dear Mrs. Schroeder:

Wayne and Eloise Storch

I have just discovered in talking with my cousins, Wayne and Eloise Storch, that you are a relative of mine. As I figure it out, you are a first cousin of my mother, who was Edith Nemitz and later Mrs. William Rathbridge in Bay City and Saginaw. She died in April of 1961, and Father died in 1963.

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

At that time I suddenly realized that we had very little information about our family on either side, and I set about to discover all I could. It has been an interesting and enjoyable experience, and I have discovered many relatives I had never known about.

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

You may remember about me, as I had a rather close relationship with Mathilda Schroeder, who, I believe, was your sister. She was teaching at Bay City Junior College when I attended there, and she very kindly helped me with several loans at that time. From there I went to the University of Michigan to study engineering, and then I worked with Carrier as a heating and ventilating engineer for four years before coming to enter the ministry. I served as a Baptist minister in Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois, after leaving the seminary, and came to be executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches 18 years ago.

My wife Elizabeth was also a Saginaw girl, and we still return to Saginaw almost every year to visit her aunt and my brother and his family, as well as friends. We have two boys, Jim and Tom. Jim just finished high school and will soon enter the University of Minnesota. Tom will be a high school senior in September.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

I would love to have a letter from you and hear about your family. I am especially hopeful that you know my Grandfather William Nemitz and can tell me something about him and his experiences. For example, how did he happen to go to Bay City, what did he do there, and how long did he stay?

In working on our family history during the past year I have devised several forms, one of which is enclosed. I should appreciate it very much if you would fill this in with information about yourself and return it to me when you write.

Perhaps it will be possible for us to visit you when we come to Michigan about the middle of August. It would be delightful to meet you and your brother, who I understand is also living in Bay City. I'll be looking for your letter.

Sincerely,

[July 13, 1964]

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Bay City, Mich.,
July 13th, 1964.

Dear David:-

Yes, I am a relative of yours and am very happy to meet you.

Your Mother was my cousin and your Grandfather was my uncle and my Mother's brother. Many times I called your Mother to come and visit my mother and me but she never came. Your Aunt Louise visited me several times and for many years wrote to one-another; I surely miss her.

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

In your letter you mentioned my sister Mathilda yes, she was a wonderfull sister and teacher. At the funeral home so many people came to me even a priest and told me what she had done for them and that meant so much to me to have people appreciate her. She lived with me 6½ years was ill in bed only two weeks. I was so happy to be able to do for her when she most needed love and attention. She was 87 years old when she died which was April 12th, 1963; had she lived until Nov. 5th she would have been 88.

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

Whenever your Grandfather came to Bay City he

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

always visited us stayed one night, ate with us and off again. He was a very happy-go-lucky person. I can't tell you more because I was very young and remember sitting on his lap. Later I remember going to a farm on Sunday often to visit him and your Mother. Your Mother kept house for him. Was always very happy to see us wanted us to stay a few days. We would eat help him gather the eggs & watch him milk the cows. That of course was a great treat.

Wilhelmina's nursing career

As for me, after I graduated from High School I went to Ann Arbor hospital in nurse's training; was there three years when I finished I came back to Bay City and nursed and now have stopped. I am a widow, live in Bay City, still, am now caring for my brother 82 who lost his wife last Sept. My husband died in 1956. I have two boys. My David is not married lives in Detroit, is a doctor at the Ford plant in Dearborn Mich. My Robert is married lives in Bay City, has five children and works at Dow's in Midland.

Rudolph Laderach (d. 1956)

Dr. David Laderach

Robert Laderach

Rudolph's family from Switzerland

I still go to the little church in Salzburg, just around the corner from where we lived. The church was built by my husband's father & three brothers who came from

Switzerland and in the early days were great lumbermen. So it still stands. Up until recently it was called the German Reformed Church but now the "Church of Christ."

I'm sorry I can't tell you more about your Grandfather. He did love my Mother and they when together had much to talk about.

I was very small when my father died and and my little mother worked very hard. But my sister & I tried to make her last days worth while. They both lived with me after I married and both died here.

David and his partner

My boys are very good to me and I get to Detroit often to visit David. David & a Mexican boy, Mike, live together owne their own home and keep house. A lovely home in Indian Village. Mike does all the cooking. They are like two fussy old Maids. Everything must be just so. So though things have changed in many ways, I have much to be very grateful for. God has bein most wonderfully good to me and I in turn am trying very hard to do and give my best to Him and to others.

David, it made me very happy to find your letter here when I returned from Detroit last Friday. I hope when you visit in Saginaw you will come to see me. I

hope when you come that you will find me here.

Many thanks for writing.

Kindest regards to you and your wife & boys.

Sincerely,

Wilhelmina M. Laderach.

P.S. David, I didn't fill out the other form because I didn't know whether it concerned me or my mother.

Thanks for writing.

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Ask about Grandfather's sister who was Mrs. Tomke.

Ask about Grandfather's sister
who was Mrs. Tomke.

Editor's note
This must have been Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833)
T.F.W.,
Mar. 9, 2023

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 20, 1964

Dear Cousin Wilhelmina:

Thank you for that wonderful letter. It was a joy to read, and I am so glad to have made contact with you after all these years. It sounds as though you have had a most rewarding life. Your sons and grandchildren must be a great satisfaction to you.

Your church must have been a part of the Reformed denomination that became the Evangelical and Reformed Church and more recently the United Church of Christ. In my work I am involved with all the major denominations. We have a large new building in Minneapolis called the Minnesota Protestant Center, where most of the denominations have their state headquarters, as well as the state and city councils of churches.

I had intended the form for you to fill out about yourself, but I am enclosing another one and hope you will fill in one about your mother, also. This kind of information has a way of being forgotten unless it is written down.

DEW and EPW hope to meet her in August

It looks now as though we shall arrive in Saginaw on Thursday, August 13. Would it be possible for us to visit you on Friday afternoon, August 14? I notice that you go to see your son David in Detroit rather often, but I hope you will be home on the 14th. Please let me know.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

In the mean time I have a few more questions for you. Do you have a family Bible or other record, or do you remember that there ever was one? My grandfather's name is given in two different ways in the records I have: William Frederick in one place and Wilhelm Johann in another. Which, if either, of these is correct, as far as you know?

William Schroeder (m. Emma Nemitz)

Is your Schroeder family any relation to the William Schroeder who married my Aunt Emma? This has always confused me. There is also a Mrs. William Schroeder now living in Peotone, Ill., that Wayne Storch said he thought was some relation. Can you straighten all these Schroeders out?

Did your mother ever say how and when she and my grandfather came to the United States from Germany? Were there others in the family that came with them? This would be an interesting story. Did your mother correspond with relatives in Germany, and have you kept up any correspondence with anyone over there?

Thank you again for your letter, and I hope to see you on August 14.

Yours sincerely,

David

[July 30, 1964]

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Bay City, Mich.
July 30th, 1964.

Dear David:-

Yes David, strange to say after all these years we contact one-another. For this I'm very happy.

I do miss my husband & boys very much, but keep busy here at home & at church. David comes home as often as he can and my Robert I see nearly every night, even though he lives quite a distance.

Rudolph Laderach

My husband was a sailor on the Lakes and we were a very happy family, so I do miss him. He died in 1956.

When we bought our home, and I still live in it, my Mother and Sister lived with us and both died in this home; I was very happy to have them & be able to care for them which I did to the end. Now

William Ferdinand Schroeder (b. 1882)

I have my brother 82, whose wife died last Sept. So you see I keep pretty busy. Between home & Church at 77 I'm very busy always.

To have my boys means much to me and I should always be happy & usefull.

Dr. David Laderach and Mike

My David & a Mexican boy bought a house in

Indian Village, Detroit, and I wish you could see their beautifull garden. Mike is like my own and does all the cooking. So I really have no reason to worry. They both have wonderfull jobs and are climbing to even better ones.

My Robert lives a distance from me but I see him nearly every night. He too has a nice home in a new section and is always doing nice things for me.

David, I don't know what the boys are planning to do but in case I'm not here I'll give you my phone number and please call before you come. My phone number is T. W. 27764. I hope I'm home so you can come, I do want to meet you.

David had planned to take me to Germany this year but now that my brother is here with me our plans are changed. I really felt it my duty to care for him, having cared for every one else.

I do not have a family bible and no record of any kind.

DEW's grandfather Wilhelm Nemitz

As a child I called your grandfather Uncle Wilhelm. He was a great whistler and of course we thought he was wonderfull.

As far as I know the Schroeder were

William Schroeder (m. Emma Nemitz)
↳ mentioned is not a relative.

I don't even remember my father when he died three of us, Fritz, Paul, and I were very young.

David, my mother for some reason never talked about Germany or their trip to America. My Sisters Bertha, & Mathilda also my brother Otto were born in Germany and my brother Henry was born on the ocean coming to this country. I have always felt sorry not to know more but I guess they were very poor and didn't like to mention or speak of their experiences.

Her brothers Otto and Henry; her sisters Bertha and Mathilda

My sister Mathilda visited our cousins in Germany and always wrote to them. The cousin she wrote to was Eda Nemitz. After my sister died I looked every-where for her address but could not find it. I did want to keep in touch with them.

Eda Nemitz

Be sure and call when you come David to make sure if I'm here. I do want to meet you. It may be such a thing that my plans will be changed too.

Sincerely
Wilhelmina L.

DEW's note on reverse side →

West side iron bridge
turn right on Memorial Dr.
go 2 blocks so. on corner
white house

[created by Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)]

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[ca. July 30, 1964]

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder, ~~[illegible]~~ (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth April 15th, 1887 Bay City, Michigan.

Date and Place of Death

Address, if Living 601 Marson St, Bay City Mich 48706 Date July 12-1964.

Father's Name in Full Carl Schroeder

Mother's Maiden Name in Full Wilhelmina Nenitz — ~~[illegible]~~

Married to (1st) Oct. 6th, 1919 Lederach (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage ~~Stolp-Gommers~~ Bay City, Mich.

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death 2 children.

David Charles Lederach, birthday Dec. 19 — Robert Paul — born Nov. 9th - 1924

Marriage Ended by Death of husband - April 28-1956 Date ~~[illegible]~~

Married to (2nd) No. (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage ~~Married Oct. 6th, 1919 Bay City, Mich~~

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death

Marriage Ended by ~~Death - (Husband)~~ Date ~~April 28th 1956~~

Education, with Places and Dates: Grade school - High School (Bay City) and a month after graduation I entered Hospital for training at U. of M. Mich.

Occupations, with Places and Dates: After graduation did private duty nursing.

Other Places of Residence, with Dates: None

Religious Affiliations: Evangelical Reformed Church now United Church of Christ.

Other Experiences or Activities: Am a retired nurse but still interested and help where-ever I can be of service. Housewife & Mother.

Recognition or Honors Received:

(Use reverse side and other sheets for additional information) 6/64

[created by Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)] (N75 Log 948) [ca. July 30, 1964]

Mother

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Wilhelmine ? Nemitz ~~Schroeder~~. (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth March 16th Germany (Stolp)?

Date and Place of Death Bay City, Mich - July 2nd, 1925. Death Cert. Newspaper obituary

Address, if Living _____ Date _____

Father's Name in Full ~~Carl Schroeder~~

Mother's Maiden Name in Full ~~Wilhelmine Nemitz Schroeder~~

Married to (1st) Carl Schroeder (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage Stolp, Germany

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death 10 - Bertha Schroeder Reinhardt, ?
Otto Schroeder, Mathilda Schroeder born Nov. 5th 1895 died April 12th 1967.
William (82)

Marriage Ended by Death Date ?

Married to (2nd) _____ (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage ~~Germany~~ ?

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death _____

Marriage Ended by _____ Date _____

Education, with Places and Dates:

Occupation, with Places and Dates:

Other Places of Residence, with Dates:

Religious Affiliations:

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received:

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N76 Log 949

2428 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
September 13, 1964

Dear Cousin Wilhelmina:

DEW + EPW didn't see her

I was so sorry not to be able to reach you or see you when we were in Saginaw. I tried several times to telephone you, but there was no answer. I even tried to call your son's number, and finally decided you were all out of town. Perhaps next year we can meet.

Jennifer Mark

As you see, I am enclosing a snapshot of our family. The girl is my niece, Jennifer Mark, who is my sister Louise's daughter. She has been attending Macalester College in St. Paul and is now a senior. For the first two years she lived with us and commuted (about 10 mi.). Then she moved over to the campus, but she still comes over every Sunday. Her parents lived in Saginaw several years, but are now in Grand Rapids.

If you have any spare pictures of you or your family, I'd love to have one. I'd especially like to have one of your mother, and I'd be glad to pay for having a copy made.

Now, to the most interesting point in your letter--the correspondence your sister had with a cousin, Ida Nemitz, in Germany. I do hope there is some way of discovering her address and establishing contact again. I am very anxious to correspond with some of the relatives in Germany. Do you think there is still a chance that you might come across the address of Ida Nemitz? Or could you remember the name of the town she or the other relatives were living in? I'll be very grateful for any help you can give.

I have enclosed a form on which I should like to have you give the details about your own family--your parents and all their children. Please put down middle names where they exist, and any information you have on the dates and places of birth, marriage, and death, as indicated, as well as the full names of those to whom they were married. I know this is a chore, but I hope you will do this for me.

The other thing I'd like is a list of the addresses of your sons and other relatives. Are all your brothers and sisters dead, except William? I assume they had some children, and I'd like to have the addresses of your nieces and nephews, with a notation as to whose children they are.

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

One more specific question: Grandfather's first daughter, Bertha, married a Herman Tonke. One of her daughters, Florence Smith, says that Herman Tonke's mother was Grandfather Nemitz's sister. She would have been your aunt--your mother's sister. Can you tell me anything about her? How many brothers and sisters did your mother have, and what do you know about them? You see, I have an insatiable appetite regarding matters of family history.

Now I will close, and I hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely, your cousin,

David L. Witheridge

[This record was created by Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)] (over)

N77 Log 950

[Sept. 24, 1964] Bay City, MI, postmark

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Schroeder Family No. JPW20-6

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Carl Schroeder

His Father's Name:

His Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death	about 1892?	Stolp, Germany
Other Places of Residence:	about 1892?	

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Wilhelmina Nemitz

Her Father's Name:

Her Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 16,	Stolp, Germany (?)
Death	July 2, 1925	Bay City, Mich.
Other Places of Residence:		

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
2	BERTHA SCHROEDER. Married to GEORGE REINHARDT.	Birth Marriage Death	Germany
3	OTTO SCHROEDER Married to ALMA LADERACH	Birth March 23rd, 1894 Marriage Death	Germany
4	MATHILDA SCHROEDER. Married to	Birth Nov. 5, 1895 Marriage Death APRIL 12, 1963	GERMANY BAY CITY, MICH.
5	HENRY SCHROEDER Married to ?	Birth - Ocean Marriage Death April-1910	Born on ocean
6	WILLIAM SCHROEDER Married to MARTHA LOLL	Birth DEC. 9th - 1882. Marriage OCT. 6th 1920 Death Sept. 24th 1963 ← [death of Martha]	(no children)
7	Wilhelmina Maria Married to RUDOLPH KARL LADERACH	Birth APR-15th, 1887 Marriage OCT. 6 1919 Death APRIL-28 1956 ← [death of Rudolph]	BAY CITY MICH. BAY CITY MICH.
8	FRED SCHROEDER Married to MARGRET KOLR.	Birth DEC. 17th, 1889. Marriage Death	(Frankenmuth) → (Frankenmuth)
9	PAUL SCHROEDER. (2) Married to (1) KATHRYN BIGLER + (2) BELL MARCH	Birth Feb. 9th, 1892 - Marriage Death June 14th - 1945.	
10	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	

Try their descendants

See notes on next page →

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My sisters both dead – Bertha & Mathilde
I still have two brothers Will & Fred.

Will had no children.
Fred has three. Wilhelmina Schroeder Aglestine, James Selesdee Frankenmuth.
Sagnaw
and Ben Schroeder Bay City.
My brother Fred lives in Frankenmuth.

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875) Mary Reid (Nemitz) was Bertha Nemitz Tompke's sister, both dead.
Bertha married Herman Tomke and Florence Knuth was right in saying that Herman Tompke's mother was your Grandfather's sister.
Bertha had a difficult time in her life, Herman was a wanderer, everyone knew him, he used to go down the alleys playing a mouth-organ, very happy and often come to our house to eat. He had a brother Charly who had a farm but I know nothing about him.

"Mrs. Tomke" is Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833) My mother had one sister, Mrs. Tompke, and three brothers, your grandfather, Uncle Ernest in Germany, and Uncle Ferdinand in Iowa. [a nurse]

Eda Nemitz Am sorry that I can't tell you more about Eda in Germany. My sister visited her in Germany but could not stay as long as she wanted to because she had to return because of the war, that I think was 1913. I wish I could send you the address but have not been able to find it. Perhaps I'll find it in some of her books. My David has all of her books and if ever we find it I'll send it to you. I wonder if you could get it by writing to the German Embassy or Council. ~~Had~~ I gone to Germany this year as David had planned that is where we would have gone to find the family still living.

John Meredith Witheridge Your brother and his wife came one Sunday and are also doing what you are, and I hope that what I have written you is what you want to know. I have written to several of my relatives in the East but have not had an answer so can't tell you all.

I was sorry not to meet you but David, Robert and his family and I were in Manistee on Lake Michigan for a week. I hope however to meet you both at another time.

As for pictures when I go to Retreat and see what the boys have I'll send you some later. In my Mother's time no pictures were ever taken. I did have a most wonderfull mother and I was so glad to be able to do for her the last years. With kindest regards to all of my relatives who I am happy to know in this way.

Love – Wilhelmina.

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[Aug. 8, 1965]

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[DEW and EPW plan to visit Wilhelmina]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 8, 1965

Dear Cousin Wilhelmina:

Once again we are going to be visiting in Saginaw, and I hope we may have time for at least a brief visit with you.

This is going to be a flying trip, as we shall be on our way home from a trip out east. We plan to arrive in Saginaw on Wednesday evening, September 16, and leave again on Saturday morning, September 18.

If you are going to be in town at that time, we hope to get over to Bay City for an hour or two on Thursday or Friday. But, of course, we won't be able to stay long. I'll telephone you after we get to Saginaw.

Mr. Stoerker (Bay County Council of Churches)

I was so amazed in June to discover that Mr. Stoerker of the Bay County Council of Churches knows you--in fact, is a member of your church. We always see each other at the annual conference of the Association of Council Secretaries at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

A few weeks ago I sent a letter to a church official in Stolp, Germany, trying to track down information on our Nemitz ancestry there. So far I haven't heard anything.

I'll be looking forward to a note from you saying whether or not you will be in Bay City on Sept. 16 and 17.

Yours sincerely,

David D. Witheridge

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[Sept. 19, 1965]

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Interview with Wilhelmina Ladewick

William Schroeder now with Fritz in Frankenmuth. Had lived with Wilhelmina. She wonders why he left - what did she do wrong?

Carl Schroeder & his wife probably came over at New York.

Mike Juvana (?) lives with David.

Wilhelmina wrote to Eda Nemitz about 2 yrs ago, but never got an answer.

Five Ladewick brothers came from Switzerland to Saginaw & built a lumber mill. They built the church. (United Church of Christ - used to be called First Reformed)

Try to check on records of Carl Schroeder in Bay City.

When Wilhelm visited, he always went around corner to saloon & talked with friends & relatives.

He worked on Curtis farm & Edith kept house for him.

* Ferdinand in Jones was a very quiet man who had a large farm & seemed to have a lot of money.

Eda Nemitz would have been about the age of Mathilde. She was a nurse. Her father was Ernest Nemitz, the mail carrier.

Eda Nemitz

[Note: Wilhelmina appears to be confusing Ferdinand (b. 1844) with his brother, Ernst (b. 1848). See their index entries.]

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[May 29, 1973]

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Log 953

No answer

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 29, 1973

Dr. David C. Laderach
3001 Miller Road
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

Dear Dr. Laderach:

Some years ago your mother probably mentioned to you that I had written to her and then visited her in Bay City. At that time I was beginning to piece together what I could about my Nemitz ancestry and relatives.

Your mother gave me a great deal of information I had never known before, and I also wrote to some other cousins and found out a little more.

I tried once to pick up the trail in East Germany by correspondence, but never got a reply. Other geneslogical strands took my attention, and I have never gotten back to the Nemitz family.

A few weeks ago my wife Elizabeth, who is the author of several children's books, was in Austin, Minnesota, talking to school children about writing books. While there she met the owner of a very good book store by the name of Nemitz. When she told him my mother's maiden name was Nemitz and that I was interested in geneslogy, he said he has considerable information about his Nemitz ancestry going back into Germany, and he offered to show it to me if I could come down to Austin (about 80 miles from Minneapolis).

I want to go down there soon, but in the meantime I have been looking over what I already have. A note I have from your mother indicates that you might have more information on some of our Nemitz relatives in Germany. She said you had some of your Aunt Mathilde's books and that perhaps some addresses or dates or other information might turn up there.

All I know is that my grandfather (and your grandmother) had a brother Ernest Nemitz who remained in Germany and that he was a letter carrier, though I don't know where. I also know that your Aunt Mathilde visited a cousin, Ida Nemitz, a nurse, in Germany just before World War I.

Have you had a chance to delve into any of your Aunt Mathilde's records, and have you found any leads? I'd be very grateful if you would give me any information you have.

I'm writing to what I assume is your business address, which I got from the Minneapolis Public Library, because the other one I have (1704 St. Paul Ave.) was given to me by your mother about nine years ago.

Yours very sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

N41 Log 890 [June 21, 1986]

Robert Paul Laderach (b. 1924)

N41 Log 890

4534 Westfield Ct.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 21, 1986

Mr. Robert P. Laderach
4534 S. Westfield Ct.
Bay City, MI 48706

(517) 684-8174
(989) 684-8174 Viola (2007)

Dear Robert,

Dr. David Laderach

Ronald Putz

I was happy to hear that Ronald Putz has been in touch with you, and that you and your brother David would be willing to work with me on the project of trying to track down our family history. He said in his recent letter that he had read you my last letter over the phone, so you have a pretty good idea of what I have been doing in that regard.

Wilhelmina Schroeder Laderach (Robert's mother)

Matilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

As I told Ronald, I met and talked with your mother about family matters many years ago, so I knew about you and David, even though we have never met. Perhaps you also knew about me through your mother. I also knew your Aunt Mathilda, and she was very kind to me while I was a student at Bay City Junior College.

To begin with I am sending you copies of two family group sheets. The first is the family of our Mentz grandparents as I have it. This is what I have been trying to construct with great difficulty, because the part of Germany they came from--Pomerania--is now in Poland.

The other family group sheet lists your mother's parents and siblings as far as I have them. I have an idea you may have some additional information, and I'd appreciate receiving your corrections and additions.

Have you or David tried to locate any correspondence between Mathilda and the relatives she visited in Stolp before World War I? Your mother said she thought David had some of Mathilda's files and records. Ronald Putz was kind enough to offer to translate for us any letters or documents we may find in German. The more we can pin down in terms of names, places, dates, and even incidental information, the more likely we are eventually to locate some record of the family over there.

Win Stoerker? no

I have wondered if my grandfather, William Mentz, and his children, including my mother (Edith) were members of the First Reformed Church in Bay City. If the old minutes of the church still exist, they probably contain many references to members of your family, and possibly mine. By the way, was the First Reformed Church part of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination, and is it now part of the United Church of Christ? I assume you are an active leader of the church. In my position of executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches from 1951 to 1979 I became very familiar with most denominations.

I was born in Bay City, but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. After two years at Bay City Junior College, I graduated from the University of Michigan in Mechanical Engineering and returned to Saginaw to be a sales engineer with my father in heating, ventilating, and air conditioning. We did many jobs in Bay City, as well as all over the northeastern part of the Lower Peninsula. I designed many heating and ventilating systems for architects in the area, including Arthur Hill High School in

Saginaw, which was my last major job before I decided to enter the ministry in 1940 after four years in engineering.

My wife Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church there. She graduated from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant and was a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw before we were married. Later she was the author of seven books for children and young people.

We have two sons. James, who is 39 and unmarried, works for a furniture store in Minneapolis and has an apartment only a few blocks from us, so we see him rather frequently. Thomas, who is 38, lives in Chicago with his wife Virginia. They are both social workers and work for Thresholds, a psychiatric rehabilitation center. They are also both working on their Ph.D.'s from Northwestern University. Their first baby was born very prematurely in February and died after 18 days, so this has been a very sad year for all of us.

I'm looking forward to some interesting correspondence with you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

David H. Witheridge

N58 Log 923 [Dec. 29, 1986]

[Robert Paul Laderach]

December 29, 1986

N58 Log 923

Dear Robert,

I wonder how you are coming along in finding some information that might help us in tracking down our German ancestors. I know it is a big undertaking, and I am grateful that you are willing to help in the process. If we succeed to any degree at all, it will be quite an achievement, since we are dealing with a part of Germany that is now in Poland and therefore hard to get information from. I'm hoping you still have the letter I wrote, with its questions and suggestions. If not, please let me know, and I'll send you another copy.

Frances Anna Viola Tomke (b.1910)

I also wrote to Frances Tomke, who referred my letter to her sister, Esther Plamp. I assume you are acquainted with them, as they are your second cousins (as well as mine). Esther sent me some information I had not known about the Tomkes, but nothing yet to help us cross the ocean.

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b.1907)

Another contact I've made is with a Nemitz family from the vicinity of Stolp in Pomerania (formerly in Germany, now in Poland). Stolp is the city where your grandmother, Wilhelmina Nemitz, was born on Mar. 17, 1851, and also where she was married to Carl Schroeder. Mathilda Schroeder visited relatives in Stolp before the first World War. So I was elated when I discovered and began corresponding with a lady in Germany who was born in Stolp and whose maiden name was Ilse Nemitz. However, all her family records were confiscated when her family was evacuated by the Poles, so we can't tell yet if we are related. I've met her cousin, Gerhard Nemitz, in a suburb of Chicago and hope to continue discovering more and more about their background and hopefully ours.

Ilse Babiel (born Nemitz)

Gerhard Heinrich Nemitz (b.1926)

Now I'll close with the hope that you'll be able to answer in the near future and with best wishes for the New Year to you and your family. Yours sincerely, David Witheridge

[June 3, 1987]

[Robert Paul Laderach]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 3, 1987

Dear Robert,

My wife Elizabeth and I are planning a trip to Michigan next week. We'll be visiting our very close friend, Mabel Butterfield, in Lapeer for a few days, starting Friday evening, June 12.

Mabel Butterfield (of Lapeer)

It occurs to me that it might be a good idea to try to meet you and a few others with whom I have recently begun to correspond. I could come over to Bay City on Monday, June 15, while Elizabeth and Mabel are doing some other things. Are you going to be home on that date?

In the morning I'm hoping to see Esther Clamp and her sister and daughter. At noon I hope to have lunch with Ronald Putz, with whom I've had a great deal of correspondence. In the afternoon I'd like to drive out to Anita Schmidt's in Beaver Township, and perhaps go to the cemetery at Zion Lutheran Church.

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

Ronald Putz

Anita Schmidt

Some time during the afternoon maybe I could meet you or at least talk to you on the phone. Perhaps this could be before I go out to Anita's or later in the afternoon. Could you drop me a line when you get this and let me know if you'll be home that day?

We'll be leaving Minneapolis Thursday morning, June 11, to drive to Chicago and spend the night with our son Tom and his wife Virginia. If I don't get an answer before we leave, I'll call you from Mabel's: 1231 Second St., Lapeer, MI 48446; phone (313) 664-2934. I hope I'll be able to meet you.

Sincerely,

David Witheridge

[See DEW's thank-you letter below.] N113 Log 1003 [June 15, 1987]

Bay City, ~~Michigan~~, Mich., 6/15/87 N113 Log 1003

[from ~~Robert~~ Lederach]

Otto Schroeder & Alma Lederach

Esther Schroeder Eichorn ← Eichorn (?)

2 daughters, Priscilla Eichorn Ratter (~~husband~~ Carl)

Lives in Bridgport, 3615 Bernice

→ Carl Eichorn See

Birchwood Estates, Petoskey ← Petoskey

also 1412 Center Ave,

Bay City, MI

Stephanie ~~Barker~~ ← Barker

Shelley Anderson, Pinconning ← Pinconning

Stacy Miller Bay City

Otto, Jr. (Lived)

Son - Timothy Schroeder

Son - Sherry

Frederick A. Schroeder + Margaret Kolb ← Kolb

→ Benjamin - only one remaining

1870 Morin

Bay City 48708

[Undated]

Home of
Robert Paul Laderach
(b. 1924), Bay City, MI

To Laderach's

Go N on Euclid 3 lights
from Al. St. 10
1st light N. of State Police
(Junior)
Turn W. & go 4 blocks
to Westfield Ct. (turn S.)
(Jamie's Party Store).
4th house on W. side
of street
4534 A. Westfield Ct.

This note was placed immediately after document N113 in the file.

[A virtually identical version of this record is located on pp. 19-20 of folder 2.3.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname SCHROEDER Family No. JPW20-6

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Carl [Charles (e)(f)] SCHROEDER (a)

Father's Name: John SCHROEDER (c)

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		Stolp, Germany (a)(e)
Death	Mar. 23, 1893	Bay City, Mich. (f)(g)

Other Places of Residence: Arrived in Bay City, 1879 (e)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

X Wilhelmina NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Heinrich NEMITZ (k)

Mother's Maiden Name: Henriette (k)(m) BONKE (m)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 16 (a), 1851 (e)	Stolp (a)(e)
Death	July 2, 1925	Bay City (a)(e)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha (a)	Birth	?	Germany (a)
	Married to George REINHARDT (a)	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Otto (a)	Birth	Mar. 23, 1874	Germany (a)
	Married to Alma LADERACH (a)[2]	Marriage		
		Death	After 1925 (e)	
X 3	Mathilda (a) M. (d)	Birth	Nov. 5, 1875	Germany (a)
	Married to ———	Marriage	———	
		Death	Apr. 12, 1963	Bay City (a)
4	Henry (a) H. (h)	Birth	[Born on ocean] (a)	
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death	[Bur. Feb. 24, 1910	Bay City] (i)[4]
X 5	William Ferdinand (a)[5]	Birth	Dec. 9, 1882	Bay City (a)
	Married to Martha LOLL (a)[3]	Marriage	Oct. 6, 1920 (a)[6]	
		Death	1971 (?) (b)	
6	Matthew (i)	Birth		
	Married to ———	Marriage	———	
		Death	[Bur. Dec. 28, 1902	Bay City] (i)[7]
X 7	Wilhelmina Maria (a)	Birth	Apr. 15, 1887	Bay City (a)
	Married to Rudolph Karl LADERACH (a)[1]	Marriage	Oct. 6, 1919	Bay City (a)
		Death		
X 8	Frederick A. (c)[8]	Birth	Dec. 17, 1889	Bay City (a)
	Married to Margret KOLB (a)	Marriage		
		Death	After 1973 (c)	
X 9	Paul (a)[9]	Birth	Feb. 9, 1892	Bay City (a)
	Married to (1) Kathryn BIGLER (a) (2) Belle MARCH (a)	Marriage		
		Death		
10	———	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

See notes on next page →

Print or type all information. Use reverse side for sources and additional data.

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(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach
(b) Inf. from Frederick Schroeder
(c) Inf. from Florence Kennedy; Doc. N69-Log 944
(d) Bay City Directory, 1901
(e) Obit. of Wihelmina Schroeder in Bay City Times Tribune, July 3, 1925
(f) Death notice of Charles Schroeder in Bay City Tribune, Mar. 24, 1893
(g) Bay City Directory, 1893-4
(h) Grave marker of Henry H. Schroeder in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City
(i) Cemetery records of Lot 361, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City; Doc. N118-Log 1007
(j) Inf. from Ronald John Putz; Doc. N36-Log 885
(k) Gravestone of Henriette Nemitz in Zion Luth. cem., Beavertown, Bay Co., Mich. (Esther Plamp); Doc. N59-Log 914
(m) Inf. from Friedrich Nemitz

1- Rudolph Laderach was a sailor on the lakes (a)
2- Alma Laderach was a sister of Rudolph (a)
3- Died Sept. 24, 1963 (a). Loll family came from Pomerania (j)
4- Lived near Chicago and died in Chicago (a)
5- Lived in Frankenmuth, Mich. (a)
6- No children (a)
7- "Child" (b)
8- Lived in Frankenmuth (a) and Saginaw (c)
9- Lived in Philadelphia, Pa. (e)

[See the June 15, 1987, notes above.]

N125 Log 1016

[after June 1987]

N125 Log 1016

Robert Paul Laderach (b. 1924)

Dear Robert,

I greatly enjoyed meeting you and your family in June, and I was also pleased to meet a number of other relatives in Big City and Auburn (Cedar Township). I was especially thrilled to see the gravestone of our great-grandmother, Henriette Manity, in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Cedar Township. Until a few months ago I had not even known that she had come to this country.

Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

As a result of that trip I now have the addresses of several other relatives who should be able to fill in a number of gaps in my records. I have just completed writing some letters that I hope will result in some new information in the near future.

As you can see, I am enclosing a form on which I want to record the information about your own immediate family. I hope that either you or your wife will fill this in or have checked and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

The weather here has been very strange this summer. First, it was very hot and dry. We had 22 days over 90 degrees, and precipitation from October, 1986, through June 1987, was an all-time low. Then more than a foot of water fell in two days in late July, flooding basements and washing roads and bridges away. There were also tornadoes and high winds, but we missed both the flooding and the tornadoes at our home. We understand you have also had very hot and humid weather.

I look forward to hearing from you and receiving the enclosed form in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

David

Wolfgang Langkabel
documents

[July 25, 2001]

Subj: **1866 Stolp Addressbook**
Date: 7/25/01 10:19:56 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: DAVID-1820@t-online.de
CC: helmut@kunefke.de

To Wolfgang Langkabel:

Dear Wolfgang:

Helmut Kunefke says you have an 1866 Stolp Addressbook. I believe my grandfather was living in Stolp then, because his daughter was born there in 1866. Would you please see if he is listed in the 1866 Stolp Addressbook? Thank you.

Daviid Witheridge
DWitheridg@aol.com

Subj: **Re: 1866 Stolp Addressbook**
Date: 7/25/01 2:53:37 PM Central Daylight Time
From: David-1820@t-online.de (Wolfgang Langkabel)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

> Helmut Kunefke says you have an 1866 Stolp Addressbook. I believe my
> grandfather was living in Stolp then, because his daughter was born there in
> 1866. Would you please see if he is listed in the 1866 Stolp Addressbook?
> Thank you.
>
> Daviid Witheridge
> DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear David,

I have several adressbooks from Stolp, but not the year 1866. You must tell me the german name from your g-father: Witheridge isn`t existing !
My first adressbook is from 1864, then 1868, 1876, 1889, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1908, 1913, 1915 and 1927.

Wolfgang

My homepage:
www.pyritz.org
www.langkabel-wolfgang.de

Subj: **Re: 1866 Stolp Addressbook**
Date: 7/25/01 4:49:04 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: David-1820@t-online.de
CC: helmut@kunefke.de

Dear Wolfgang:

I am sorry I inadvertently (versehentlich) left out the name of my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz. He might be in the 1864 or 1868 addressbook, but not later, because he came to America in 1873. Thank you again

David Witheridge

Subj: **Re: 1866 Stolp Addressbook**
Date: 7/25/01 6:19:50 PM Central Daylight Time
From: David-1820@t-online.de (Wolfgang Langkabel)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

File: NEMITZ~1.zip (303216 bytes)
DL Time (48000 bps): < 2 minutes

> I am sorry I inadvertently (versehentlich) left out the name of my
> grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz. He might be in the 1864 or 1868 addressbook,
> but not later, because he came to America in 1873. Thank you again
>
> David Witheridge

Dear David,

I have not found Wilhelm NEMITZ, but it`s difficult, because the people have many Christian name (My name is Wolfgang Herbert Heinz), and the government has arbitrary the name write down.
See the pics!

With best greatings from Lübeck

Wolfgang Herbert Heinz

www.pyritz.org
www.langkabel-wolfgang.de

Adressbook Stolp 1868

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Neitzke, C. L., Böttchermeister, Magazinstr. 328.
— geb. Neitzke, Rentiere, Markt 15.
— geb. Burzlaff, Wwe., Bachstr. 7.
— geb. Hildebrandt, Wwe., Neuthor-Mauerstr. 62.
Neitzel, Wilh., Kaufm. (Firma: H. E. Hildebrandt Nachfolger, Destillations-Geschäft), Holzenthorstr. 35.
Nemitz, Aug., Schuhmachermeister, Wollweberstr. 256.
— Fr., Bedienter, Gr. Ackerstr. 30a.
— geb. Duske, Wwe., Bergstr. 40.
— Eva, Fräulein, Butterstr. 112.
Neß, G., Arbeitsmann, Poststr. 149a.
Neubauer, F. J., Arbeitsmann, Ziegelstr. 32.
— Herm., Schneidermeister, Langestr. 115.
Neubleser, G., Schuhmachermstr., Mühlenth.-Mrstr. 55.
— Carl, Fuhrmann, Berstr. 58.
— Ferdinand, Müller, Schweinemarkt 129.
— geb. Sandermann, Schneiderin, Langestr. 84.
Neuenborn, Ludwig, Tabagist, Mittelstr. 150.
— Franz, Seifensieder, Mittelstr. 151.
Neumann, W., Musiklehrer, Langestr. 129.
— Martin, Stellmachermstr., Wollweberstr. 223.
— H. L., Gutsbesitzer, Wollmarkt 34.
— Daniel, Scharfrichtereibesitzer, Bachstr. 2.
— J. C., Schuhmachermeister, Langestr. 92.
— J. E., Langestr. 92.
— W. E. F., Schneidergesell, Schmiedestieg 45.
— Gottfried, Tischlergesell, Hundestr. 27.
— L., Kanzlist, Präsidentenstr. 27.
— A., Invalide, Langestr. 98.
— Carl, Arbeitsmann, Frachtstr. 62.
— Joh., do. Fabrikstr. 10.
— H. F., do. Petristr. 57.
— Albert, do. Petristr. 57.
— Carl, do. Bergstr. 55.
— Marie, verehel., Schneiderin, Langestr. 92.
— Caroline, Landarme, Holzenthor-Mrstr. 98
— Dorothea, unverehel., Poststr. 97.
— geb. Hildebrandt, Wwe., Bergstr. 57.
— geb. Kanz, Wwe., Kl. Ackerstr. 40a.
— geb. Willwock, Wwe., Kl. Gartenstr. 24.

Adressbook Stolp 1864

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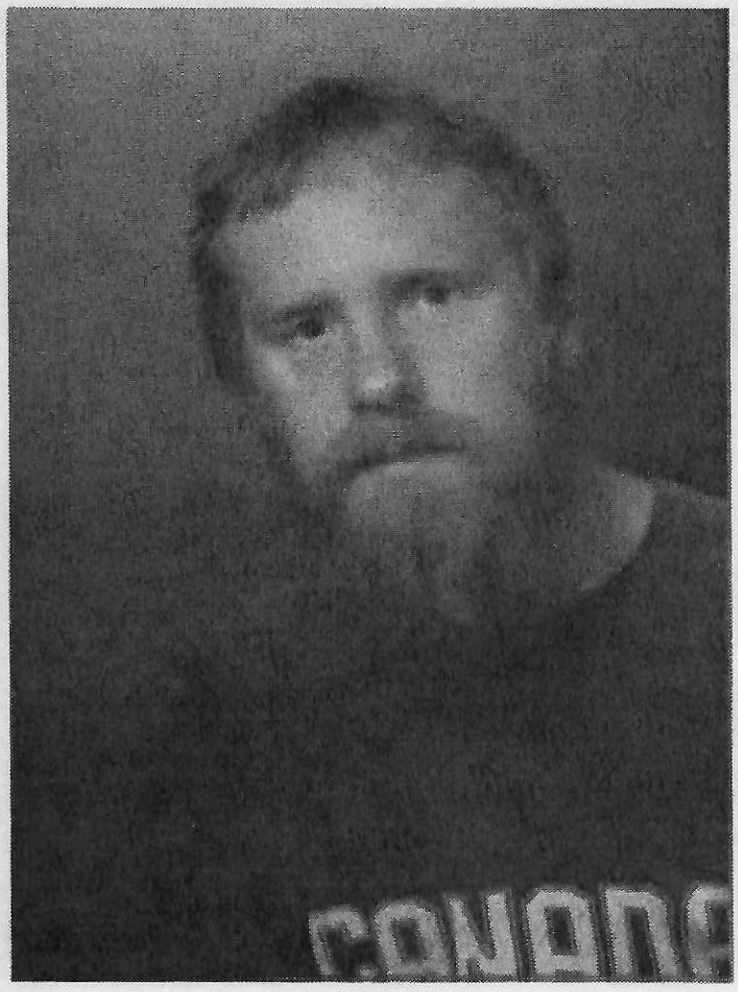
Nebel, J. A., Maurergesell, Neuthor-Mauerstr. 61.
Neiß, Auguste, unverehel., Radeberg 93.
Neitzel, Ferd., Rentier, Holzenthor-Mauerstr. 79-80.
— W. G., Ackerbürger, Amtsstr. 20.
— W. F., Gerichtsdiener, Querstr. 28.
— J. T., Schneidermeister, Neuthor-Mauerstr. 58.
— Carl, Zimmergesell, Holzenthorstr. 60.
— Sophie, Trödlerin, Wollweberstr. 233.
— geb. Callum, Wwe., Radeberg 85.
— geb. Müller, Wwe., Bergstr. 58.
Neitzke, Fr., Lieutenant a. D., Mittelstr. 193.
— C. F., Rentier, Holzstr. 28.
— C. L., Böttchermeister, Magazinstr. 328.
— Carl, Arbeitsmann, Querstr. 26.
— geb. Neitzke, Rentiere, Neuthorstr. 292.
— geb. Burzlaff, Wwe., Bachstr. 7.
Nemitz, Fr., Bedienter, Holzenthorstr. 44.
— geb. Duske, Wwe., Bergstr. 56.
— Eva, Fräulein, Butterstr. 112.
Neß, Gh. W., Arbeitsmann, Bergstr. 44.
Neubauer, F. J., Arbeitsm., Mühlenth.-Mauerstr. 53.
Neubleser, G., Schuhmachermeister, Sandberg 133.
— Carl, Fuhrmann, Schweinemarkt 129.
— Ferdinand, Zimmerlehrling, Triftstr. 35.
— geb. Sandermann, Näherin, Langestr. 84.
Neuenborn, Ludwig, Tabagist, Mittelstr. 150.
Neumann, W., Musiklehrer, Langestr. 127.
— Martin, Stellmachermstr., Wollweberstr. 233.
— Daniel, Scharfrichtereibesitzer, Bachstr. 2.
— J. C., Schuhmachermstr., Wollweberstr. 209.
— Fr., do. Mühlenth.-Mauerst. 48.
— J. C., Portier, Schmiedestieg 35.
— Carl, Landwehr-Husar, Poststr. 148.
— W. E. F., Schneidergesell, Schmiedestieg 40.
— Gottfried, Tischlergesell, Töpferstadt 8.
— Johann, Arbeitsmann, Fabrikstr. 13.
— H. F., do. Querstr. 21.
— Albert, do. Petristr. 57.

Adressbook Stolp 1889

Neitzke, Werner, Rentier, Bahnhofstraße 39. E
— Ludwig, Kaufmann, Bahnhofstr. 30.
— Carl, Schlossermeister, Höhlenstraße 330. E
— Franz, Böttchermeister, Magazinstraße 328. E
— Hermann, Tischler, Sandberg 136a.
— Wilhelm, Arbeiter, Radeberg 75.
— geb. Romanus, Rentiere, Bahnhofstraße 30.
— geb. Krause, Wwe., Rentiere, Präsidentenstr. 39b.
— geb. Meske, Rentiere, Quebbe 12.
— geb. Hildebrandt, Wwe., Neuthormauerstraße 61.
— Agathe, unverehel., Mittelstr. 146.
— Marie, Schneiderin, Radeberg 75.
Nemitz, August, Hülfsvollziehungsbeamter, Mühlenthormeistr. 49.
— Eduard, Handelsm., Radeberg 85b.
— Hermann, Arbeiter, Chausseestr. 21.
— Franz, Arbeiter, Poststr. 94.
— geb. Zilske, Wwe., Höhlenstr. 340.
— geb. Klatt, Wwe., Cassuberstr. 9.
— geb. Volkmann, Wwe., Hospitalstraße 43.
— geb. Sonnemann, Wwe., Wilhelmstraße 2.
— Henriette, unverehel., Cassuberstr. 9.
— Emma, Frl., Cassuberstr. 5.
— Mathilde, Schneiderin, Hospitalstraße 43.
— Geschwister. Schneiderinnen, Wollweberstraße 237.
Neste, Otto, Canzlist, Quebbe 12.
Neß, geb. Willer, Wwe., Radeberg 88.
Netz, Julius, Werkmeister, Bahnhofstr. 21.
Netzel, Rudolf, Schuhmacher, Schmiedethormauerstraße 118.
Neubauer, geb. Albrecht, Wwe., Ziegelstraße 34.
Neuhaus, geb. Mehde, verehel., Reitbahn 39.
v. Neuhaus, Erich, Major im Pom. Huf.-Reg. No. 5, Fruchtstr. 27.
Neumann, Otto, Conrector, Bahnhofstr. 40.
— Otto, Telegraphen-Aufseher, Bahnhofstraße 29.
— David, Kaufmann, (Firma Berthold Liebert Nachf.), Markt 23.
— Hugo, Eisenbahn-Betriebs-Secretair, Präsidentenstr. 15.
— Reinhold, Lehrer, Kirchplatz 198.
— Paul, Gensdarm, Quebbe 12.
— Wilh., Musiklehrer, Schmiedestr. 68.

Adressbook Stolp 1876

Neizel, Wilh., Kaufmann, Destillation, Rum- und Sprit-Fabrik (Firma: H. E. Fildebrandt Nachf.), Holzenthorstr. 34/35.
Nemitz, Aug., Schuhmachermstr., Wollweberstr. 237.
— Wilhelm, Maurer, Wollweberstraße 237.
— August, Arbeiter, Wollmarktstraße 8.
— Eva, Fräul., Butterstr. 216.
— geb. Duske, Ww., Bergstr. 55.
— geb. Corduan, sep., Neuthormauer 60.
Neß geb. Willer, Ww., Radeberg 87.
Neste, Otto, Trompeter, Höhlenstraße 342.
Netzel, Käsefabrikant, Amtsstr. 24.
— Rud., Schuhmachermstr., Schmiedethormauer 118.
Neubauer, Aug., Masch.-Heizer, Gr. Aukerstr. 5b.
— Alb., Schneider, Wilhelmsstr. 6.
Neuenborn, Franz, Seifenfabrikant, Mittelstr. 150/151.
— Wilhelmine, Frl., Präsidentenstraße 43.
Neumann, Herm., Rentier, Kl. Aukerstr. 53.
— Heinrich, Rentier, Hospitalstraße 11a.
— Otto, Eisenb.-Telegraphen-Revisor, Mühlenthormauer 50.
— Wilh., Musiklehrer, Langestr. 91.
— Reinhold, Lehrer, Langestr. 116.
— Herm., Gastwirth, Töpferstadt 9.
— Louis, Kanzlist, Holzstr. 27.
— Carl, Schuhmachermstr., Langestraße 94.
— Gottfried, Tischler, Hörne 16.
— Martin, Stellmacher, Bergstraße 35a.
— Carl, Zimmermann, Chausseestraße 105a.
— Martin, Schneider, Poststr. 146.



Wolfgang Langkabel

Folder

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Leona Nemitz

documents

[Feb. 5, 1945]

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Nemits
announce the marriage
of their daughter
Leona Eloise
to
Cpl. Michael Linz, Jr.
on Monday, February fifth - 1945
Englewood Evangelical Church
66th and Peoria Streets
Chicago, Illinois

[Leona and Michael move from Chicago to suburban Naperville, IL]

[Mar. 30, 1947]

We are in the South East section of town, on Jefferson Street. We's getting our mail at the College for a while.

Bye for now
Love
Leona.

Sun. Mar. 30 47

Dear Clare and Elizabeth,

We's out in Naperville finally.

We had wanted to see you and James Penney before we left but didn't see anyone. Mike came home on Wed. and said the houses were finished. We moved Sat. I had all my

James Penney Witheridge (b. 1946)

3. lots of closet space, something I've never had before. Naperville is a pretty little place.

Please don't come out to see us sometime when it's a little warmer. It's a lonely drive. You'll have to find out from the folks, when we have no address yet we have no address. This is a new project and they can't decide what to call it.

2. packing to do in two nights. Went to the hospital to see Mother on Thurs. She was there a little over a month but came home last week. She seems better.

How are you all?

We are very pleased with our little home. It's all new and very cute. We have three rooms and a bath and

Alma Leona Grimes

[Jan. 9, 1949]

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Sun. Jan. 9, 49

Dear Dave and Elizabeth,

We were so pleased with the card picture. It was nice of you to remember us with it.

Your little boys are just about as nice as they could be. I'd love to see them. It's nice that they're about the same ages. Do they play together?

How have you all been? Is the baby completely

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2- well now? Are you happy in your new home and church?

Mike will finish school this summer. He expects to work for his M.A. then.

The time has passed quickly. We've enjoyed Naperville so much we never want to leave.

We plan on building a home here in the spring. The rental situation is still bad.

Dad was out today with Mike's dad. He looks pretty

William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)

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good, has gained some weight. We'll be in the market for some new clothes if this continues.

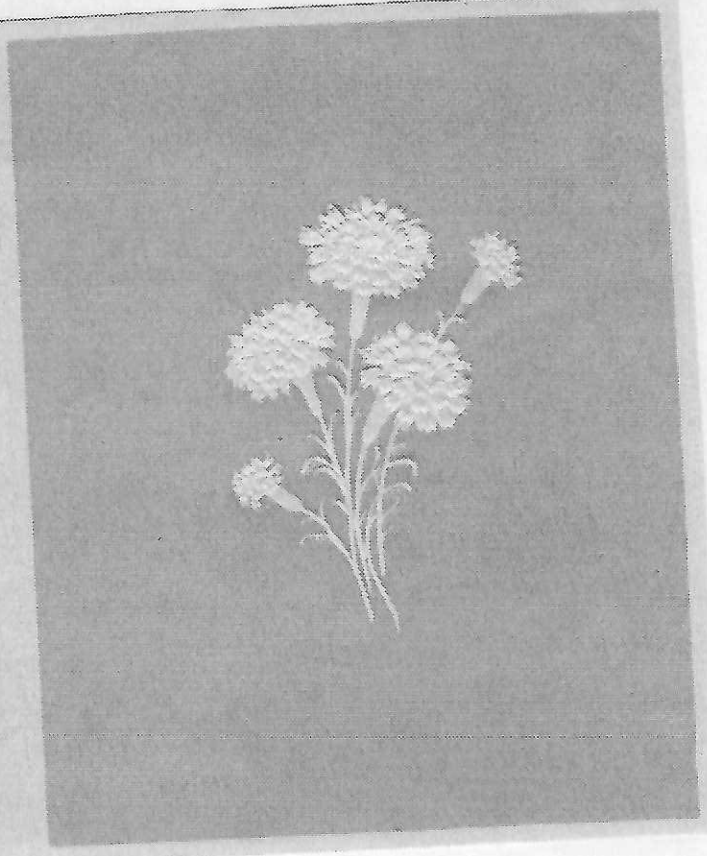
I know he must be very lonely at times but he really has adjusted himself very nicely.

His wife died in 1945

Did you know Almaleta & Jim are expecting a baby in March? Dad and I are driving down in May I guess.

Thank you again for the picture.

Love
Leona E. Liz



[Jan. 5, 1955]

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Jan. 5, 55

Dear Elizabeth,

We enjoyed your Christmas card. Your boys are darling. I can't tell one from the other really.

We too have a little boy. You may have heard. Michael E. was born on Dec. 18, 54. He weighed 6½ lbs. and is a fine little guy. We've really wanted a boy for him and I was about ready to give up. I lost two others last year in early months of the pregnancy and we

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[Birth of son, Michael E. Linz (b. 1954)

2. almost lost this one. I changed Drs. this last time, went to a very excellent specialist and it was well worth it.

We've had so much fun fixing over upper bed room into the nursery. Our home is a story and a half, with dormers upstairs. We've started to complete the upper rooms now and so will have a third bedroom, a study and a second bath. Mike is doing it a little at a time. We've had the heating, plumbing etc. done. It's a lot of fun.

Our Christmas was a very busy one

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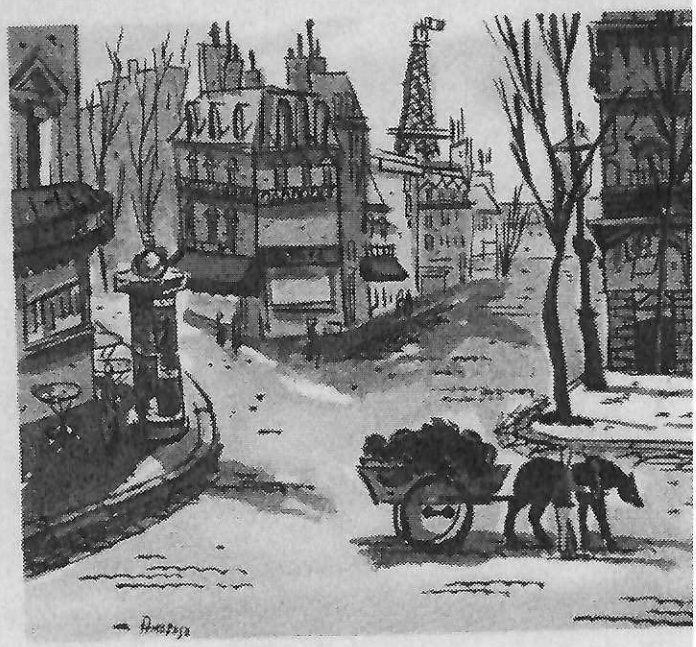
3. as you can well understand. I must add that I'm sorry I didn't get a Christmas card to you. I simply couldn't get everything done.

I hope you will all have a wonderful 1955.

Very truly yours

Lorna



[June 7, 1958]

[DEW and EPW visit]

June 7, 58

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

We are very pleased at the thought of your visit and are looking forward to meeting the boys. We have never seen them.

Unless we hear otherwise, we'll plan on seeing you on Sat. June 14th for lunch, around noon. I thought we'd be very informal and have a picnic lunch in our back yard. The children always enjoy that. We have a swing set etc. so they will have things to occupy themselves

with.

Will save the rest of the chit-chat for set.

He's about 1½ blocks south of Chicago ave. Our house is a light tan brick with a dark brown roof.

Love Lena

[1959]

[Leona's father, William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880), died July 6, 1959.]

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1959

Dear Jane and Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift.

Oddness we shall insert a while and then buy something for the home with it. Jim, Tata and family plan on spending Christmas with us. We had planned on taking the memorial gift out to the home then.

Dad had been working

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at the bank. They were short of help because of vacations. He was quite well and had been enjoying his work. He died from a heart attack.

I supposed you know that aunt Tonie is in the hospital and is very ill. She felt so terrible because she couldn't get to dad's funeral.

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Perhaps this finds you all well. Say hello to the boys.

Love

Leona

[Jan. 26, 1965]

Jan. 26, 65

Dear Dave + Elizabeth,

Thank you for the photographs. It was very thoughtful of you.

Almalita and family came to us the wed. before Christmas and stayed for several days. Her oldest two are in high school now. My boy is in fourth grade. He keeps life hectic and interesting.

We have had a busy year. Mike was County chairman for Charles Percy. Our life wasn't our own. But, all that is over for awhile at least.

Well, onward. Thank you again.

Sincerely

Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-IL)

[This sketch was made by Leona Eloise Nemitz (b. 1924)]

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[ca. 1965]

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full William John Ernest Nemits(z) (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth Mar 29, 1880 Mantena, Ill

Date and Place of Death July 6, 1959 Chicago, Ill

Address, if Living _____ Date _____

Father's Name in Full William Nemits

Mother's Maiden Name in Full Thresa Jacobs

Married to (1st) ? (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage ?

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death None

Marriage Ended by Divorce Date ?

Married to (2nd) Alma L. Grimes (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage Oct. 31, 1921 Gramm Point, Indiana

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death Leona E., Feb 2, 1924

Almadia L., June 14, 1926

Marriage Ended by death of wife Date Aug 29, 47

Education, with Places and Dates: ?

Occupation, with Places and Dates: ?

Other Places of Residence, with Dates: ?

Religious Affiliations:

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received:

Leona Lang

[Dec. 16, 1969]

Dec 16, 69

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

Your card was dropped in the box a few days ago but I'm sending this little supplementary note in response to your letter. I'm afraid communication by mail is something I'm poor at. Alexandra & I must or long we finally make phone calls.

I am very happy to know things are working out for your boys. Aaron started high school this fall. He's terribly concerned about V.N.

Michael E. Linz (b. 1954)

[Viet Nam]

and Union will mean fight. Life is so hard for them as seen.

Tom's work as a psychiatric aide sounds interesting. I event through several years of analysis, several years ago and can't say enough for it. I should have had it in my teens but there were so many problems in that home. However I understand now and the hostility is gone.

Mike keeps busy in the Insurance field and keeps active on a local and county basis, doing "middle of the road" to "liberal", political work as a volunteer worker. I hate to calling anyone but I don't know how else to describe it. This is a very Conservative Republican area.

We've broken away from our old church. The emphasis seemed to be on I am extremely experienced new building & programs etc. welcome. Christ came

You'll remember with the entire question, too, most of Arch. Jones church once in a while. He got his degree at Union of Chgo. Here a man graduate from

[Christmas 1974]

1974

Best Wishes to you

this Holiday Season

Frieda and Lorna

We enjoyed your card very much. Things have been hectic this fall. Michael was in the hospital for oral surgery and developed an infection a month later. He still wears the elastic wrap.

Frieda retired from secretarial to find he no longer had a job. His entire dept. evaporated, his time was gone. He began a new job in Dec. with another firm. Unfamiliar ex., similar work, hours etc. We feel very lucky. Had no offers in Tucson. None of us really cared much for that kind of a move. We enclosed some copies of some goings on. Perhaps there will be some additional information in them. We couldn't find a birth certificate for mother. We have their marriage license. The date of marriage was Oct. 31, 1921. You probably have that. Would you let us know if anything else comes up.

Love
Lorna

Enclosed copies

See next 2 pages

"I couldn't find a birth certificate for mother" (Alma Leona Grimes [d. 1947]).

"I have their marriage license. The date of marriage was Oct. 31, 1921."

← See note on previous page.

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[Christmas 1974]

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[Birth certificate for William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)]

CERTIFIED COPY OF A RECORD OF BIRTH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the record of birth of William John Ernest Nemitz as made from the original certificate of such birth now on file in this office in accordance with the law requiring reports of births, stillbirths and deaths in Illinois.

Signed [illegible]

Official title [illegible]

Address [illegible]

Date July 4, 19 47

Form V. S. No. 30

(10M)—1500M—11-41)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DWIGHT H. GREEN, Governor
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Registration Dist. No. 46 8

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Macoupin
(Township, Village Town, City, Hospital, Address) (Cities)
*(Cross) the three terms not applicable—Do not enter "R. R." "R. F. D." or other P. O. address.)

Primary Dist. No. 0 P 2
Street and Number

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH

3. Sex M

4. Twin, Triplet, or other? (To be answered only in the event of plural births)

5. Number in order of birth

6. Legitimate? Yes

7. Date of birth (Month) (Day) (1880)

FATHER

8. Full Name [illegible]

9. Residence at time of this birth [illegible]

10. Color white

11. Age at time of this birth [illegible] yrs.

12. Birthplace (City or Place) [illegible]
(Name State, if in U. S.)
(Name Country, if Foreign) [illegible]

13. Occupation [illegible]
(Nature of Industry)

MOTHER

14. Full Maiden Name [illegible]

15. Residence at time of this birth [illegible]

16. Color white

17. Age at time of this birth [illegible]

18. Birthplace (City or Place) [illegible]
(Name State, if in U. S.)
(Name Country, if Foreign) [illegible]

19. Occupation [illegible]
(Nature of Industry)

20. (a) Number of children born to this mother at the time of and including this birth 3

(b) Number of children living at the time of and including this birth 3

21. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was the Attendant at this Birth. This space only for signature of Physician, Midwife

Signed

Address

Date (Month) (Day)

IF SIGNATURE OF BIRTH ATTENDANT IS OBTAINABLE, AN AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED.

STATE OF Illinois
County of [illegible] } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I had actual knowledge of the facts as stated in this RECORD OF BIRTH at the time the birth occurred and know them to be true; and that I am related to this person as [illegible]

Signature [illegible]

Present Address [illegible]

Subscribed to, and sworn before me this [illegible] day of July, 19 47

Notary P.

SEAL

My commission expires [illegible] 19 47

22. Filed July 4, 19 47 [illegible] Regi

Post Office Address [illegible]

[Louise N. Storch]

(1942)

← See note two pages back.

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N97 Log 984

[Death certificate for William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)]

CITY OF CHICAGO—BOARD OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS } SS
COUNTY OF COOK }
CITY OF CHICAGO }

I, Herman N. Bundesen, M. D., Registrar of Vital Statistics of the City of Chicago, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of births, stillbirths and deaths of the City of Chicago by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and the ordinances of the City of Chicago; that the accompanying certificate on this sheet is a true copy of a record kept by me in pursuance of said laws and ordinances.

This Certified Copy VALID Only When Original BLUE SEAL And BLUE SIGNATURE Are Affixed.

JULY 31, 1959

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NUMBER C 48450

DECEDENT'S BIRTH NO.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 16.10 REGISTRY NUMBER

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County: COOK — COUNTY, ILLINOIS
b. Death took place: ☐ OUTSIDE city limits and in ..... TOWNSHIP. ☒ INSIDE city limits and in the city, village, or town named in 1c
c. CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWN: CHICAGO
d. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b or 1c: 2 weeks
e. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital or institution, give street address): Englewood
f. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1e: 4½ hrs.

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission.) a. STATE: Illinois b. COUNTY: Will
c. Residence was: ☐ OUTSIDE city limits and in ..... TOWNSHIP. ☒ INSIDE city limits and in the city, village, or town named at 2d
d. CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWN: Peotone
e. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE AT 2c or 2d: 2yrs.
f. STREET ADDRESS: Peotone Bensoville Home
g. Did decedent reside on a farm? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED a. FIRST: William b. MIDDLE: Ernest c. LAST: Nemitz
4. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH) July (DAY) 6 (YEAR) 1959
5. SEX: Male
6. RACE: White
7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify): Widowed
8. DATE OF BIRTH: 5-29-1880
9. AGE (in years last birthday): 79 — If under 1 year: MONTHS DAYS — If under 24 hrs.: HOURS MIN.
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work during most of working life, even if retired): Elevator Operator
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: Retired
11. BIRTHPLACE (City and state or foreign country): Peotone, Illinois
12. Citizen of what country: U. S. A.
13. FATHER'S FULL NAME: William Nemitz ~~Unknown~~
14. MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME: ~~Unknown~~ Theresa Jacobs
15. Was deceased ever in U. S. Armed Forces? (Yes, no, or unknown): Unknown — If yes, give war or dates of service:
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: Unknown
17. INFORMANT a. SIGNATURE: [signature]
b. ADDRESS: 6001 Green St.
c. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED: Hosp. Rec.

CAUSE OF DEATH 4200

18. CAUSE OF DEATH

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] — INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Acute Coronary Occlusion — Hours

Conditions, if any, which gave rise to the above IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a), stating the UNDERLYING cause last: due to (b) Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease — Years; due to (c)

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a).

19. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

20. DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES OF INJURY, IF ANY, WHOSE NATURE IS MENTIONED IN PART I OR PART II ABOVE.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from July 6, 1959, to July 6, 1959, that I last saw the deceased alive on July 6, 1959, and death occurred at 2:00Pm M., from the causes and on the date stated above.

DATE 7-6-59 SIGNED [signature] M.D. ADDRESS 7141 S. Jeffrey Blvd. PHONE Hy 3-4477

22. DISPOSITION: BURIAL (Tel.) 7-8-59
CEMETERY: Mt. Hope
LOCATION: Worth Twp., Cook Co., Illinois
23. FUNERAL DIRECTOR: FIRM NAME: Gordon & Wilson
ADDRESS: 1111 So. Halsted St.
Chicago, Illinois
SIGNATURE: [signature] LICENSE NUMBER 4150

24. Received for filing on JUL 7 1959 [signature] (Signed) Herman N. Bundesen M.D. 64 West Hubbard Street, Chicago 10 CHICAGO BOARD OF HEALTH LOCAL REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION — FILE IN WITH TRANSCRIPT OF LICENSE PURCHASED

BY THE AUTHORITY STATE OF ILLINOIS

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← See note 3 pages back.

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[Death certificate for Alma Leona Grimes (d. 1947)]

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CITY OF CHICAGO -- BOARD OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF HEALTH

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS
CITY OF CHICAGO

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MAY 14, 1948

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STATE OF ILLINOIS — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH — DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS — ORIGINAL

CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registered No. 25957

1. PLACE OF DEATH. County of Cook — Registration Dist. No. 3104 — 3104
Village, City, Township, Road Dist., Precinct: Chicago
(If inside the three limits not applicable—Do not enter "R. R.," "R. F. D.," or other P. O. Address.)
Street and Number, No. 6001 So. Green St. Englewood
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

LENGTH OF TIME AT PLACE OF DEATH Yrs. 7 Mo.

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: STATE Illinois County Cook Township
(Usual place of abode. Do not enter "R. R.," "R. F. D.," or other P. O. Address.) City or Village Chicago Road Dist.
Street and Number 909 W. Marquette Road.

3 (a). FULL NAME ALMA NEMITZ (Print or type) Mrs. Nemitz
3 (b). If veteran, name war NU
3 (c). Social Security No. None
4. Sex Female 5. Color or race White 6 (a). Single, widowed, married, divorced Married
6 (b). Name of husband or wife William 6 (c). Age of husband or wife if alive 56 years
7. Birth date of deceased 12 (Month) 6 (Day) 1892 (Year)
8. AGE: Years 54 Months 8 Days 14 If less than one day hr. min.
9. Birthplace Chicago, Illinois (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation Housewife
11. Industry or business Own home
FATHER 12. Name Peter Grimes
13. Birthplace Unknown Illinois (State or foreign country)
MOTHER 14. Maiden name Dora Kahle
15. Birthplace Unknown Illinois (State or foreign country)
16. INFORMANT William Nemitz (Person cognizant with pen and ink)
P. O. Address 909 W Marquette Rd.
17. PLACE OF BURIAL Cemetery Mt. HOPE (b) DATE AUG. 27, 1947
Location WORTH BEVERLY (Township, Road Dist., Village or City)
County COOK State Ill.
18. UNDERTAKER Chilly & Hugelhof (Person cognizant with pen and ink) ADDRESS 7111 Halsted License No. 74

CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

20. DATE OF DEATH August 24 (Month) (Day) 1947 (Year)
21. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I took charge of the remains of the deceased herein described, held an Inquiry (Inquest, Inquiry or Inquest) thereon and from the evidence obtained find that said deceased came to Her death on the date stated above and that Disease or Injury causing Death was: Organic heart disease
Date of Onset or Occurrence
Manner of Injury was:
(Additional space provided on reverse side, if needed.)
22. ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL
Was injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?
If so, specify:
23. INJURY rec'd in (Village, City, Township, Road Dist.) (Unused the three terms not applicable.)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place:
24. (Signature) A. L. Bradie
By George Bachenberger Coroner
Address 1540 S 53rd Ct. med
Date August 25 1947 Fraternal Order
25. Filed Herman N. Bundesen Registrar.
P. O. Address 1947 AUG 26 PM 9 27

[Sept. 1, 1976]

Almalita (Leta) L. Nemitz (b. 1926)
and
James W. Lynch, Jr.

dem to ask. to see Lynchs. mebbe, hadn't been there for five years. He liked it and really relates to them for which I'm very thankful since he has so little family here.

Marlin and family were home on leave for a months and are now in N. Car. Her husband is still in the Marines. Her children are one and five years of age.

You sons sound as if they are progressing nicely. Tom's work sounds interesting. I joined the DuPage Mental Health Society last winter and do a little volunteer work from time to time. It's not the county organization but one that is part of the nat'l association for Mental Health. It's depressing in many ways because the needs are so great and the money scarce. Same old story.

Well, I'll close. Sorry I delayed again. Love to all.

Lenor

DuPage Mental Health society

Sept. 1, 76

12/12/76

Dear Dave and Elizabeth,

Thought I'd better answer your lovely Christmas letter before next Christmas. Writing is really not my thing I guess. I'd much rather get up the phone but the budget doesn't allow. Leta and I call family often.

Thank you for the pictures. I'd forgotten about it. Kids excited in a new and better camera and various lenses recently. Haven't done much with it so far but he uses it his own pace.

Michael has taken some courses at the College of DuPage. He liked them, did well in most of them but wanted to work again. Has had a couple of jobs and is looking for a new one now. And so it goes. We took a trip with a friend by car this time (he's had it with hitch hiking). They went up to Canada, to New York and then

college of DuPage

[Dec. 15, 1976]

Dec. 15, 76

Dear Mark and Elizabeth,

I will enclose a few lines for a change although the year has been rather uneventful. I hate feeling guilty often I've dropped the cards in the mail box, realizing that I haven't added any additional communication. Never seem to start early enough.

Eloise Theresa Storch

John William Storch

Well sure Eloise wrote to tell you of Dave's death. It doesn't seem possible. We saw quite a lot of them growing up. I don't know his second wife. Met her once only and that was at aunt Jennie's funeral.

Michael's work at the county (DuPage?)

Mike's work at the county changed last fall. He is now executive assistant to the chairman of the county board. It's many interesting, hard and also rewarding salarywise. ← [rewarding salarywise (?)]

Mental Health Assn. of DuPage County

I'm still involved in volunteer work with Mental Health Assn. of ~~Dupage~~ County. Everything is rapidly growing in that area it seems. Maybe nothing is easy. Have met much nice people.

Michael is still working and going to school off and on. I wonder what he will end to. Bill has his twenty second birthday next Sat. The only celebration he wants is Mommy fixed brought in. He goes his own way of course.

Are you still have your lovely dog? We have one too and they are getting a little more settled.

They're over five years of age now. They are so funny together, because they're so different.

How are you all? Doing interesting things I know.

Our letters will probably cross. Have a lovely holiday season.

Love
Lorna

[Christmas 1978]

1978

Have a Very Merry Christmas

and a

Wonderful New Year

Love
Mike and Elma

Arkansas

Almalita (Leta), Leona's sister

Nice that you got to Arkansas and met some of Leta's children. Didn't get down there because of the people. The area doesn't have much appeal for me. It's too far from the places and things I like. However, if something happened to Mike, I'd probably move there. Dennis still here. He has been left with a lot of bad problems as a result of that accident almost two years ago. He's working with a D.V.R. program. Things could be much (over)

letter. Maybe next year —

I suppose you are all as busy as ever. How are the boys? You probably received cards from Eloise and Wayne telling about their changes.

Take care. Hope your holiday season is wonderful.

Love
Elma

Eloise Storch

Wayne Storch

[Christmas 1985]

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1985

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

I hope you are well and enjoying your retirement. I haven't written for some time because I do very little of anything anyway. He's been under treatment for a bone marrow disease since Dec. 1980. It's a rare illness & related to Parkinson's & osmotic changes to that. The end result is that I'm always very tired & frequently at the Dr. for blood counts etc. Most of it, I can do on an outpatient basis & I can drive to the hospital in about 5 min. Hap is very nice & his wife works in the office also, part time. Cases of this rare found after the atomic explosion in Japan. It's somewhat found in people who have been exposed to radiation and - and a lot of industrial production. I wonder where I got it.

Her sister Almalita

Almalita is doing fine. She came to see me in Oct. for a week. We didn't do much & I don't look much anyone but we hadn't seen each other in 2½ years. We call each other fairly often and enjoy our relationship.

NATURE GIVES TO EVERY TIME AND SEASON
SOME BEAUTIES OF ITS OWN...

CHARLES DICKENS

Love
Jude & Jerry

page 2

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As usual I'm just starting Christmas cards & it's now 11 10 pm, Thursday. I'm pretty family. Only send about 25 but have about 20 left to do.

Her son Michael

Michael was 31 years old yesterday. He's been working up North, in Graphic Arts field. Took a studio apt. close to work, last Sept. Had an 1½ hr. trip, driving from home, each way. Was engaged for almost two years some time ago but it ended. They shared an apt.

3 for most of that time. She was a lovely girl & they spent a lot of time here but they married different things & both of them went back to school after they split up. We are glad they didn't get married, looking back. Life is hard for young people & I guess for older people usually. I wouldn't live any of it over.

Well, enough of that. I hope you boys are well and happy.

Love
Jean

P.S. Mike is still working at the Bergen County Courts. He is sick of the political life as it is today. That man in D.C. doing the greatest act of his life, we didn't need. It seems like this country could come up with someone with some intelligence and humanity. A man named Harris Farrell is in Congress now. He's been on Breed for many years. His wife is one of Rosemile's best school teachers. I'm more than we know more they are about.

Her husband Michael

"He is sick of the political life as it is today."

Ronald Reagan

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[Dec. 1990]

Dec. 1990

Dear Fiona + Mike,

We have had a very busy year, much of it spent in traveling from Times to Chicago to see Tom, Virginia, and little Rebecca. She is growing beautifully after a rather precarious start.

Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick (b. 1988)

Most recently we spent Thanksgiving in Chicago and had a delightful visit. For Christmas we'll have Jim with us here; but Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca will be with Virginia's family this year.

We are in reasonably good health, and we hope you are both doing well.

All our love,

Elizabeth + David

Almalita Nemitz

documents

[Jan. 17, 1948]

Mr. William E. Nemits
requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of his daughter
Almalita
to
James W. Lynch, Jr.
on Saturday, January seventeenth
nineteen hundred and forty-eight
at 7:00 o'clock P. M.
Englewood Ev. U. B. Church
66th and S. Peoria Streets
Chicago, Illinois

Jan. 23, 1948

Dear Elizabeth + Dave:
Thanks now so much
for the lovely bowl.
Sincerely,
Almalita + Jim Lynch

[Mar. 2, 1949]

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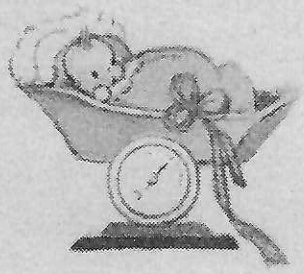
MADE IN U.S.A.

We thought perhaps
You'd like to know—

A BABY
CAME
TO CALL!

So here's



And baby's
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The parents'
names
and all!

Arrived on March 2, 1949

At 12:15 p.m.

It's a boy - Jeffrey Michael

Weight 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs James Lynch, Jr.

[June 21, 1949]

MADE IN U.S.A.

June 21, 1949
Tues. morn

Dear Elizabeth & Dave:-

The boy is a darling. Thank you for sending it to Jeff.

He's getting to be so heavy. About two weeks ago he weighed 14¼ lbs. He really keeps me busy too.

I called dad last Sun. He said he had just written to you & sent some pictures.

2.

How are all of you? We are fine except for a few colds.

Are you going to Mich. for your vacation? We are coming back for a visit around the first part of Nov. Don't know if we'll get to see you. There will be so much to do. We will stay with Leone & Mike if this was home.

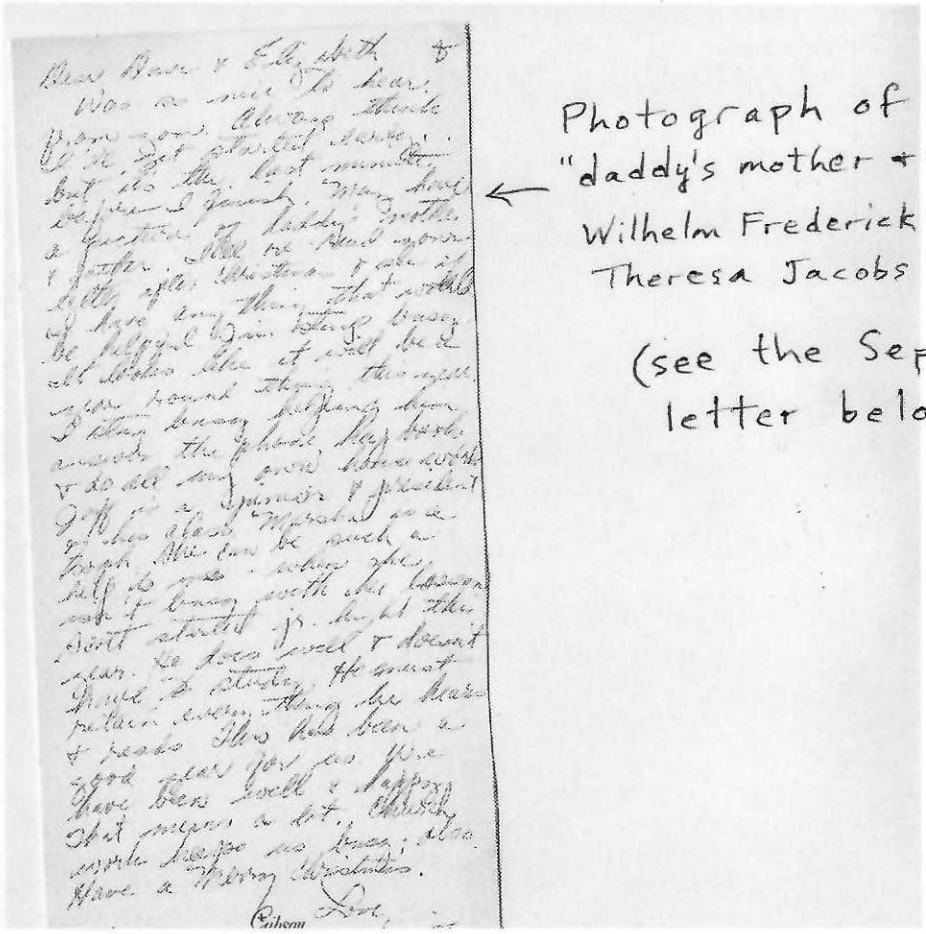
Thanks again.

Love
Claudetta, Jim, & Jeffrey

[Christmas 1965]

May
all the
blessings
of
Christmas
be yours

The Lynches,
Jim
Almaleta
Jeff
Marsha
Scott



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Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)
Theresa Jacobs (b. 1843)

(see the Sept. 6, 1978,
letter below)

[Dec. 16, 1966]

Dec. 16, 1966

Dear Dave + Elizabeth,

Well! another busy year has past. There's always something going on. We have all been well.

Jeff will graduate in May. He does quite a bit in school & church. The other kids do quite a bit too. Jim + Jeff hunt a lot. Scott plays foot ball + basket ball. Marsha helps me quite a bit when she isn't in school. She also baby sits a little.

Our Christmas program at church was last Sun. night. I helped with it. It sure was a big job, but it turned out so pretty.

I called Leona last night. We'll be there Friday, but can only stay 3 days. That made her sad. I'll have to fly I guess. That's really the best + easiest way to go. We fly with friends to Fayetteville, Ark. for some foot ball game. We are getting spoiled.

Hope all of you are well & happy. Haven't heard from the Horths this year.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Love,
Amalita

[Christmas 1972]

Dear Dave & Elizabeth &

Hope all is well with you. Jim & I keep busy. Working every day. Jeff Coulter graduated in May from the Univ. of Ark. He's working for Brown & Root in Houston. Sep., as an elec. eng. Scott is a soph. at the Univ. & Marsha & her family are in Hartlock, N.C. Jim & I flew to see them in Sept. Our granddaughter is the sweetest thing ever. We both love being grandparents. She talks up a storm. She thinks the world was made just for her. We just wish they were closer. The boys are coming home for Christmas. For that I am thankful. How are your family?

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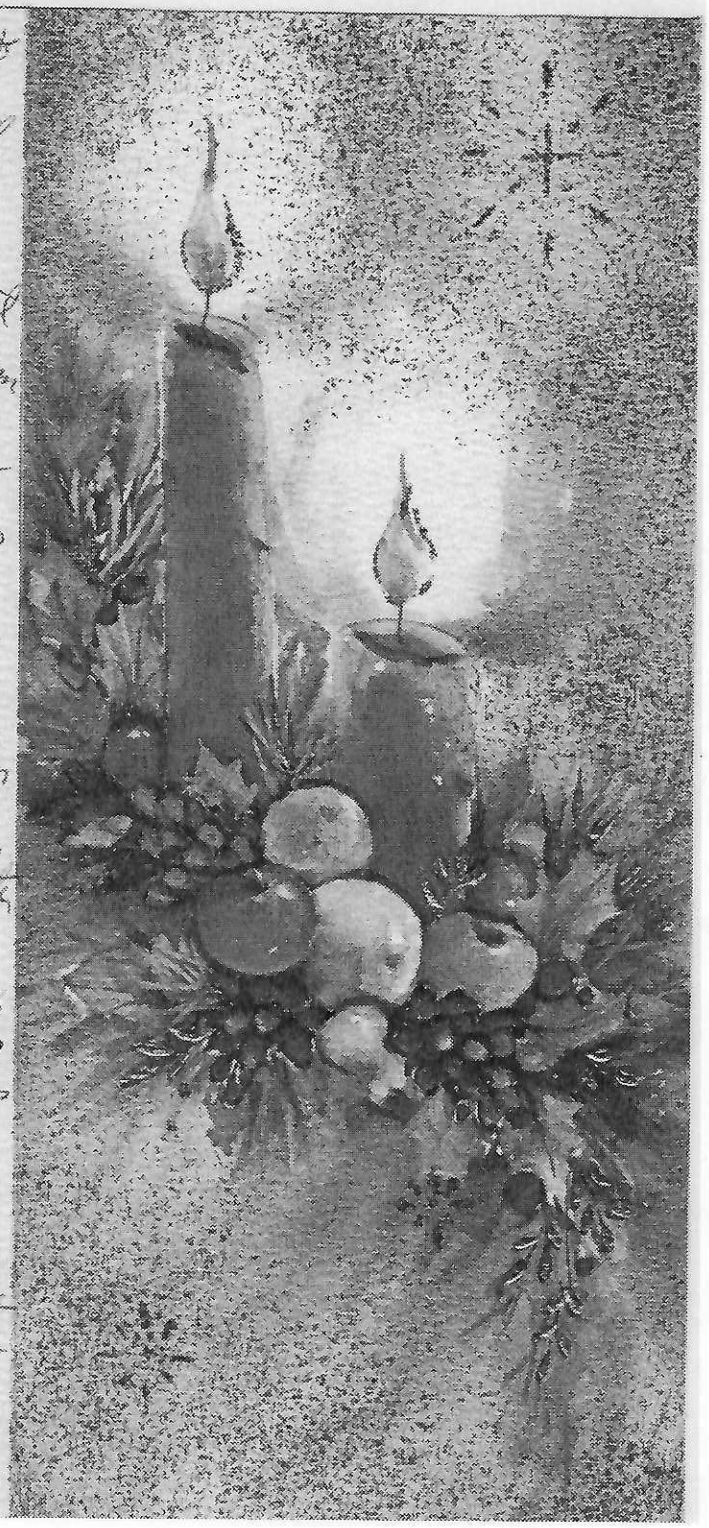
Love,

1972 Mandette



[Dec. 11, 1974]

Dec. 11, 1974

Dear Dave & Elizabeth

Well! the world travelers are at it again. As ~~the~~ our sons call us the "jet set."

We are leaving Dec. 17th to spend Christmas in Hawaii. Marsha & her family have been stationed over there for 18 mons. It's been that long since we've seen them. We talk to them about once a month. Our grandaughter never has been afraid of the telephone.

We just got back from San Francisco & Lake Tahoe. Jim won 2 trips against this year. I'm afraid I'm spoiled. I love to travel. We didn't start taking these trips until the children were out of school. Now we are really enjoying them.

Her daughter, Marsha

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I called some friends we I knew in Chicago 28 yr. ago & they came to see us in Lake Tahoe. They live in Fresno Calif. That alone almost made the trip.

Earlier this year (May) I went to Arizona for a week. Had such a good time with her. We love to do so many of the same things. I'm always taking her off on a new jaunt. This time I had her taking me to all the antique stores & pink yards. I've just gotten interested in antiques from the last few years. Just have a few pieces of furniture. Bought some for Marsha while she was living here & Bob was in Japan.

Jeff & his girl friend were here for Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful time. Invited Jim's folks, but not all of them came. We had 11 for Thanksgiving dinner. I've invited Jim's folks

Her sister, Leona

Her son, Jeffrey

the last 4 yrs. We see Jeff about 4 times a year. He's still working in Houston.

Her son, Scott

Scott never would go back to the Unit. He is still living at home & working for Jim. He has steadily improved this year in his work. Jim really could use help. If you hire some one & train them, they either go in business for themselves, or go to some other company. Scott knows he eventually will get the business when Jim can't work any more.

I think Leona told me you were in Naperville & that she had pictures of some of us

We hope you have a Merry & Blessed Christmas.

Love

Jim & Elizabeth

[Christmas 1976]

1976

May
The Christmas Spirit
remain within your hearts
throughout the
coming year

Love,
Jim & Elizabeth

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,
So sorry to hear about John. A dear friend of ours, fell dead in church. The shock is terrible. We have had our hands more than full. Marsha & family were

John Storch's death

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back from Hawaii & stayed with us for 6 weeks. Day before. She had separated from her husband & came back to Ile Wett to live. They are living with us until we finish fixing up an old house we bought. I love the house, & people wonder why we don't fix it up & move in it. There is just too much for me & our life in this house. I'm content. Wouldn't move unless I had to.

Our trip this year took us back to Las Vegas. We stayed at the MGM Grand for 4 days. Same friends that use to live in Chicago (now live in Fresno) drove over & spent some time with us. Your trip sounds lovely. We spent 10 days in London & loved it. Jeff will be home for Christmas all of us will be together.

Love,
Elizabeth

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Marsha's marriage

[Christmas 1977]

1977

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

It's been a busy year. Both of our sons got married. Jeff married in June. His wife is a pharmacist. They bought a home there (Holston). Scott married Nov. 19th to a 1st grade teacher. They bought a home in De Witt. Scott still works for Jim. We have 3 lovely new daughters. We are really well blessed. Our daughter & children are living in De Witt. She is working. Our oldest grand daughter is in school & the little red-head is 2. Her husband is coming home for Christmas.

Jeffrey and Scott

Marsha

Jim & I flew to Switzerland the first week in Nov. We took a side trip to Austria, Germany & Liechenstein. Only had an hour or 2 in each place. We still work in the church, always wish our children would go more.

Have a blessed Christmas.

Love,
Almadita

Merry Christmas
and
HAPPY · NEW · YEAR

Love,
Jim & Almadita

[May 7, 1978]

[Plans for visit to
DeWitt, AR]

May 7, 1978

Dear Albertha - Jim,

Every year Elizabeth and I attend a conference of staff members of councils of churches from all over the country. This year it's going to be in New Mexico, and we're trying to arrange our itinerary so we can go through Arkansas and see you.

Our present plan is to go to Chicago and be with Sam on Saturday and Sunday, June 17 - 18. We would leave Chicago and arrive in DeWitt Tuesday afternoon the 20th. We could stay with you on the 21st and then on Thursday the 22nd go to Bella Vista, Ark. (near Fayetteville) to see a second cousin of mine on my fathers side. We would be in Las Vegas, New Mexico by June 24th on my nephew and his family.

We hope you will be home and not too busy from June 20-22. Perhaps you'll be off on one of your many trips! If so, we might be able to reverse our direction and come to Arkansas after the conference - about July 6.

Association of Council Secretaries (ACS)

We do hope we can work it out one way or the other. It has been so long since we've seen you — and now all your children are married, and you even have grandchildren!

We know you must be very happy to have both Scott and Marsha living in the West. We would love to meet them and their families, too.

Please let us know soon whether this would work out with you, as we would have to change our other plans, too. If any of the others on our January have conflicts, we might have to change these dates, as they are only tentative at the moment.

We look forward to your reply.

Love,

Jane + Elizabeth

[May 24, 1978]

5/24/78

Dear Almarita and Jim:

We were delighted to learn that you will be at home in June and will be able to see us.

However, we have to change the dates a little. We won't be starting by going through Chicago, because you can't see us until we return in July.

Therefore, we'll be coming down through Iowa, visiting some ~~of the~~ Norris relatives. This means it will be better to stop first in Belle Vista and then come on to Des Moines.

We'll arrive in Des Moines Saturday afternoon, June 31. We'll be with you on Sunday and leave for New Mexico on Tuesday morning. We hope the weather will be bright with you.

Love,

Jane + Elizabeth

[May 12, 1978]

May 12, 1978

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

We are looking forward to seeing you. The time will be just fine.

We do most of our traveling in NW. The summer months we are so busy that we can't leave for very long.

You'll get to meet all of our children that are home & our grand children. They do lead me a merry chase.

It will be so nice to see you again.

Her sister, Leona, in Naperville, IL

I was back to Naperville for a week the first part of April. Mike & Michael were in Arizona. Leona & I had a lovely visit.

See you in June.

Love,
Elizabeth

[Sept. 6, 1978]

9-6 78

Dear Dave + Elizabeth

I know it's been a long time. When our photographer took the pictures to be developed the man was on vacation. (Three months, to be exact). It took all this time to get the photographs back. I thought they were pretty expensive. ($57.00)

$5.00 each to make a negative.
$4.00 each for the big pictures
$3.00 each for the smaller ones.

I think they turned out real well. I hope you will be pleased.

Thank you for the mints. They were the most delicious ones I've ever tasted.

It was so good to see you both again. Jim + I enjoyed knowing you – Astro did too.

See the Christmas 1965 note above.

Astro (the dog)

2.

We are still busy. It doesn't look like we will ever get caught up.

Everyone is back in school. Our school started around Aug. 24th.

We've already had our kids to Livestock show. Adrian rode on the church float. We took Wanda, the girls, + a friend to the Fair Grounds after the Parade. The girls had a great time on the rides.

Thank you for the pictures. They are really good.

Hope you have gotten back into the swing of things after your long vacation.

Hope you get to pass this way again.

Enjoy the pictures.

Love,
Jim + Elizabeth

Sept. 28, 1978

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

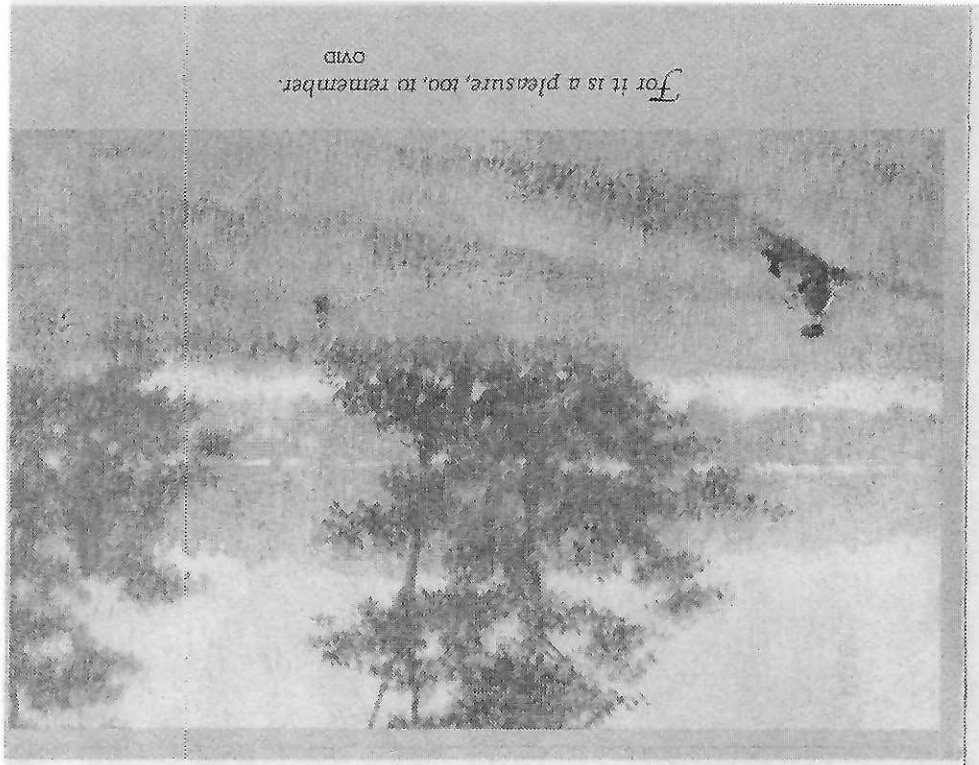
Did you receive the pictures? I sent them a month ago. I was going to insure them, but the photographer suggested I send them first class. It would really upset me if you didn't get them. Please let me know one way or the other.

Finally got the outside of the windows painted. There is always so much to do.

Marsha's husband came home, but that's a stormy situation.

Did you get your another dog? Astro was gone for 3

[Sept. 28, 1978]



2.

days & Scott put a "Lost" ad in the paper. He came home that day. Kris couldn't sleep. You sure can get attached to them.

Jeff & Judy will be home Oct 12th. He's coming to working hunt with Jim. I guess Judy & I will "goof-off".

Let me know about the pictures.

Hallmark

Love, Amalia

[Oct. 2, 1978]

From the desk of
REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

10/2/78

Dear Almalita + Jim:

Please forgive me for not acknowledging the pictures right away. I got busy with so many things and forgot I hadn't written.

We think the pictures came out very well, and we thank you for having them done. Enclosed is a check for $57.00. Yes, they are expensive, but it's the only possible way of getting copies and saving them for posterity.

Did the photographer give you the negatives? I think either you or we should have them, rather than leaving them with the photographer.

Enclosed is a picture I don't think we sent you earlier, because we didn't have prints.

No we don't have a new dog yet. We are waiting for our breeder to locate a good dog for

or a bread another litter. There are Elkhounds around that don't measure up to her high standards, and we trust her judgment.

Every time we hear anything about Arkansas now we think of you. It was so good to be able to visit you last June.

Love,

Dave + Elizabeth

[Christmas 1978-79]

1978

1978 b

Hi!
Where will you spend Christmas? We are going to Bert & Krista's on Christmas Eve & opening some presents over there. Jeff & Judy are driving up from Houston. They will be here Fri. Will have Christmas dinner here. All the children will be here. Marsha & family will spend Christmas Eve over here, so the girls will be ready for Santa. We really have been so busy since we got back from Ber. Jim didn't even go deer hunting. Missed both deer.
Have a Blessed holiday season.
Love,
Almalita

P.S. Eloise has moved - also.

Hallmark 300PX 88-5

1979

1979

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,
Where did you go this year? I hope we get to see you again some time.
Bert & Krista still have Astro. He's as big a baby as ever. Did you ever get another dog?
Jim is deer hunting this week at deer camp. I can go down there & eat if I want. Went yesterday, but I need to stay busy today.
We let Bert & Krista have our trip to Aruba. They really had a great time.
Everyone was here for Thanksgiving, so it will be a quiet Christmas. I'll enjoy that. Hope all is you are fine

[Dec. 18, 1980]

12-18-80

Dear Marie & Elizabeth,

Glad you finally got your dog that you wanted so long for. Scott & Kris still have Astro. He's as big a baby as ever. We will have our big Christmas meal at their home. Will open gifts & have breakfast here. Don't know if Jeff & Judy will be in or not. All of us are well. The children are getting out of school today. Will pick up the youngest at kindergarten. Leona isn't very well. She is still having tests run as an out patient.

I've had over three wk 1½ weeks & have enjoyed Christmas this year. Have a few more gifts to wrap. Invited a few friends in for cookies & coffee in the afternoon.

Jim is still busy - for which we are thankful. We went to New Orleans for a few days - & Carrie too. I've also spent a few days in Chicago, Virginia & Santa Fe, N. M. I do love to travel.

Have a Blessed Christmas.

Almadeta

Wishing you all the
Joys of the Season and much Happiness
in the coming New Year

Love,
Jim & Almadeta

[Christmas 1982]

1982

Hi!

Well! another year. We are still doing well. Our business is holding up pretty good — in spite of the recession. There are quite a few farmers that are in trouble.

Jim & I went to Montreal & Quebec City the end of Sept. We had a wonderful time & loved Canada — Quebec City was the best. We were gone a week. Hit the fall foliage at its peak.

Then the end of Oct I went to see Leona for a week. Haven't been back in 3½ yrs., so we had a nice time.

Jeff came in Dec. for a few days, so he & Jim are in deer camp.

We even had snow, but. If we get any at all it's usually in Jan. It melted ~~almost~~ immediately. As you know, we've had a lot of rain.

All of us are going to Scott & Krista's for Christmas this year. Have a blessed holiday season & a great New Year.

With every good wish for

the Holidays

and a very Happy New Year

Love,

Jim & Amalita

[Christmas 1983]

1983

Dear Dave & Elizabeth,

Are you getting enough snow? We still don't have any. Jeff & Judy & Scott & Kristi & Dad were here for Thanksgiving. Marsha remarried last Jan. & she & her family were invited, but didn't come. We had a real nice time. Jeff & Judy invited us to Houston for Christmas, so we plan to go. I'm really looking forward to it. Scott & Kristi lost Astro last winter. He had been in the house but acted like he wanted to go outside, so they let him out. About bed time they found him dead in the back yard. They don't have another dog.

Went to Nagrodski this spring with Scott & Kristi. Had a great time - even though Leona still feels bad. Mike took off work & all of us (except Leona) went in to the Museum of Science & Industry. That's one of the things I miss about Chicago. It's still free.

My mother was here for the month of July. Enjoyed having her.

One of our men fell & broke both heels, so we've been short one man for 6 months. We are so lonesy. For that we should be thankful. Jim & I found some time this fall & went fishing. We packed a picnic lunch & spent the day.

Hope you have a blessed Christmas & Holiday.

May Peace and Joy
Like the Wonder of Wildlife
Surround You in the Coming Year

Love,

Jim & Annalita

1986

Hi,

No travels this year. Just spent 6 days with Leona this fall.

Last May, our daughter left her husband & came here with 3 children. (One baby) In Sept., we found she & the baby in apt. She stayed in it 2 weeks & then went back to her husband. In the mean time she asked us to have her 3 daughters. Now we have Lora & Chris 11 yr. & Adrian is almost 16. We will take them with us & drive to Houston for Christmas.

Our oldest Don & his wife will have their first child in Apr. I'm excited about spending Christmas with them - Almadelle

Daughter, Marsha

Happy holidays
and best wishes
for a wonderful
new year.

Love
Jim & Almadelle

[Christmas 1986]

[Christmas 1989]

1989

Dear Folks,

Well! we were blessed with a new grand-daughter last Mar. 16th. It's Dotto & Beth's little girl. Her name is Harley Elizabeth. I think it's pretty. Of course she's loads of fun.

We still have our oldest daughter. She graduated & is working. The youngest at home keep busy with school, working after school, church activities, baby sitting & helping at home.

Our eldest son's little girl had open heart surgery in Sept. She doing super. Thank God.

Have a blessed Christmas.

A loving wish at Christmastime
That God will richly bless
Your heart and home with Christmas joy
And lasting happiness.

Love,
Jim & Almatta

[Dec. 1990]

Dec. 1990

Dear Amalita + Jim,

We have had a very busy year, much of it spent in traveling four times to Chicago to see Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca. She is growing beautifully after a rather precarious start.

Most recently we spent Thanksgiving in Chicago and had a delightful visit. For Christmas we'll have Jim with us here; but Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca will be with Virginia's family this year.

We are in reasonably good health, and we hope you are both doing well.

All our love,

Elizabeth + David

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[June 8, 2012]

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James William Lynch Jr.

DeWitt, AR, 1927 - 2012

James William Lynch Jr., age 85, died June 5, 2012. He was born January 17, 1927, in Humphrey, Ark., to James and Fannie Lynch. Jim was a member of First Christian Church, where he served as an Elder. He was past president of DeWitt Lions Club where he received the Long Time Service Award - 60 years, he was a member of DeWitt Chamber of Commerce, former member of DeWitt City Council, was named DeWitt Citizen of the Year for 2000, was South Arkansas County Man of the Year for 1983. Jim was retired from Lynch Heating & Air and was a Navy Veteran of World War II.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Edna Elliott.

Survivors include: his wife, Lita Lynch of DeWitt; two sons and wives, Jeffery and Trudy Lynch of Houston, Texas, Scott and Kris Lynch of DeWitt, one daughter, Marsha Howe of DeWitt; brother, Edward "Buddy" Lynch and wife Nadine of Stuttgart; grandchildren, Adriane Ames, Ana Parker, Jaclyn Lynch, Hayley Lynch, and Christian Howe; great-grandchildren, Truett Parker and Hunter Parker.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m., Friday, at the First Christian fellowship hall. Memorial sservices will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 8 at First Christian Church. Arrangements by by Essex Funeral Home. Memorials may be ade toFirst Christian Church, P.O. Box 389, DeWitt, Ark. 72042, or American Heart Association.

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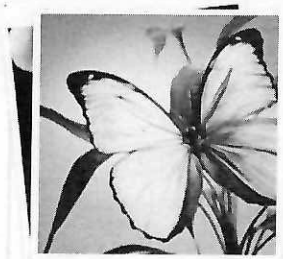

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Obituary for Mrs. Almalita Lucille Nemits Lynch

Alamlita Lucille Nemits Lynch, 92, of DeWitt, Arkansas, completed her earthly journey on July 28, 2018. She was born on June 14, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois to Mary Bode, who lovingly relinquished her baby daughter to adoptive parents William and Alma Nemits, also of Chicago. She became a younger sister to Leona, who was also adopted two years earlier. Through the genealogy research efforts of Almalita's sister, she later reunited with her birth mother, Mary Bode Goddard, and enjoyed many happy times together.

Lita, as she became known, was a 1944 graduate from Parker High School in Chicago and immediately upon graduation went to work in support of the war effort. During this time, she met Seaman James W. Lynch, who was in training at Naval Station Great Lakes (NSGL) in readiness for deployment to the Pacific. Upon completion of his service, Jim and Lita were married on January 17, 1948. After their marriage, they relocated to Arkansas County where Lita was part owner and bookkeeper for Lynch Air Conditioning and Heating in DeWitt, Arkansas. She was an active member of the First Christian Church in DeWitt where she enjoyed singing in the choir and loved caring for the children in the nursery.

Lita was preceded in death by her husband, Jim. It is bittersweet for us to know that they are together again. She was also preceded in death by parents, birth mother, and sister Leona Nemits Linz. She is survived by her children Jeff (Trudy) Lynch of Houston, Texas, Marsha Howe of DeWitt, and Scott (Kris) Lynch of DeWitt as well as her cherished grandchildren Adriane (Will) Ames, Ana (Justin) Parker, Christian Howe, Jaclyn (Jean Benoit) Daumerie, Hayley (Jared) Boling, and great grandchildren Truett and Hunter Parker and soon to be baby Boling.

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church in DeWitt on Wednesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m. followed by a visitation next door in the Fellowship Hall. A private family burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to First Christian Church, the American Heart Association, or your favorite charity. Cremation arrangements by Essex Funeral Home.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Mrs. Almalita Lucille Nemits Lynch please visit our Sympathy Store.

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DeWitt, AR 72042

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Reply from Jeanette P. Babrow of Am. Emb. in Warsaw saying they do not help in searches		Log 35 9/1/81	N2
Letter to Gisela Knoblauch enclosing letters to and from Amer. Embassy in Warsaw		Log 36 10/13/81	N3
Letter to Landeskirchliches Archiv in East Germany seeking ch. reg. for Dammer + Stolp		Log 37 10/14/81	N4
Reply from Landeskirchenarchiv giving other addresses to write to		Log 37 12/11/81	N5
Letter to Gisela Knoblauch sending copies of correspondence to Landeskirchenarchiv		Log 38 1/8/82	N6
Reference Questionnaire to LDS, Salt Lk. City, seeking films for four Dammers [Includes reply]		Log 39 11/5/81	N7
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Reply from D. Schlyter (registers not available) with more places to write to		Log 47 1/13/82	N9
Letter to Evangelische Konsistorium Görlitz, East Germany, for ch. records of Dammer		Log 64 1/24/82	N10
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Reply from Gretchen Laisen, St. Cloud, saying no Nemitz found in general. indexes		Log 157 4/22/82	N12
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Letter to Heimatortskartei fuer Nordosteuropa about any Nemitz from Stolp in their file		Log 649 9/24/84	N15
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get. Nemitz, who was born in Stolp

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1821 map east + north of Stolp, copied by Karen Whitmer at Wilson Lib. Map Dept.		Log 663 11/10/84	N18	
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Letter from Ilse Babiel about her sister + father and an uncle of her father who emigrated to America		Log 735 4/25/85	N20	Ilse Babiel file
Two maps of Stolp and vicinity from German map collection at Wilson Lib. (Kent Cutkomp)		Log 748 5/5/85	N21	
Letter to Ilse Babiel thanking her + suggesting she and her sister collect family births, marriages + deaths		Log 749 7/5/85	N22	Ilse Babiel file
Art. on Germen + Germer (p. 316) from Meyers, Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexik. des Deutschen Reichs (LDS Lib.)		Log 766 7/15/85	N23	
Art. on Stolp, Pommern (p. 886) from Meyers, Orts... (LDS Lib.)		Log 766 7/15/85	N24	
Map showing Stolp + Germen from U.S. Army Map G080a 100.05, Stolp, Germany, Sheet J-11		Log 824 11/18/85	N25	
Letter from Ilse Babiel with no further inf. of exp. name + address of her cousin, Gerhard Nemitz (see N22)		Log 877 4/16/86	N26	Ilse Babiel file
Letter to Gerhard Nemitz about my Nemitz family in Germany + asking about his ancestry + family		Log 878 4/29/86	N27	
Map of Pomerania from Maps of the German Empire of 1871 [German Int. Dr.]		Log 880 5/3/86	N28	
Pictures of Stolp from Pommern: Ein Bildband der Heimat mit 159 Fotografien [German Int. Dr.]		Log 880 5/3/86	N29	
Addresses for Church Archives, State Archives, General Doc. of Pomerania [German Int. Dr.]		Log 880 5/3/86	N30	
Marriage entry of Christian Jacob Nemitz + Anna Elisabeth Heise, Nov. 7, 1794, Stolp [Prussian IGI]		Log 881 5/8/86	N31	

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DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED	DATE OBTAINED	NUMBER	
GLC (General Lib. Catalog) ref. to Church Register of Confirmations for	Damnow, Pommern 1840-1915	Log 881 5/8/86	N32	
Record of search in Fam. Tr. Sheets in Fourth Generation Prog. for Nemitz entries (None found)	[LDS Lib.]	Log 881 5/8/86	N33	
Letter to Horst J. Eggert, Waltham, Mass., about his background and mine in Grois Stolp		Log 882 5/7/86	N34	
Letter to Ronald Putz, Bay City, Mich., about his ancestry in Zaber, Stolp, + mine in Stolp + Bay City		Log 883 5/12/86	N35	Ronald Putz file
Letter from Ronald Putz answering mine [N35] and giving inf. on my relatives in Bay City + other matters		Log 885 5/15/86	N36	"
Letter from Stephen Barthel of LDS Corresp. Unit, incl. my form asking about ch. records of Damnow + Stolp		Log 886 5/14/86	N37	"
Letter from Gerhard + Edith Nemitz, Palos Hills, Ill., with inf. on their background + invitation to see them		Log 887 5/15/86	N38	Gerhard Nemitz file
Letter to Ronald Putz thanking him for his idea + help and asking questions about my family in Bay Co.		Log 888 5/28/86	N39	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Edith + Gerhard Nemitz about our visit to Chicago July 25-28 with further questions on family		Log 889 6/4/86	N40	Gerhard Nemitz file
Letter to Robert P. Lodrach, Bay City, Mich., about our common Nemitz ancestry + other fam. matters		Log 890 6/21/86	N41	Robert Lodrach file
Letter from Ronald Putz with further inf. about his family + mine + inf. about Pomerania		Log 891 6/6/86	N42	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Frances Jomke, Bay City, about her Jomke fam., our Nemitz ancestry + my background + family		Log 892 6/30/86	N43	Esther Group file
Letter from Edith + Gerhard Nemitz about our trip to Chicago		Log 895 7/8/86	N44	Gerhard Nemitz file
Note to Edith + Gerhard Nemitz about trip to Chicago		Log 895 8/2/86	N45	"
Portion of map of Pomerania near Stolp showing Nustowoly from Stieler's Hand-Atlas (MPL)		Log 896 8/5/86	N46	M. & M. file
Fam. Tr. Sheets for Gerhard Nemitz, his father, grandfather, + uncle Max,	mostly from Fam. Stammbuch	Log 897 8/9/86	N47	Gerhard Nemitz file

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Letter from Gerhard + Edith Nemitz about trip to Germany (+ postcard) + records of Gerhard's cousin		Log 929 12/17/86	N64	Gerhard Nemitz file
Entry of records available for "Stolp, POMM (1762-1813) A," at Standesamt, West Berlin		Log 929 12/17/86	N65	"
Letter to Gerhard + Edith Nemitz about trip to Germany, Stolp records at Berlin, + his cousin's records		Log 930 1/8/87	N66	"
Letter from Esther Plamp with inf. from tombstone of Henrietta Nemitz, Zion Luth. Cem.		Log 942 1/26/87	N67	Esther Plamp file
Letter to Esther Plamp thanking her for the inf. about Henrietta Nemitz's gravestone		Log 943 2/24/87	N68	"
Inf. about Schroeder from Telephone interview with Florence Kennedy in Saginaw, Mich.		Log 944 7/6/73	N69	
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach, Bay City, about our relationship + asking her help on family history		Log 945 7/9/64	N70	Laderach file
Letter from Wilhelmina Laderach about her family + ours, including Grandfather Nemitz		Log 946 7/13/64	N71	"
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach about her letter + our projected trip to Mich. + asking questions		Log 947 7/20/64	N72	"
Letter from Wilhelmina Laderach answering questions, inviting me to visit, and sending documents		Log 948 7/30/64	N73	"
Biographical sketches of Wilhelmina Schroeder and Wilhelmina Nemitz		Log 948 7/30/64	N74 N75	"
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach regretting not seeing her, asking questions, + sending fam. group sheet		Log 949 9/13/64	N76	"
Letter from Wilhelmina Laderach answering questions (on back of family group sheet)		Log 950 9/24/64	N77	"
Letter to Wilhelmina Laderach telling of our coming trip to Saginaw + mentioning Wm Stoerfer		Log 951 8/8/65	N78	"
Notes of family inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach during visit to Bay City, Mich.		Log 952 9/19/65	N79	"
Letter to Dr. David Laderach, Dearborn, Mich. asking if he has any records or Nemitz relatives in Germany		Log 953 5/29/73	N80	"

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Nemitz, Schroeder, Domke, Reid, etc. entries from Bay City, Mich., Directories, 1881 to 1909		Log 954 July, 1973	N81	
Death notice of Charles Schroeder, Mar. 23, 1897 from Bay City Tribune		Log 955 July, 1973	N82	
Letter from Ronald Putz thanking me for ancestors & giving me much new information		Log 956 1/9/87	N83	Ronald Putz file
Letter from Ronald Putz about death of Anna Kolb & details of John Schroeder family		Log 957 1/16/87	N84	
Letter to Ronald Putz about his two January letters, enclosing fam. gr. sheets & inf. on Stolp records		Log 958 3/2/87	N85	
Nemitz entries for Boston (none) & Baltimore, 1867-92 in "Index of Ships Pass. Lists," National Archives		Log 959 ca. 1970	N86	
Nemitz & Schroeder entries from Confirmation Reg. of Damnen, Pommern (LDS Lib.)		Log 960 2/26/87	N87	
Letter from Anita Schmidt with Domke family inf. from family & cemetery records		Log 966 3/8/87	N88	
Inf. from Carrie Gilloody on family data about her parents, children, & grandchildren		Log 967 3/20/87	N89	Carrie Gilloody file
Death cert. of Hannah Shaw (d. 9/14/60) from Minn. Dept. of Health, Hennepin Co.		Log 968 11/28/75	N90	
Obit. of Hannah Shaw in Mpls Star and Gilloody, Holloran, & Black entries from Mpls City Directories		Log 969 11/28/75	N91	
Letter from Ronald Putz thanking me for general items & giving more family inf.		Log 973 3/5/87	N92	Ronald Putz file
Letter from Lyra Coe, Vancouver, B.C. asking for inf. on Domke & Nemitz fam. hist.		Log 980 9/14/86	N93	Lyra Coe file
Family information compiled by William Nemitz Witheridge		Log 982 c. 1962	N94	
Inf. about family of Leona Ling	William E. Nemitz from	Log 983 c. 1965	N95	
Birth cert. of William John Ernest Nemitz Mar. 29, 1880	[Leona Ling]	Log 984 Dec. 1974	N96	

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Death cert. of William Ernest Nemitz, July 6, 1959	[Lorna Ling]	Log 984 Dec. 1974	N97	
Death cert. of Alma Nemitz, Aug. 24, 1947	[Lorna Ling]	Log 984 Dec. 1974	N98	
Nemitz inf. from Wayne Storch on family group sheet I had sent him		Log 985 c. 1963	N99	
Letter to Lyra Coe about our Nemitz ancestry & sending family group sheets		Log 986 4/7/87	N100	Lyra Coe file
1880 Census entry of William Nemitz, family Sumner Twp., Kankakee Co., Ill. (Nat. Archives)		Log 987 c. 1965	N101	
1880 Census entry of August Nemitz family at 61 Cornell, Chicago, Ill. (Nat. Archives)		Log 987 c. 1965	N102	
Tomke entries Bay County Register of Deaths 1898-1916, County Court House, Bay City, Mich.		Log 988 c. 1970	N103	
Nemitz, Schroeder, & Horn entries in Conf. Reg. of Jammen, Pommern, 1890-1915 [LDS Lib.]		Log 989 3/17/57	N104	
Letter from Lyra Coe thanking me for my letter (N100) & information & answering questions		Log 993 4/14/87	N105	Lyra Coe Letters
Letter from Edith & Gerhard Nemitz about his cousin & enclosing copies of Familien Stammbuch		Log 995 1/21/87	N106	Gerhard Nemitz file
Pages from Familien Stammbuch of Gerhard Nemitz's parents & grandparents		Log 995 1/21/87	N107	"
Letter to Edith & Gerhard Nemitz about our trip to Chicago and phone call to them		Log 996 4/27/87	N108	"
Letter to Ronald Petty about AGOFF, archive addresses, doc. numbering, ancestor numbering		Log 998 5/29/87	N109	Ronald Petty file
Inf. from Laura Tomke (Mrs. Martin) about her children and grandchildren (at Bay City)		Log 1000 6/15/87	N110	
Inf. from Anita Tomke Schmidt (Mrs. Herbert) about her Tomke relatives		Log 1001 6/15/87	N111	Anita Schmidt file
Booklet, "A Century of Grace ... a Future of Hope", giving record of confirmands, 1881-1987, at Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.		Log 1003 6/15/87	N112	"

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Schroeder inf. [Otto Schroeder & Alma Laderach; Fred Schroeder & Margaret Kobb]	from Robert Laderach	Log 1003 6/15/87	N113	Schroeder file
Letter to Anita Schmidt about my visit & the Zion Luth. picture album	+ confirmand list	Log 1004 7/25/87	N114	Anita Schmidt file
"An Old-Fashioned Picture Album," Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.		Log 1005 7/20/87	N115	"
Letter to Ronald Putz about June trip to Bay City	+ inf. received from Anita Schmidt	Log 1006 7/27/87	N116	Ronald Putz file
Fam. Gr. Sheet of Geo. Reinhardt & Bertha Schroeder	with notes from Robert Laderach	Log 1007 6/15/87	N117	
Burial record of Lot 361, Section N, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.		Log 1008 c. 1970	N118	
Letter to Mathilda Etherington about our relationship	+ asking for family information	Log 1009 8/4/87	N119	Etherington file
Letter to Velma Wilds about our relationship	+ asking for family information	Log 1010 8/6/87	N120	Velma Wilds file
Letter from Frances Domke about my visit to Bay City	+ sending addresses of Esther Plamp + daughters	Log 1011 8/3/87	N121	Frances Domke file
Letter to Mrs. Carole See about our Nemitz relationship	and asking for family information	Log 1012 8/12/87	N122	Carole See file
Letter to Benjamin Schroeder about our relationship	and asking for family information	Log 1013 8/12/87	N123	Benjamin Schroeder file
Letter to Howard Kohn about our relationship	and asking for family information	Log 1014 8/10/87	N124	Howard Kohn file
Letter to Robert Laderach with his family group	sheet to fill in and return	Log 1016 8/14/87	N125	Laderach file
Letter from Anita Schmidt about family	matters + enclosing Zion Luth. Cent. Booklet	Log 1018 8/13/87	N126	Anita Schmidt file
Centennial Historical Booklet of Zion Luth. Ch., Beaver Twp., Bay Co., Mich.		Log 1018 8/13/87	N127	"
Letter to Anita Schmidt with further questions	+ sending my fam. gr. sheets + family experiences	Log 1019 8/25/87	N128	"

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Letter from Velma Wilds with brief inf. about her family and promise to send more inf.		Log 1020 8/24/87	N129	Velma Wilds file
Letter from Ronald Putz about genealogical matters		Log 1021 8/18/87	N130	Ronald Putz file
Letter to Ronald Putz about Steve Koehler, Charles Popp, + other genealogical matters		Log 1022 8/29/87	N131	Ronald Putz file
Notes from telephone conversation with Carrie Dillooly	9/9/87	Log 1025 9/9/87	N132	Carrie Dillooly file
Letter from Ronald Putz about Bertha Popp, Anita Schmidt, AGO FF, religion + genealogy		Log 1026 9/20/87	N133	Smans, Ronald corresp.
Letter from Janice Nemitz (Mrs. David), Denison, Iowa, about Nemitz family history		Log 1027 10/12/87	N134	Yr and Ronald corresp.
Letter to Janice Nemitz thanking her for her letter + promising to write more fully		Log 1028 10/17/87	N135	"
Letter from Anita Schmidt with additional family information [see N128]		Log 1029 10/8/87	N136	Anita Schmidt file
Letter to Anita Schmidt telling her about Janice + David Nemitz in Denison, Iowa		Log 1030 10/19/87	N137	"
Letter from Carole See with general inf. as requested in my letter of 8/12/87 [N122]		Log 1031 9/23/87	N138	Carole See file
Letter from Janice Nemitz with more family inf. and thanks for my letter [N135]		Log 1032 11/16/87	N139	Smans, Ronald corresp.
Christmas letter from Anita Schmidt with family information		Log 1035 12/1/87	N140	Anita Schmidt file
Letter from Anita Schmidt with new births + saying Ron Putz is going to Germany		Log 1053 6/24/88	N141	"
Letter to Anita Schmidt answering hers of 6/24/88 + telling her I called Ron Putz		Log 1054 6/30/88	N142	"
Letter 6/8/88 from Marilynne L. Smith with name of expert on Kreis Stolp in W. Germany (Willi Boldman)		Log 1055 6/8/88	N143	Ronald tasks
Letter to Marilynne Smith thanking her for address of Willi Boldman		Log 1056 6/30/88	N144	"

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Letter from Iva Lee Kuhlmann, dau. of Amanda Rabe, telling of her mother's death, Feb. 16, 1987		Log 1127 2/7/88	N 145	Iva Lee Kuhlmann file
Memorial folder for Richard Kuhlmann (d. 12/8/89) grandson of Amanda Rabe, received from Elaine Nemitz		Log 1214 12/19/89	N146	"
Letter from Janice Nemitz with additions to Nemitz fam. rec. sheets & other family information		Log 1220 8/2/90	N147	Janice Nemitz file
Death notice of Ernst Nemitz in Denisoon [Iowa] Bulletin, April 25, 1901		Log 1220 8/2/90	N148	"
Corrected Nemitz family record sheets from Janice Nemitz		Log 1220 8/2/90	N149	"
Envelope of Christmas card to Carrie Hillerly (Dec. 1987) returned and marked "deceased."		Log 1231 12/89	N150	Carrie Hillerly file
Letter from J. A. von Gostomski, Berlin, with family chart including Maria Nemitz & asking reply		Log 1233 2/91	N151	
Letter to J. A. von Gostomski, Bremen, with inf. on my Nemitz ancestry & asking for more inf.		Log 1241 6/6/91	N152	
Nemitz & related tombstone inscriptions at Trinity Luth. Ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1297 6/29/97	N153	
Obituary of Carl Nemitz in Cedarburg (Wisc.) News, Feb. 7, 1923		Log 1298 7/25/97	N154	
Letter from Alice Wendt with Nemitz inf. from her files & records of Trinity Luth., Freistadt, WI		Log 1299 7/23/97	N155	
Letter from Alice Wendt with Nemitz inf. from Confirmation Records, Trinity Luth., Freistadt		Log 1300 8/2/97	N156	
Computer printout of Nemitz entries in Pommerscher Verein Freistadt records		Log 1301 6/29/97	N157	
Nemitz Birth Records from Trinity Luth. ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1302 8/20/97	N158	
Nemitz Marriage Records from Trinity Luth. Ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1302 8/20/97	N159	
Nemitz Burial Records from Trinity Luth. ch., Freistadt, Wisc.		Log 1302 8/20/97	N160	

[See the editor's note at the index entry Dammer, Germany (now Poland).]

[Apr. 27, 1981]

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April 27, 1981

American Embassy in Warsaw
Consular Section
APO 09701
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

From the German Consulate in Minneapolis I have received information that you may be able to help me secure a record of the baptism or birth of my grandfather, who was born in a part of Germany that is now in Poland. If you are able to secure this information, I shall be very happy to send you a check to cover the expense as soon as you tell me the cost.

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in Dammer, Germany, on August 5, 1835. His parents' names are unknown, but they were members of the Evangelical Church.

The identity of this town of Dammer is uncertain, as there were four towns by that name in Germany, all in Silesia, now part of Poland.

The largest Dammer was between Namslau and Carlsruhe (Kr. Namslau) near Breslau. The Evangelical parish is said to have been Hoenigern.

The next largest Dammer was just north of Oels (Kr. Oels), and the Evangelical parish was probably Oels.

The third Dammer was just north of Kraschnitz (Kr. Militsch), and its Evangelical parish is said to have been Hirschkowitz.

The fourth Dammer was halfway between Polkwitz and Pilgramsdorf (Kr. Glogau). Its Evangelical parish was probably Pilgramsdorf.

I hope you will be able to find the Dammer in which my grandfather was born and will be able to send me a birth or baptismal certificate. Thank you for your help. I shall be looking forward to your response and further instructions.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Sept. 1, 1981]

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Warsaw, Poland

September 1, 1981

Mr. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

I refer to your letter of April 27, 1981, regarding geneological and biographical data on your family in Poland.

The Embassy cannot perform the geneological research you desire. However, we have been informed that such a study may be undertaken by a Polish institution.

I have enclosed information concerning this institution and the procedure you should follow should you wish them to undertake such research on your behalf.

I am happy to be of assistance in this matter, and hope that the enclosed information will answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Jeannette P. Dubrow

Jeannette P. Dubrow
American Consul

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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INFORMATION

Genealogical research studies are performed in Poland by the following institution:

Naczelna Dyrekcja Archiwow Panstwowych (Central Office of the National Archives)
00-263 Warszawa
ul. Dluga 6
Poland
Phone: 31-32-06

If you desire the assistance of this institute you should write a letter stating your request to include the following information:

First and last name (The original spelling if changed)

Date and place of birth and death (as appropriate)

Date and place of marriage and the names of spouse

Religion at birth

Identification of places should include name of locality, administrative unit, province (wojewodztwo, gubernia) or nearby cities and rivers. Photocopies of any documents such as passports, old identity cards, documents pertaining to property, old letters may be helpful in searching for the required information. A comparison of pre-war and post-war atlases may reveal changes in place-names.

It is suggested that before contacting the institute, you do some research in the United States in order to establish the original spelling of family names. This information is often contained in old immigration records which may be found in the American Congress of Polonia, Buffalo, N.Y. or in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. An Immigration file number is sometimes included in the documents granting titles to property.

Upon receipt of the necessary information the Polish National Archives will make a preliminary search to establish whether the necessary registers exist (many were destroyed during the war). If records exist, the Archives will ask you to make a preliminary payment in the amount of $20.00.

The amount of time required to conduct the search and the number of documents prepared (reproductions, photocopies and so forth) will determine the total fee charged which usually ranges from $100.00 to $200.00.

[Oct. 13, 1981]

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First Bank Plaza West
6th and Lind Ave.
120 So. 6th St.

October 13, 1981

Ms. Lisela Knoblauch
German Consulate
~~2444 IDS Tower~~
Minneapolis, Minn. 55402

338-8911

Dear Ms. Knoblauch,

Enclosed is a copy of the reply I received from the American Embassy in Warsaw after I wrote at your suggestion asking if they could assist in locating the birth record of my grandfather in Silesia.

I can understand their problem of being inundated with such requests, but I had hoped they would be able to help me.

Now I am going to write to the Landeskirchliches Archiv in East Germany and at the same time return to the procedures I had begun at the L.D.S. branch library. I'll let you know later of my progress.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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[More on the town of Dammer]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
October 14, 1981

Landeskirchliches Archiv
22 Greifswald
Bahnhofstr 35/36
East Germany

DEW's error regarding Silesia (see index, "German Consulate, Minneapolis, MN")

Dear Sirs:

My maternal grandfather and grandmother were both born in Silesia, which I know is now part of Poland.

I understand that you have been trying to locate and recover the church and other records from the Eastern areas of Germany, and I hope you may be able to help me locate the church registers that contain the records of my grandparents and their families.

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in Dammer on August 3, 1835. His parents' names are unknown, but they were members of the Evangelical Church. Unfortunately, there were four Dammers in Germany, all in Silesia.

The largest Dammer was between Namslau and Carlsruhe (Kr. Namslau) near Breslau. The Evangelical parish is said to have been Koenigern. The next largest Dammer was just north of Oels (Kr. Oels), and the Evangelical parish was probably Oels. The third Dammer was just north of Kraschnitz (Kr. Militsch), and its Evangelical parish is said to have been Wirschkowitz. The fourth Dammer was halfway between Polkwitz and Pilgramsdorf (Kr. Glogau). Its Evangelical parish was probably Pilgramsdorf.

Augusta, mother of Theresa Jacobs (b. 1843)

My grandmother, Theresa Jacobs, was also born in Dammer on July 20, 1843. However, her mother, Augusta, is said to have been unmarried at that time, and her maiden name is unknown.

At some point the Nemitz family moved to Stolp in Pomerania. Wilhelm's youngest sister, Wilhelmina, was born in Stolp on March 17, 1851. Later the first child of Wilhelm and Theresa Nemitz--Bertha--was born in Stolp on July 9, 1866. Another daughter--Emma--was born in Germany on June 6, 1869, but we are not sure whether or not that was in Stolp. About 1870 Wilhelm and Theresa Nemitz and their children emigrated to America.

If you have any way of locating and checking the church records of Stolp or of one or more of the Dammers, I should be very grateful. Enclosed are three International Postal Coupons for your reply. Please let me know what your cost is, and I shall send it immediately.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Dec. 11, 1981]

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Evangelisches Konsistorium
Landeskirchenarchiv 608 - 66/81
Bei Beantwortung wird um Angabe der vorstehenden Geschäftszeichen gebeten.

2200 Greifswald, den 11. 12. 1981
Bahnhofstraße 35/36
Fernsprecher 5261

Konten der Konsistorialkasse
Genossenschaftskasse für Handwerk und Gewerbe der DDR Greifswald 1024-30-356
Kreissparkasse Greifswald 1022-39-2470
Postscheckkonto Berlin 350

Herrn
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
USA

Betr.: Kirchenbücher
Bezug: Ihr Schreiben vom 14.10.1981

Wegen der Kirchenbücher von Dammer müßten Sie sich an das Evangelische Konsistorium Görlitz, DDR 8900 Görlitz, Berliner Str. 62, wenden. Vielleicht kann dieses Ihnen Auskunft erteilen. Hier sind keine Kirchenbücher aus dem ehemaligen Schlesien (Silesia) vorhanden.
Auch über Kirchenbücher von Stolp verfügen wir nicht. Leider ist uns ihr Schicksal seit 1945 nicht bekannt. Wir empfehlen, eine Anfrage an das Evangelische Zentralarchiv in Berlin, 1000 Berlin 12 (West), Jebensstr. 3, zu richten.

Im Auftrage
Wäller

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Evangelisches Konsistorium
Landeskirchenarchiv 608 - 66/81

Bei Beantwortung wird um Angabe der vorstehenden Geschäftszeichen gebeten.

Konten der Konsistorialkasse
Genossenschaftskasse für Handwerk und Gewerbe der DDR Greifswald 1024-30-356
Kreissparkasse Greifswald 1022-39-2470
Postscheckkonto Berlin 350

2200 Greifswald, den 11. 12. 1981
Bahnhofstraße 35/36
Fernsprecher 5261

Herrn
David E. Witheridge (377-4810)
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
USA

Betr.: Kirchenbücher
Bezug: Ihr Schreiben vom 14.10.1981

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Im Auftrage
Wäller

We don't have any churchregisters from the former Silesia. You may write for the information you need to the
Evangelische Konsistorium Görlitz
DDR 8900 Görlitz
Berlinerstr. 62
~~East~~ Germany. Deutsche Demokratische Republik

Note: DEW learned not to call it "East Germany"!
TFW, Mar. 19, 2023

We don't have any church books from Stolp either, have no idea what happened to them since 1945. We recommend to send an inquiry to the
Evangelische Zentralarchiv Berlin
1 Berlin 12
Jebenstr. 3
West Germany.

Sincerely,
Inge Kuttlauer

[Jan. 8, 1982]

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Jan. 8, 1982

Ms. Gisela Knoblauch
German Consulate
120 So. 6th St.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55402

Dear Ms. Knoblauch,

Thank you for your willingness to tell me what the enclosed letter from Germany says. As you see, I have also enclosed a copy of my letter, so you can see what I was asking.

I should appreciate your calling and giving me the gist of the letter and suggesting what my next steps should be.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
377-4810

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Branch Genealogical Library

REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

[LDS Library]

INSTRUCTIONS: The patron completes this form and gives it to the branch library staff member. The staff member reviews it for completeness and accuracy, assists the patron further if needed, and then submits it to the Genealogical Department Library, 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150. The Genealogical Department's reply will be provided on the reverse side. This form is intended to provide suggestions for further genealogical research by the patron. Due to staff limitations, the Genealogical Department cannot undertake actual research.

I. BRANCH AND PATRON DATA

Branch name and code: Minneapolis Minn 051	Date requested: 5 Nov. 1981
Patron name: David E. Witheridge	Street Address: 2425 Irving Ave. S.
City, State, and Zip code: Minneapolis, Minn. 55405	Telephone: 377-4810

II. BACKGROUND DATA FOR REFERENCE QUESTION

a. Genealogical Data (give all pertinent data)

Given name(s)	Surname(s)		Birth place or residence
Spouse's name	Father's name		Mother's name
Birth date	Sex	Marriage date	Death or burial date

b. Sources already consulted (CHECK BOXES)

☐ Family records	☐ Family histories	☐ Court records
☐ Temple records index bureau	☐ Civil vital records	☐ Military records
☐ Family group records archives	☐ Church records	☐ Land records
☐ Computer file index	☐ Census records	☐ Other (specify)
☐ Other LDS Sources	☐ Probate records	

c. Additional data (If pedigree chart, family group record form or other data would be helpful, please enclose.

III. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR REQUEST

a. Services (please indicate which of the following services you are requesting)

☐ 1. Answer to a reference question	☐ 2. Photocopying or xeroxing	☐ 3. Microfilm request. (number not known)
☐ 4. Microfilming of a book	If you checked 2, 3 or 4 please give the following:	Author
Title	Pages	Call number

b. Reference question

We have been searching for the Ev. Parishes for the 4 towns of Dammer in Silesia. We have the Polish names for the towns and provinces. We have looked in the MCC and have not found films for the following. Are films now available for these areas?

Poland, Wroclaw, Pielgrzmow
Poland, Wroclaw, Wierzchowice

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PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REPLY

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Poland, Wrocław, Oleśnica (city of ~~Ols~~ Ols)
Poland, Wrocław, Miodary
Poland, Opole, Miodary

Dear Patron,

The Card Catalog was checked for the localities listed in your questionnaire - as you have them spelled and without checking spelling or verifying your information in the gazetteers- and records could be found only for Oleśnica, Wrocław, Poland. When you specify whether you are interested in Jewish Synagogue or Roman-Catholic records, the appropriate Card Catalog cards will be sent to you at the cost of $1.00.

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE

[LDS Library]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
December 2, 1981

Mr. Daniel M. Schlyter — European Reference
Genealogical Society Library
50 E. North Temple Street
Salt Lake City
Utah 84150

Dear Mr. Schlyter:

For some years I have been trying to locate the church records of my grandparents, who were born in a town called Dammer in the part of Germany that is now in Poland. Your name was given to me by Mrs. Faye Dearden, who has helped me in some of my work at the Minneapolis Branch L.D.S. Library.

When Ronald Bremer, a genealogist from Salt Lake City, was lecturing a few months ago at a meeting of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, he said that the Genealogical Society Library in Salt Lake City had recently received an enormous collection of microfilms that had been filmed by the Third Reich, including records of all the areas of Germany now in Poland.

When I sent the enclosed Reference Questionnaire (with Mrs. Dearden's help), I was hoping that these new films would now be available for loan through the branch libraries. Perhaps they are still being processed and are not yet shown in the public catalog. I'd appreciate your specific answer to the present status of this new acquisition of German films.

I did not want merely to send $1.00 and ask for the appropriate catalog cards, because of the uncertainty of the reply from one of the European correspondents. As you see, we had specifically mentioned the Ev. Parishes in our questionnaire, but the reply asked whether we were interested in the Jewish or Roman Catholic records. Does that mean there aren't any Evangelical records available even for Olesnica?

I shall be very grateful for any assistance or direction you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

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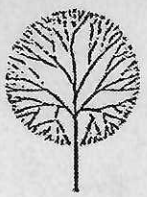
GUIDE TO
GENEALOGICAL
RESEARCH



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LOCATING VITAL RECORDS IN FORMER GERMAN AREAS UNDER POLISH ADMINISTRATION

During the Second World War the German government made efforts to protect records by gathering them to various "safe" archives. After the war the eastern areas of the German Reich came under Polish administration and the German population had to vacate the area. Most moved to East and West Germany. Some departing Germans took records with them, others left them behind or turned them over to Polish authorities. Records which had been stored in "safe" archives met various fates. Some were turned over to the new government of the area where the records were stored; these ended up in the Polish state archive system or in East German archives. Other records went into Catholic archives or small Protestant archives. In some cases the location of the "safe" storage place may even have been forgotten. Because of the scattering effect of the war it is often difficult to determine exactly where the records are for a given locality in the eastern areas of old Prussia. The Genealogical Society of Utah has microfilmed many records of this area and is continually striving to locate more such records and arrange to microfilm them whenever possible. Unfortunately this is a complex and time-consuming task. If records are not presently available through the Genealogical Library then you should check again every one or two years in the International Genealogical Library Catalog (IGLC) which will also be available at most branch libraries.

It may be possible for you to locate the records you need with the help of any of several organizations.

The Polish State Archival Administration has many German records which have not yet been microfilmed. You may write to the State Archives headquarters in Warsaw to determine whether any state archive or local civil records office has the records you need.

Naczelna Dyrekcja
Archiwów Państwowych
Ul. Długa 6 skr. poczt. 1005
00-950 Warszawa
POLAND

(See later address in inf. from Amer. Embassy in Warsaw)

The Central Agency for Genealogy in East Germany may have some records from former Prussian areas of Poland. You may wish to inquire about the availability of the records you need.

Zentralstelle für Genealogie
Georgi Dimitroff Platz 1
DDR-7010 Leipzig
GERMANY

Lutheran Records from the former province of Pommern are particularly difficult to locate. The Pomeranian Lutheran archive in East Germany may be of some assistance if they will answer your inquiry.

Pommersche Evangelische Kirche
Bahnhofstrasse 35/36
DDR-2200 Greifswald
GERMANY

The Silesian Lutheran archive in East Germany may be able to provide similar assistance regarding Lutheran records for Schlesien.

Evangelische Kirche von Schlesien
Berliner Strasse 62
DDR-8900 Görlitz
GERMANY

The following organizations make an effort to keep track of Evangelical Lutheran registers from the eastern lands. One of them may be able to help you locate the records you need to continue your research.

See address in N5

Evangelisches Kirchenarchiv
Kirchenbuchstelle
Jebenstrasse 3
D-1000 Berlin 12 (Charlottenburg)
WEST GERMANY

(See address in N5)

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ostdeutscher
Familienforscher e.V.
Kirchenbuchauskunftstelle
im Brüggemansfeld 25
D-4230 Wesel
WEST GERMANY

[Jan. 24, 1982] N 10 (a) Log 64

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
January 24, 1982

Evangelische Konsistorium Görlitz
DDR 6900 Görlitz
Berliner Str. 62
East Germany

Dear Sirs:

Silesia church records

My maternal grandparents were both born in Silesia, which I know is now part of Poland.

I understand that you may have access to the church records of Silesia or at least may know where they are. I hope you may be able to help me locate the records of my grandparents and their families.

My grandfather, Wilhelm Hemitz, was born in Damner on August 3, 1835. His parents names are unknown, but they were members of the Evangelical Church. Unfortunately, I find that there were four Damners, all in Silesia.

The largest Damner was between Namslau and Carlsruhe (Kr. Namslau) near Breslau. The Evangelical parish is said to have been Koenigern. The next largest Damner was just north of Oels (Kr. Oels), and the Evangelical parish was probably Oels. The third Damner was just north of Kraschnitz (Kr. Militsch), and its Evangelical parish is said to have been Wirschkowitz. The fourth Damner was halfway between Polkwitz and Pilgramsdorf (Kr. Glogau). Its Evangelical parish was probably Pilgramsdorf.

My grandmother, Theresa Jacobs, was also born in Damner on July 20, 1843. However, her mother, Augusta, is said to have been unmarried at that time, and her maiden name is unknown.

If you have any way of locating and checking the church records covering one or more of the Damners, I should be very grateful. Enclosed are two International Postal Coupons for your reply. Please let me know what your cost is, and I shall send it immediately.

Yours sincerely,

David M. Witheridge

[Mar. 10, 1982]

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Konsistorium
der Evangelischen Kirche
des Görlitzer Kirchengebietes

Neue Rufnummer 5412

Tagebuch-Nr. VI/7a - 287/82
Bei Antwort wird um Angabe der obigen Geschäfts-Nr. gebeten.

89 GÖRLITZ, den 10. 3. 1982
Berliner Straße 62

Fernsprecher: Görlitz 5485 · Postschließfach 557
Konten der „Kons.-Kasse Görlitz":
Stadtsparkasse Görlitz Nr. 4922-34-96
Postscheckamt Dresden Nr. 8299-52-25609

Herrn
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U. S. A.

Betr.: Ihr Schreiben vom 24. Januar 1982

Sehr geehrter Herr Witheridge!

Unsere Nachforschungen haben ergeben, daß sich für die nachstehend genannten Evangelischen Kirchgemeinden keine Kirchenbücher im Konsistorial-Archiv befinden: Hönigern, Kr. Namslau,
Öls,
Wirschkowitz, Kr. Militsch
Pilgramsdorf, Kr. Lüben.

Auch im Wojewodschafts-Archiv in Wroclaw (Breslau) befinden sich für die genannten Pfarrorte keine evangelischen Kirchenbücher. Leider können wir Ihnen daher nur empfehlen, sich mit einer entsprechenden Anfrage an die Evgl.-Augsburgische Kirchenleitung in Warschau zu wenden. Die Anschrift lautet:

Kosciola Ewangelicko-Augsburskiego
w PRL

W a r s z a w a
ul. Miodowa 21 m 4.

Mit freundlichem Gruß

Hörr.

Oberkonsistorialrat

Betriebsnummer: 93719018

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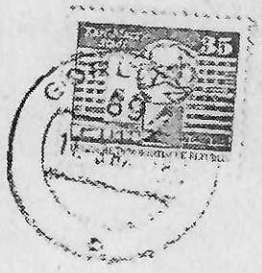

Herrn
David E. Witheridge

2425 Irving Ave. S.

Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

KONSISTORIUM
der Evangelischen Kirche
des Görlitzer Kirchengebietes

89 Görlitz, Berliner Str. 62
Postschließfach 557 - Tel. 5485

Neue Rufnummer
5412

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[Apr. 21, 1982] N10(c) Log 158

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
April 21, 1982

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Dear Kent,

Thanks for your willingness to translate the enclosed letter for me. I hope it moves me one step closer to finding my great grandparents.

I'm not sure whether I should write to the suggested Polish place in English, or whether I should try to have a letter written in Polish. Maybe I should try to get along for enough to help me.

As you can see, I'm trying to write again with my 'dominant' right hand, and it isn't too bad; but I haven't tried signing checks yet!

Sincerely yours,
Jane Witbeck

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4/25/82

Dear David,

Here is your translation. As you thought the letter suggests that you write to Warsaw for further information.

Give Mary Jo Frasszak a call and ask her if she thinks you sound write in English or Polish.

By the way, we are having a board meeting Thursday, May 13th at 7:30 at Winnie Fernstrom's. We will be discussing our plans for next year and specifically working through the results of our questionaire to find help for the board + our various committees. Hope to see you there.

Yours,
Kent Cutkomp

[Mar. 10, 1982] N 10 (e) Log 158

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Konsortium
der Evangelischen Kirche
des Görlitzer Kirchengebietes

march 10, 1982

Tagebuch-Nr VI/7a - 287/82
please mention the above journal #
when answering this letter

Mr. David Witteridge

Reference: your letter of January 24, 1982

Dear Mr. Witteridge,

Our search has found that no church books for the following Evanglical church parishes are in this administrative office's archives: Hönigern, Kreis Namslau
Öls
Wirschkowitz, Kreis ~~Lüben~~ Militsch
Pilgramsdorf, Kreis Lüben.

Kreis = county

The above named parishes also have no church books in the Wojewodschafts archive in Wroclaw (formerly Breslau).

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Unfortunately we can therefore only recommend that you send your request and questions to the Evangelical augsburg church leadership in Warsaw, Poland. It's address is as follows:

Kosciola Ewangelicko-Augsburskiego
w PRL
WARSZAWA
ul. Miodowa 21 m 4.

With best wishes

Consortium chairman

[Jan. 24, 1982] N 11 (a) Log 65

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
January 24, 1982

Evangelische Zentralarchiv Berlin
1000 Berlin 12 (West)
Jebensstr. 3
West Germany

Dear Sirs:

My maternal grandparents came to America about 1870. They had been living in Stolp in Pomerania, which I know is now part of Poland.

I understand that you may have access to the church records of Pomerania, or at least may know where they are. I hope you may be able to help me locate the records of my grandparents. They were members of the Evangelical Church.

DEW's Silesia error

Both my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, and my grandmother, Theresa Jacobs, were born in Silesia, but they had moved to Stolp before the birth of their first child, Bertha, on July 9, 1866. Another daughter, Emma, was born in Germany on June 6, 1869, but we are not sure whether or not that was in Stolp.

Wilhelmina Nemitz, the youngest sister of Wilhelm, was born in Stolp on March 17, 1851, and it is possible that Wilhelm and Theresa Nemitz were married there in 1856.

If you have any way of locating and checking the Protestant church records of Stolp, I should be very grateful. Enclosed are two International Postal Coupons for your reply. Please let me know what your cost is, and I shall send it immediately.

Yours sincerely,

David S. Witheridge

[Feb. 3, 1982]

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EVANGELISCHES ZENTRALARCHIV IN BERLIN KIRCHENBUCHSTELLE

Evangelisches Zentralarchiv in Berlin – Jebensstr. 3, 1000 Berlin 12

Mr.
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

Telefon: (030) 31 20 01 (31 08 01)

Berlin, den 03.Febr.1982

ZA – KC 4031/82

Bei Beantwortung bitte angeben

Zywietz

Betr.: Familienforschung

Bezug: Ihr Schreiben vom 24.Januar 1982

Sehr geehrter Herr Witheridge!

Leider müssen wir Ihnen mitteilen, daß hier keine evangelischen Kirchenbücher von Stolp/Pommern vorliegen.
Wir stellen Ihnen anheim, sich mit einer Anfrage nach dem Verbleib dieser Kirchenbücher an das Woiwodschaftsarchiv in Stettin/Pommern zu wenden:

Wojewódzkie Archiwum Pánstwowe, ul. Sw. Wojciecha 13, Szczecin/Polska.

Neben der deutschen, ist auch die polnische Ortsbezeichnung anzugeben.
Wir bedauern Ihnen nicht weiter helfen zu können.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Im Auftrag

Zywietz

(Zywietz)

P.S. Slupsk/Pom. = (früher Stolp/Pommern)

[Feb. 11, 1982]

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Feb. 11, 1982

German Consulate,
Minneapolis, MN

Dear Mr. Knoblauch,

Last month you kindly translated a letter from Germany for me giving two addresses to write to for information about my ancestors in Silesia and Pomerania. Enclosed is a copy of my reply from one of these.

When you have time, I would appreciate your either calling and giving me the gist of this, or jotting down the translation on the bottom of the sheet and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

377-4810

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EVANGELISCHES ZENTRALARCHIV IN BERLIN

KIRCHENBUCHSTELLE

Evangelisches Zentralarchiv in Berlin – Jebensstr. 3, 1000 Berlin 12

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Wir bedauern Ihnen nicht weiter helfen zu können.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Im Auftrag
Zywietz
(Zywietz)

P.S. Slupsk/Pom. = (früher Stolp/Pommern)

The Berlin Archive states that they don't have any Evangelical Churchbooks from Stolp/Pomeranie and suggest you write to the Polish archives – address given on first line of 3rd paragraph, new line each time after ,

Peter Wiedemann

[Apr. 22, 1982] N 12 Log 157

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Miss Gretchen Leisen
1018 Riverside Dr. S.E.
St. Cloud, MN 56301
April 22, 1982

Mr. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Rev. Witheridge:

☐ Enclosed please find a list of researchers' names found in Glenzdorfs Internationales Genealogen Lexikon, Volume I (1977) and Volume II (1979) for the surname(s) _____

☒ I have searched Glenzdorfs Internationales Genealogen Lexikon, Volume I and Volume II and have not found any entries for the surname(s) NEMITZ (I did find two references to the name NIEMITZ)

☒ Enclosed is a refund in the amount of $ 5.00.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Leisen

Gretchen Leisen

P.S.: If you think that the name Niemitz is a variation of your family name, Nemitz, I will be glad to send you the addresses of the 2 people who listed the name.

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WRITE A LETTER TO GERMANY

Sehr geehrter Herr_____: (Dear Mr._____)
Sehr geehrter Dr._____: (Dear Dr._____)
Sehr geehrte Frau_____: (Dear Mrs._____)

Durch Glenzdorfs Genealogen Lexikon habe ich Ihre Adresse erfahren.
(I obtained your address from Glenzdorfs Genealogen Lexikon.)

Ich schreibe eine Familiengeschichte und hoffe das Sie mir helfen können.
(I am writing a family history and hope that you can help me.)

Ich verstehe, Sie interessieren sich über den Familienname_____.
(I understand you are interested in the family name_____.)

Ich habe Ahnen mit den Familienname_____.
(I have ancestors with the family name_____.)

Im besonders interessiere ich mich im folgendes:
(I am particularly interested in the following:)

NAME:_____(Germans use the word 'Name" for name just as in English)

GEB:_____(Geb. = Born; You should list the place of birth first. Next list the date if known. The day of the month is listed first, then the month, then the year.)

AUSWANDERUNG:_____(Auswanderung = Emigration; Put the date if known)
VERHEIRAT:_____(Verheirat = Married; List the spouse's name if known)
KONFESSION:_____(Konfession = religious affiliation)
SOHN VON:_____(Sohn von = Son of)
TOCHTER VON:_____(Tochter von = Daughter of)
KINDER:_____(Kinder = Children)
_____

GEST:_____(Gest. = Died)

(In regards to dates - if you know an approximate date use the word um which means "about". Example: Um 1860 = About 1860. If you have narrowed down to a segment in time use the word zwischen which means "between". Example: Zwischen 1860-1865 = Between 1860-1865.)

Haben Sie einige Information über diesen Mann? (diese Dame?)
(Have you any information about this man? (this woman?))

Ich wäre sehr froh mit einige Hilfe die Sie mir geben konnten.
(I would be happy with any information/help which you can give me.)

Ich lege hier Rückporto bei und warte sehnsüchtig auf Ihre Antwort.
(I am enclosing return postage and will wait eagerly for your answer.)

Vielen Dank.
(Many thanks)

Mit freundlichen Grüssen,
(With friendly greetings,)

[Feb. 4, 1983]

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Federal Archives + Record Center, Chicago 2/4/83

1900 Census -

Bay City, Bay Co., Mich. - Reel 701, Vol. 6, ED 35, Sh. 2, Lines 92-97
June 2, 1900

319 Howard St.

	Name	Rel	Sex	Born	Age	Mar. yrs	No. of children ever born	No. children living	Birthplace	Father's B.P.	Mother's B.P.
Must be John Stephen Reid (b. 1876)	Reid, John	Head	W, M	Jan, 1876	25	M, 6	—	—	Mich.	Scotland	Canada
Must be Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)	Reid, Mary A.	Wife	W. F.	Apr., 1875	25	M., 6 yrs.	2	2	Illinois	Germany	Germany
Myrtle Reid	Reid, Myrtle R.	Dau.	W. F.	Dec., 1894	5	S.			Mich.	Mich.	Ill.
Anna Reid	Reid, Anna	Dau.	W. F.	Jan 1897	3	S.			Mich.	Mich.	Ill.
Must be Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)	Nemitz, William	Father	W. M.	Aug. 1836	63	Wd.	6 children	6 living	Germany	Germany	Germany
Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)	Nemitz, Edith	Sister	W. F.	Oct. 1884	15	S.			Ill.	Germany	Germany

Immigrated 1873, for 27 yrs., Na [illegible], Farm Laborer, 3 mo. not empl., Can read, can write, can sp. Eng.

Can read, can write, can sp. Eng.

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Fed Arch & Rec Center, Chicago
2/4/83

Soundex index - Michigan 701
N532, T1052, [Emans Reel 166]

Namitz, William
Color: W, Month: aug, Yr. 1836, age 63; Bpl. Germany Cit: No.

Bay Co., Bay City, Howard St. 319 V. 6 ED 35
St. 2 Line 96

* Enum. with Reid, John - ~~[illegible]~~
Relationship ~~to~~ above - Father

Namitz, Edith Vol. 6 E.D35
W. Oct. 1884, age 15 Born: Illinois St. 2 Line 97
Bay Co, Bay City, Howard St. 319

* Enum. with Reid John
Relationship to Above - Sister

*Enumerated

[Sept. 24, 1984] N 15 Log 649

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Log 64

U.S.A.

September 24, 1984

Heimatobtskartei fuer Nordosteuropa
Meesenring ~~13~~ 8
D-2400 Luebeck
Federal Republic of Germany

Dear Sirs:

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, lived in Stolp (Kr. Stolp), Pomerania (now Slupsk in Poland) before coming to the United States in 1873. His brother and other relatives continued to live there at least to the time of World War I (1914-18). One of these I believe was a letter carrier (postman) in Stolp.

Does your file include any persons by the name of Nemitz who formerly lived in Stolp? If so, I should like to receive their names and addresses, so I can write to them to see if they are related to me.

Of course, I shall be glad to pay the cost of providing this information, so please let me know the cost. Enclosed are three international postal coupons for your reply.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

[May 3, 1986]

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German Int. Dr. 5/3/86

Church Archives for the former province of Pomerania

Protestant

(1) Pommersche Evangelische Kirche
Evangelisches Konsistorium
Bahnhofstrasse 35/36
DDR - 2200 Greifswald
German Democratic Republic

Archive of Evangelical (Lutheran) Church of Pomerania

Address of State Archives for Pomerania

(1) Zentrales Staatsarchiv
Goering-Heinrich-Strasse 37
DDR - 4200 Merseburg 1
German Democratic Republic

(2) Geheimes Staatsarchiv
Preussischer Kulturbesitz
Archivstrasse 12-14
D-1000 Berlin 33 (Dahlem)
Federal Republic of Germany

Genealogical Societies for the former province of Pomerania
(1) Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ostdeutscher Familienforscher
Fuhrweg 29
D-5300 Bonn 3 (Holzlar)
Federal Republic of Germany

Society for East Germany, includes Pomerania

[May 8, 1986] N31 Log 881

LDS 5/8/86 N31 Log 881

IGI - Germany, Prussia

Namitz, Christian Jacob mar. Anna Elisabeth Heise 7/10/1794,
Pommern, Stolp Batch A458885, Sh. 0524

Pedigree Sheet Batch # 458885 ordered 5/8/86

1/3/86 - Salt Lk. City reported they could not fill order at this time.

[This document appears in document calendar 147.]

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Fourth Generation Program

Family Group Sheets
1969 - No Genealogy
1968 - No Genealogy
1967 - No Genealogy
1966 - No Genealogy

1965 - No Genealogy

1970 - No Genealogy

1971 - No Genealogy
1972 - No Genealogy
1973-74 - No Genealogy

[This letter was apparently never answered.]

[May 9, 1986]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 9, 1986

Mr. Horst F. Eggert
P.O. Box 95
Waltham, MN 55982

Dear Mr. Eggert:

Band 5, Pommern?

I read in "Die Pommerschen Leute" last August that you were born in Kreis Stolp and would be glad to correspond with others whose ancestors came from there. I'd like to tell you about my German ancestry, and I hope you may be able to give me a little help.

Note: DEW later had a ship arrival record showing July 20, 1872. See Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835). TFW, Mar. 22, 2023

My grandfather, William Nemitz, came to America from the city of Stolp in 1873. About 1860 he had married Theresa Jacobs, perhaps in Stolp, because their daughter Bertha was born there on July 9, 1866. Another daughter, Anna, was born in Germany on June 6, 1868, probably also in Stolp.

William had two sisters who came to this country. Wilhelmina was born in Stolp on March 17, 1851, and married Charles Schroeder there, the son of John Schroeder. His other sister, Johanna, married John Tonke. Their son Herman was born in Stolp on November 26, 1866.

At least one brother--possibly named Ferdinand--remained in Germany. In 1913, just before World War I, one of my relatives visited a cousin in Stolp who was a postman (letter carrier). Another brother, Ernst, came to America in 1872 and ended up in Iowa.

William Nemitz told his children he was born in Damer. My research has turned up four Dammers in Germany, all in Silesia, rather than in Pomerania. So now, because of all the family events that took place in Stolp, I think he may have been born in the town of Damen near Stolp instead of in Damer.

Through the Mormon Branch Library here I have tried to locate the Evangelical church records of Stolp and Damen in Pomerania, and also the records of the Dammers in Silesia. So far, they apparently have not located or microfilmed any of these. Years ago I also tried to locate them at archives in Germany and in Poland with no success.

Ilse Babiel

In trying to find someone in Germany who is related to my grandfather's family, I wrote to the Heimatortskartei Nordostenropa, which has an index of over 16,000,000 persons relocated from former German-speaking areas after World War II. They sent me the name of Ilse Babiel, whose maiden name was Nemitz and who was born in Stolp. We have written to each other twice, but neither she nor her sister knows anything about her ancestors beyond her parents. They have both tried to locate the Evangelical church records of Stolp, but nobody seems to know where they are. She did give me the name of one of her cousins who has lived 31 years in the Chicago area, and I have recently written to see if he knows anything more. I think he may have grown up in the vicinity of Stolp.

You are perhaps as unaware of the location of the church records of Stolp as everyone else seems to be. However, you may have some ideas about

procedures I might follow to try to discover other types of records or information about my grandfather and his relatives. Do you suppose there may be cemetery records or gravestones, newspaper obituaries, probate records, city directories, school records, or any other materials we could search for? I realize that since that area is now in Poland, any investigations will be very difficult, but perhaps not impossible.

I'll be interested to hear from you and to learn about your background, both in Kreis Stolp and in America. Are you still in contact with others who lived near you in Germany? Please write when you get a chance and give me any suggestions you may have for my continuing search.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[DEW's effort to get Dammen church records]

[May 14, 1986]

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY
35 North West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

May 14, 1986

Mr. David Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue, S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

The records we have for Dammen were filmed in Hannover. Sometimes records can end up in most unlikely places. Since the Germans have left Poland, many of the records "found" their way into archives in East Germany. For records, I recommend that you contact:

Zentralstelle für Genealogie
Georgii Dimitroff Platz 1
DDR-7010 Leipzig
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

I have enclosed a letter-writing guide for your convenience. You may want to try writing Leipzig also for the records of you need from parish registers of Stolp.

I wish we had the information you need.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Barthel
Correspondence Unit

Encl.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Reference Questionnaire—Branch Genealogical Library

14 MAY 1986

The patron completes this form and gives it to the branch library staff member. The staff member reviews it for completeness and accuracy, assists the patron further, if needed, and then submits form to the Genealogical Department Library, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

This form is intended to provide suggestions for further genealogical research by the patron. Due to staff limitations the Genealogical Department cannot undertake actual research.

In addition to the information requested below, enclose Pedigree Chart, Family Group Record Form or other data that would be helpful.

Branch and Patron Data

Name: David E. Witheridge

Street address: 2425 Irving Ave. S.

City, state, postal code: Minneapolis, MN 55405

Telephone number: (612) 377-4810

Branch name: Mpls ~~OS~~

Branch code: 051

Date requested: 8 May 1986.

Background Data for Reference Question Give all pertinent data

Given name	Surname(s)	Birth date	Sex
Wilhelm Frederick	Nemitz	3 Aug. 1835, Dammen	M
Birthplace or residence	**Father's name**	**Mother's name**	
Dammen, Stolp, Pommern, Prussia			
Spouse's name	**Marriage date**	**Death or burial date**	
Theresa Jacobs	1856 in Stolp, Pommern	1921, Illinois	

Religious affiliation of ancestor, if known: Evangelical

Check the boxes of all sources consulted

- [x] Family records
- [ ] Temple Records Index Bureau (TIB)
- [ ] Family group records collection
- [x] International Genealogical Index (IGI)
- [ ] Other LDS sources

List other records already searched

Request for Services Check the services requested

- [ ] Microfilming of book for loan to a BGL
- [ ] Microform request (number not known)

Title

Author

Call number

- [ ] Reference question

The only church records listed in the GLC for Dammen, Pommern, Preussen, Germany are confirmations for 1890-1915.
No evangelical church records are listed in the GLC for the city of Stolp, Pommern, Preussen, Germany.
Do you have any other church records for Dammen or Stolp that have been filmed but are not yet in the GLC? Nothing in addition.

Dammen = Damno, pow. Slupsk, woj. Koszalin, Poland.

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[illegible] P: G 1875, 1881 BO
—1884, 1894, 1896
—1899, 1902, 1904,
1911, 1918—1919,
1930, 1935—1936;
F 1879—1880, 1882
1883, 1893—1894,
1896—1898, 1902,
1904, 1907, 1910—
1911, 1918—1919,
1936;
S 1875, 1879, 1881,
1883, 1885, 1891,
1895—1898, 1902
—1903, 1906—1907,
1910—1911, 1918—
1920, 1934—1937)

Sorau-Schloßgebiet
BRDG (P: G 1874— BO
1875, 1886—1888,
1896—1899;
F 1874—1875, 1885
—1888, 1896—1900;
S 1874—1875, 1886
—1888, 1896—1900)

Sorau
SCHL (MK 1833—1890) A
(KMK 1834—1885)
Hist. A

Spatenfelde Kr. Kalisch
POS (P: G+F 1940— BO
1944;
S 1940—1945)

x/ **Sperling** Kr. Angerburg
OSTP (P: G, F, S 1874—1889)
A

Sprosserweide
Kr. Elchniederung
OSTP s. Karzewischken

Sprottau
SCHL (MK 1802—1903) A
(KMK 1800 Hist.A
—1913)

Spucken Kr. Elchniederung
OSTP (P: G+S 1874— BO
1938;
F 1874—1877, 1879
—1938)

Stallupönen
OSTP (MK 1886—1919) A

Stantau Kr. Königsberg/Pr.
OSTP s. Quednau

Stargard
POMM (MK 1799—1932) A
(KMK 1869 Hist.A
—1895)

Stargordt Kr. Regenwalde
POMM (P: G 1938, 1940 BO
—1941, 1943—1944;
F 1938, 1940—1944;
S 1938, 1941—1944)

Starkenberg Kr. Wehlau
OSTP (EK 1766—1944) A

Staro-Konstantinow
Gebietsstandesamt
BESG (G 1942—1944; BW
S 1942—1944) BO

Starpel
Kr. Züllichau-Schwiebus
BRDG (P: G, F, S BO
1874—1937)

Starsen Kr. Schlochau
POMM (P: G, F, S BO
1940—1943)

Starsin Kr. Putzig
WEPR (KK 1688—1845) A

Starzeddel Kr. Guben
BRDG (P: G, F, S BO
1876—1944)

Spergewalen
Namensverzeichnis
1932-1945 BW

Stegers Kr. Schlochau
POMM (P: G, F, S BO
1940—1943)

Steinau
SCHL (MK 1802—1814) A

Steinbach
Kr. Züllich-Schwiebus
BRDG (P: G, F, S BO
1874—1937)

Steinbeck Kr. Königsberg/Pr.
OSTP (EK 1800—1944) A

Steinkirchen Kr. Görlitz
SCHL (P: G 1922—1923, BO
1925—1927, 1929—
1943;
F+S 1922—1923,
1925—1943)

Steinort Kr. Angerburg
OSTP (P: G, F, S 1876—
1938) A

Stendsitz Kr. Karthaus
WEPR (KK 1692—1858) A

Stentsch
Kr. Züllichau-Schwiebus
BRDG (P: G, F, S BO
1874—1937)

Sternau Kr. Konitz
WEPR s. Konitz Land BO

Stettin
POMM (KMK 1869— Hist.A
1927,
MK 1682—1939;
Neue Mitgl. der jüdischen
Gemeinde 1849—1851; A
StA. I P: G, F, S 1874
—1945, H
StA. II P: G, F, S 1902
—1945, H
StA. III P: G, F, S 1902
—1945, H
StA. IV s. Züllchow
StA. V s. Altdamm und
Stolzenhagen
StA. VI s. Völschendorf
StA. VII P: G, F, S 1940 H
StA. VIII s. Podejuch und
Zahden
StA. IX s. Finkenwalde,
Hökendorf,
Podejuch,
Scheune und
Sydowsaue
StA. X s. Altdamm und
Stolzenhagen
StA. XI s. Augustwalde
und Finken-
walde
StA. XII s. Hohenkrug
und Sydowsaue
StA. XIII s. Hökendorf
StA. XIV s. Hohenkrug
StA. XV s. Augustwalde
StA. XVI P: G, F, S 1940—
1944, H
StA. XVII s. Odermünde
StA. XVIII s. Völschendorf
StA. XIX P: G, F, S 1940
—1945, H
StA. XX s. Zahden
StA. XXI P: F 1941—1944 H

Stierwald Kr. Birnbaum
POS s. Zirke Land

Stigehnen Kr. Königsberg/Pr.
OSTP s. Quednau

Stolin Gebietsstandesamt
BESG (S 1942—1944) BO

~~**Stolp**~~
~~POMM (1762—1913) A~~

Stolzenfelde Kr. Schlochau
POMM (P: G+S 1938— BO
1943;
F 1938—1939, 1943)

See also next page

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für Informationen
Standesamt I Berlin (West),
Rheinstr. 54, 1000 Berlin 41

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probably page from Verzeichnis der in Berlin (West) vorhandenen ortsfremden Personenstands- und Kirchenbücher (Frankfurt/Main 1955) -

Directory of vital records in the

Wilson-Reference 626-222

Standesamt I
Rheinstrasse 54 (54)
D-1000 Berlin 41
West Germany

Wilson-Reference 626-2227 (the library at the Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus

(Michael Palmer, 5/19/89)

Verzeichnis der im Standesamt I in Berlin (West) vorhandenen Standesregister und Personenstandsbücher
Frankfurt, 1978
75 pp
für Standesamtswesen

Pub. by: Verlag
Lib. of Congress

Notes attached by DEW

Directory of the foreign vital records located in West Berlin

[DEW's notes from a telephone interview with Florence Kennedy in Saginaw, MI]

[July 6, 1973]

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Information from Florence Kennedy - Saginaw, 7/6/73

Johanna Pollas

This John must be John C. Schroeder (b. 1821)

Florence's grandmother (Johanna Pollas) married John (Johann) Schroeder. He had 5 or 6 children when she married him. John Schroeder was Carl Schroeder's father. Florence's mother was a half sister of Carl Schroeder.

Florence's mother used to write to a cousin by marriage, a Franz Pomplehn, in Germany. The address was Oberhaldrungen
Province of Thüringen
(?) Province Saxony

Religion of the Schroeders in Germany was Lutheran. Florence's grandfather came over to America with a group of friends who wanted to stay out of the army. They came to Michigan and went to the vicinity of West Branch. When her grandmother came over, she started to go into the wild country with them, but she wouldn't go on. She turned back to West Branch and went to Bay City on the train. On the train she met an Evangelical minister from Saginaw by the name of Stafffield. He befriended her, or she ended up in Saginaw. She was a midwife and worked with the doctors in Saginaw.

[DEW's searches of the Bay City, MI, Directory]

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Bay City (Mich.) Directory 1881-82

Bay City

Nemitz — ✓ Nemitz, Caroline (wid Wm) res. NE cor. 30th & Seward

✓ Nemitz, Herman, laborer, res., NE cor 30th & Seward

West Bay City

Laderach — Laderach & Bros (Jacob, Rudolph, Charles, John, and Samuel Laderach) Mfgrs Lumber & Lath, s.s. State near Bridge, 3d ward.

1884-5

Tomke — Tomke, Albert, lab. res. w s Water 2 s of 7th, 5th ward

" Charles, lab. bds Albert Tomke

Bay City Directory 1891-2

N. Bay City

Schroeder, Carl, lab Carpenter + Co, res. 106 - 1st

Schroeder " adolph, lab, res 1704 S. Center

" Edward, clerk Standard Hoop Co, res Salzburg

" Henry, lab. Russell Bros + Co. res Salzburg

" John lab. Carpenter + Co., res. 106 1st

" Matilda, bds. 106 1st

" Otto, lab Standard Hoop Co, bds 106 1st

Tomke Tomke, Albert A. lab. res. S. Euclid ave n. State rd

Bay City

Nemitz Nemitz Caroline (wid Hen) res 701 30th

Bay City Directory, 1893-4

N. Bay City

Schroeder, Carl, died March 23, 1893

" Albert, lab. res. n.e. Burton 2 n of Park

" Anna (wid John) bds Albert Schroeder

" Edward lab res 1704 S. Center

" John H. lab, res. s.e. S. Euclid ave 3 n of Kelton

" Minnie (wid Carl) res 106 1st

" Otto lab bds 106 1st

Tomke, Albert, lab res. S. Euclid ave. 6 n of Kelton

" Herman, lab res 111 Adee

Bay City Directory 1908

Reid

Reid, Sarah E. (wid George) grocer 512 Howard, res. same [not listed in 1906-7 Dir.]

Reid, George F., foreman, C. B. Curtiss Farm, res. same

1902

McGraw Farm

McGraw Farm, on PMRR + McGraw Ave.

Reid, George L., foreman, McGraw Farm, res. same

Reid Bros, (Wm + James L.) propr. Bay City Wood and Lum Co., 615 S. Water

Reid

Reid, James L. (Reid Bros) res 319 Howard

Reid, James L., Jr. treas Reid Bros, bds 817 Fraser

" Ann (wid John) bds. 817 Fraser

" Jessie J. student, bds 817 Fraser

" Mabel M. tchr, Barfield Sch., bds 817 Fraser

" Wm H. (Reid Bros) mgr Union Lum Co, res 817 Fraser

" Wm H. Jr., student bds 817 Fraser

" John, comp. res 2115 2nd.

1901

Tomke *

Tomke, Herman, cooper John Fogarty, res. W. B City, W. B. C.

Tomke Albert J. lab. res 2715 S. Euclid

" Arthur C. H. lab bds 2715 S. Euclid

" Herman lab. res 1811 S. Center

Bay City Directory, 1909

DEW's mother → Nemitz, Edith S., bkkpr, W. J. Frank, bds 512 Howard

Williams — Williams, Henry, miner, 512 Howard [also 1908]

Tomke — Tomke, Albert J. cab. res 2715 S. Euclid Ave

" Arthur C.H. student, bds 2715 S. Euclid Ave

" Charles student, bds 2715 S. Euclid Ave

" Edward cab., bds 314 Webster

" Florence, bds 312 Webster

" Herman cab, res 610 Taylor

" Minnie bds. 2715 S. Euclid

" Ruby, bds 610 Taylor

" Wm, mill hd bds. 2715 S. Euclid

B.C. Dir. 1906-7

Nemitz — Nemitz, Edith S., bkkpr. Bialy Hardware & Supply Co. bds C. B. Curtiss Farm

Curtis/Curtiss — Curtiss, Charles B., Office 504 Phoenix Blk, res 924 Center Ave

Curtis, C. B. Farm, Cor. PMRR and McGraw Ave.

Reid — Reid, George T. foreman C B Curtiss Farm, res same [also 19

Williams — Williams, Henry, miner, res 204½ W. Chestnut ave W.S.

1905

Nemitz — Nemitz, Edith S. student, bds W. F. Nemitz } same 1903

" Max F., cab., res. C. B. Curtiss Farm

DEW's grandfather →

[Obituary of Charles (Carl) Schroeder (b. 1845)]

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Bay City Tribune, Bay City & West Bay City, Mich., 3/24/93
[West Bay City Tribune, West Bay City, Mic, Mar. 24, 1893]

1893

Verbatim note by DEW

Charles Schroeder, of the fifth ward, died yesterday after an illness of two weeks. The cause of his demise was blood poisoning and he was not thought very ill at first, but the attending physicians were unable to stop the spreading of the disease, and he succumbed. He leaves his wife and family and was a member of the Arbeiter society, under whose auspices he will be buried.

Arbeiter Society

[Nemitz ship arrivals]

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[National Archives, notes made by DEW ca. 1970]

Index of Ships Passenger Lists - 1 Part 1 of 3

Boston - 1848-1891 No Nemitz

Baltimore -

D-D-66-13-444
Nemitz, Albert
(Accompanied by - Over)
5 yrs. old M, W - Germany
Perm. res. - Pommern
Vessel - Berlin - May 21, 1872

T13-1-13. -
Nemitz, August
(Accompanied by - 4 - Over)
5 y. 6 mos. - M, W. - German Empire
Perm. Res. - Klein Teschen.
Vessel - S.S. Leipzig, Apr. 1, 1891

II-2-8-283
Nemitz, August
16 yrs., M Germany
Perm. Res. - Prussia
Vessel - Leipsig, Feb. 10, 1882

MM 103-10-568
Nemitz, August
(Acc. by - Wilhelmine - 52, Bertha - 23)
Age 61 y. M - Single (?) Germany
Dest. - United States
Ves. - Leipzig, Apr. 18, 1886

117-6-10
Nemitz, August
(Acc. by - Wilhelmina - 29)
Age 9, M. Germany
Perm. Res. - Burm ; Dest. - Ind.
Vessel - Dresden, 8/25/1892

00 - 12 - 16 - 904
Nemitz, Auguste
(Acc. by - Friedr. 30, Otto 4, Maria 9mo)
Age 29, F (Divorced?) - Occup. Wife - Germany
Perm. Res. - ? Dest. - Ill.
Vas. - Main, May 30, 1888

D - D - 66 - 14 - 446
X
Nemitz, Bertha
(Acc. by - Own)
Age 4, F Germany
Perm. Res. - Pommern
Vas. - Berlin, May 21, 1892

JJ - 168 9 - 474
Nemitz, Bertha
Age 19, F, occ. none - Germany
Dest. U.S.
Vas. - Hermann, Sept. 26, 1883

MM - 103 - 10 - 570
Nemitz, Bertha
(Acc. by - August, 61; Wilhelmine, 52)
Age 23, F Germany
Dest. United States
Vas. - Leipzig, Apr. 18, 1886

T - 13. 1 - 14
Nemitz, Carl
(Acc. by - 4 - own)
4y 4mos. M - German Empire
Perm. Res. - Klein Jeschen
Vas. - S.S. Leipzig, Apr. 1, 1871

J - J - 100 - 6 - 319
Nemitz, Charles
46y. M - Merchant - Prussia
Dest. - Baltimore
Vas. - Braunschweig, June 14, 1883

Index of Ships Passenger Lists - 2 ← Part 2 of 3
Baltimore

Q-Q-46 8-437
Nemitz, Emilie
(Acc. by Gust - 23, Minna 9 mos.)
Age 24 F Germany
Dest. U.S.A.
Ves. - Weser, Apr. 7, 1890

DD-31 - 4-166
* Nemitz, Ernst
(Acc. by - none)
Age 24, M. Farmer - Germany
Dest. Chicago
Vessel - Auguste, June 11, 1872

1872
24
1848

H.H. 152 - 9-363
Nemitz, Fr.
(Acc. by - none)
Age 22, M Farmer Prussia
Perm. Res - Prussia Dest. Baltimore
Ves. - Koln, July 2, 1881

D.D. 66-13-443
Nemitz, Friedr.
(Acc. by - Owen)
Age 7, M Germany
Perm. Res. - Pommern
Ves. - Berlin, May 21, 1872

OO-12-16-903
Nemitz, Friedr.
(Acc. by - Auguste - 29, Otto - 4, Maria 9 mos.)
Age 30 - M. Farmer - Germany
Dest. - Ill.
Ves. - Main, May 30, 1888

(over)

P.50 -7-245
Nemitz, George
(Acc. by - Josef -14)
Age 65 - Father-in-law Austria
Parm. Res. - Böhmen
Ves. - Humboldt, Oct. 3, 1867

O.Q-46 8-436
Nemitz, Gust.
(Acc. by - Emilie -24, Minna - 9 mos)
Age 28 M Workman Germany
Dest USA
Ves - Wesser, Apr. 7, 1890

T13 - 1 11
Nemitz, Heinrich
(Acc. by - 4 - own)
Age 9 M German Empire
Parm. Res. - Klein Jeschen
Ves. - S.S. Leipzig, Apr. 1, 1871

D.D. 66 14 - 447
Nemitz, Heinrich
(Acc. by - own)
Age 9/12 y. Germany
Parm. Res. - Pommern
Ves. - Berlin, May 21, 1872

D.D. - 66 - 13 - 441
Nemitz, Heinrich
(Acc. by - own)
Age 41 - M - Farmer - Germany
Parm. Res. - Pommern
Ves. - Berlin, May 21, 1872

T-13 112
Nemitz, Hermann
(Acc by 4 own)
Age M - German Emp.
Parm Res. - Klein Jeschen
Ves. - S.S Leipzig, Apr. 1, 1871

Index of Ships Passenger Lists - 3 ← Part 3 of 3

Baltimore

T-13. 1.10

* Nemitz, Therese
(Acc. by - ~~[illegible]~~)
32 y. F - Germ. Emp
Perm. Res. - Klein Teschen
Vas. SS Leipzig, Apr. 1, 1891
32
1859

[Dammen, Pomern, confirmations] [Feb. 26, 1987] N87 Log 960

LDS - 2/26/87 N87 Log 960

[LDS - 2/26/87]

Handschriftliches Verzeichnis aller Konfirmanden von Ostern, 1890-1915 Dammen, Pommern

Confirmations 1890

Nemitz Palm Sunday, Mar. 30, 1890

Hugo Nemitz

Sept. 28, 1890

Therese Nemitz

Palm Sunday, 1891

none

Sept. 28, 1891

Schroeder Alfert Schroeder
Berta Schroeder

Sept. 25, 1892

Reinhold Nemitz
Adolf Nemitz

[Death certificate of Johanna (Hannah) Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b. 1871)]

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
Certified to be a true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office.

NOV 28 1975

WAYNE A. JOHNSON, Director of Licensing

P. McLaughlin ..... Deputy

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Section of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Hennepin | Minnesota | Hennepin

Bloomington | 6 Yrs. 7 Mo. 8 Dys. | Bloomington

Minn. Masonic Home | 11400 Normandale Rd. Minneapolis 20,

Mrs. Hannah Shaw | Sept. 14 1960

Female | White | Widowed | Feb. 15, 1871 | 89

Housewife - Retired | Halsberg Now Bay City, Mich. | USA

John Tomke | Johanna Nimits | Frederick - Deceased

Minn. Masonic Home, 1400 Normandale Rd.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

Bronchopneumonia 5 days

Debility & Senility

Generalized arteriosclerosis

Jan. 1, 1958 to Sept. 14, 1960 Sept. 9 1960

Sept. 14 1135 P.

Dumas Dumas M.D. | 7617 So Lyndale | 9-16-60

Forest Home | Rhinelander, Wisc.

1-20-1961

[Nov. 28, 1975] N91 Log 969

[Minneapolis] 11/28/75 N91 Log 969

Mpls Public Library - microfilm

Minneapolis Star, Sept. 15, 1960

Obituaries

Johanna (Hannah) Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b.1871)

Shaw, Hannah, age 89, 3316 Dupont Ave. So. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Lloyd L. Gilloolyn; ~~(2)~~, 3 granddaughters, Mrs. Tracy Wales, Iron Mountain, Mich., Mrs. James Black and Mrs. John Halloran, Mpls; 10 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Services Fri, 4 p.m. at Thomson Bros. Funeral Home, Cor. Park Ave. at 26th St. Interment Rhinelander Wis. Visitation after 6 p.m. Thurs.

Lloyd Lester Gilloolyn (b.1895)

Mpls City Directory, 1960

3316 Dupont Ave. S. - Lloyd L. Gilloolyn (Carrie R.)

Mpls City Directory, 1961

John B. Halloran, lwyr, 609 Minn. Federal Bldg. r. 2001 W. Forest dr. [no wife's name given]

No James Black listed

Mpls, Suburban Directory, 1974

John B. Halloran (Eliz. B.) lwyr (Mpls) h. 4909 Fontana Ln, Edina

See also next page →

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Mpls Public Library

Mpls City Dir. 1963-64

Gillooly, Floyd L. (Carrie R.) h. 3316 Dupont Ave. S.
[no occupation listed]

Gillooly, Mrs. Mary A., supervisor at Nat Bank
h. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.

Gillooly, Patrick (Mary A.), mail handler P.O.
h. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.

Black, James, slaman Kee-Line Electronic, r. 3537
Blaisdell Ave.

3537 Blaisdell Ave. - Koozekanani, Kazem
Koozekanani, Kazem, salesman Kee Line Electronics
h. 3537 Blaisdell Ave.

Mpls City Dir. 1964-65

Gillooly, Mary A. - - -
Gillooly, Patk (Mary A.) - - -
no entry for Floyd L. [not in Mpls Suburban Dir.]

Mpls City Dir. 1965-66

Gillooly, Patk (Mary A.) - - -
no other entry

1966-67

Gillooly, Linda D., student r. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.
" Patk (Mary A.) - - -

1968 - only Patk. (Mary A) listed
1969 - only " " "
1970 " " " "
1971 " " " "

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Mpls City Dir. 1972

Billoody, Nancy E. r. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.
" Patk (Mary A.) " "

Mpls City Dir 1973-74

Billoody, Mary, clk U. S. Soc. Sec. Adm.
r. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.

Billoody, Nancy E., r. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.
" Patk (Mary A). Mail Handler Postal Serv.
r. 2614 - 30th Ave. S.

[Information compiled by DEW's brother, William Nemits Witheridge (b. 1910)]

N.94
Log 982

Inf. compiled by William Nemits Witheridge

N94
Log 982

DEW made this transcript ca. 1962; see the log in document calendar 150.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

William Frederick Nemitz b. Aug. 3, 1835
b. ~~Dammer~~ a(?), Germany
also lived in Chicago
Sheepherd + Farmer
d. Jan. 3, 1921 (85 yrs. 5 mos.)

[See editor's note at Dammer, Germany (now Poland) in index.]

Therese Jacobs, b. July 20, 1843
b Dammer, Germany
lived in Germany, Chicago, Reton, Manistee
m. 1856 - Germany
d. Dec. 24, 1885
(Epileptically ill)

William Allen Witheridge
8th Gr. County School, Ohio
Business Col. 1 yr.
Saginaw Business Col. 1907
Farmer, Coal Miner, Accountant, Office Mgr., Sales Eng.

Edith Sophia Nemitz
8th Gr. + German Parochial (1 yr.)
Business College (1 yr.)
Reton + Manistee, Bay City, Flint, + Saginaw

See next page →

← (See previous page.)

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877) — Louise Theresa Nemitz, b. April 13, 1877, Manteno, Ill.
m. John Storch, June 24, 1902

John Storch (b. 1878) — John Storch b. Nov. 11, 1878, Pastone, Ill.

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866) — Bertha Nemitz, b. July 9, 1866
m. Herman Zonke also m. Gilbert Larson
(lived in Ratcliffe, Iowa)

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869) — Emma Nemitz, b. June 6, 1869
d. Sept. 7, 1901; m. William Schroeder

Mary Augusta Nemits (b. 1875) — Mary Nemitz, b. April 19, 1875, Pastoria d. 1922
m. John Reid [other documents say Dec. 28, 1921]

John Stephen Reid (b. 1876)

Kenneth Lee Storch (b. 1903) — Kenneth Lee Storch, b. Jan. 27, 1903, Pastone, Ill.
m. May 12, 1934, Margaret Kruger

Eloise Therese Storch (b. 1910) — Eloise Therese Storch, b. Nov. 13, 1910, Pastone, Ill.

Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908) — Wayne Nemits Storch, b. Dec. 2, 1908, Pastone, Ill.

John William Storch (b. 1921) — John William Storch, b. Sept. 29, 1921, Beecher, Ill.

William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880) — William John Ernest Nemits, b. Mar. 29, 1880, Manteno, Kankakee, Ill. [spelled Nemitz in the index]
m. Edith Zamzow, Sept. 3, 1903 - 1920

Edith Zamzow

Alma Leona Grimes — m. Alma Grimes, Oct. 31, 1921 [spelled Lucille in the index]
(Leona Eloise & Almalita Lucile)
Alma Leona Grimes b. Dec. 10, 1892, Chicago, Ill.

Charles Hoyt — m. Charles Hoyt (1912 - 1917)
m. William E. Nemits, Oct. 31, 1921

Editor's Note

The one-family record on the next page (document N99), for Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1835) = Theresa Jacobs, was sent to Dad by his cousin, Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908). It appears that Dad started the record (his usual practice when he already had fragmentary information) and Wayne finished it.

It is dated 1963 — very early in Dad's Nemitz work — so it lacks many of the details included by Dad in a later version for the same family; see pages 7-8 in folder 2.1.

While Dad wrote the word "over" at the top of the page, there were no footnotes supplied by Wayne on the back side of the page. However, Dad used the back side (see the third page following this editor's note) for another purpose: to record the 1880 U.S. census entry for August Nemitz's family, whose address was 61 Cornell St., Chicago, IL. The source for that information was the U.S. National Archives, not Wayne Storch. Dad gave this census information a separate document number, N102 (see his log note on document calendar 151, elsewhere).

Tom Witheridge
March 26, 2023

[See the preceding editor's note.] [1963] N99 Log 985

From Wayne Stoch, 1963 (over) N99 Log 985

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Nemitz Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Wilhelm Nemitz

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	Aug. 3, 1832	Dommer, Germany
Marriage		
Death	Jan. 3, 1921	Beecher, Ill.

Other Places of Residence: Bay City, Mich. Peotone, Ill. Tribune, Sask., Canada MANTENO, ILL.

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Theresa Jacobs

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		Manteno, Ill.

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Bertha THERESA	Birth JULY 9, 1866	
	Married to 1. Herman TomKE	Marriage ?	BAY CITY, MICH. SASK., CANADA
	2. GILBERT Larson	Death FEB. 14, 1951	WOLSELY, SASK., CANADA
2	Emma	Birth	
	Married to William Schroeder	Marriage	
		Death	
3	Mary AUGUSTA	Birth APRIL 19, 1874	PEOTONE, WILL, ILL.
	Married to John Read	Marriage	
		Death	COLGATE, SASK., CANADA
4	Louise Theresa	Birth Apr. 13, 1877	MANTENO, KANKAKEE, ILL.
	Married to John Stoch	Marriage June 24, 1902	
		Death Sept. 15, 1959	JOLIET, WILL, ILL.
5	William Ernest	Birth Mar. 28, 1880	Manteno, Ill.
	Married to 1. Edith Zamzow	Marriage ?	
	2. Alma Grimes	Death July 6, 1959	
6	Edith Sophia	Birth Oct. 16, 1883	Peotone, Ill.
	Married to William Allen Witheridge	Marriage June 16, 1908	Bay City, Mich.
		Death April 3, 1961	Saginaw, Mich.
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

Print or type all information. Use reverse side for sources and additional data.

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[Information from 1880 U.S. census]

N101
Log 987

Census of 1880 (June 15) - Micro - Nat. Archives
E.D. 16, Sup Dist. 4, Page 11
Sumner Township, Kankakee Co., Ill.

N101
Log 987

	Name	
1833 / 1837	Nemitz, William, W, M, 42 - Farmer - B. Germany, F + M. Lutter (Wolfed Amitz on record)	
1838 / 1843	W. - Theresa, W, F, 36 - Housekeeper - B. Germany, F + M - Lutter	
	S - Bertha, W, F, 13 - At school - B Germany	
	S - Emma, W, F, 11 - At school - B Germany	
	S - Mary, W, F, 5 -	- B Ill.
	S. Louisa, W, F, 3 -	- B. Ill.
	S. William, W, M, 3/12 (March)	- B. Ill.

1880	1880
42	36
1838	1844

Editor's note

This is DEW's grandfather, Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835) and his family; Edith, DEW's mother, wasn't born yet.

TFW, Mar. 26, 2023

[This is 1880 U.S. census information; see the editor's note 3 pages back.] [ca. 1963]

N 102
Log 987

Nemitz, August — ED 191
Theresa, W, 41, Prussia — Sheet #19 Line 16
Hamish, S, 22 " — Cook Co., Ill
Hermann, S, 18 " — August W, M, 50
August, S, 16 " — B: Prussia
Charles, S, 11 " — 61 Cornell St.
Wilhelm, S, 7 Chicago — Chicago
Dionga, S, 5 "
Louise, D, 3 "

(N102 Log 987)

1880 Census – Microfilm at National Archives

(Soundex Index of families with school age children)

Note

The relationship (if any) of this family to DEW's Nemitz line is unknown to me.

TFW, Mar. 26, 2023

[Bay County, MI, death records]

N103
Log 988

N103
Log 988

Bay County Death Records
Bay City, Mich.

✓ Mar. 14, 1901 - Le Roy Tomke
Age 5 y. 1 m. 19 d., N. Bay City
Born - Mich. Father: Herman Tomke, Mother: Bertha Nanitz

LeRoy Tomke

✓ Feb. 19, 1898 - Herman Tomke
Age 12 days, Bay City
Birthplace, Mich.
Father - Herman Tomke
Mother - Bertha Moritz (sic.)

Herman Tomke (b. 1898)

✓ Aug. 16, 1904 - Raymond Tomke
Age 2 y. 6 m., 17 d. b. Mich
Father Herman Tomke
Mother, Bertha Nanitz

Raymond Tomke

✓ Feb. 6, 1909 - Fredrick W. Tomke Age 1 y. 4 m. - d.
Born Mich. Father - Herman Tomke; Mother Bertha Nanitz
[June]

Fredrick W. Tomke

✓ Jan. 12, 1916 - Paul Carl Edgar Tomke - 13 y. 5 m. 11 d.
Typhoid Fever, b. Mich. Student
Father: Charles Tomke, Mother, Anna Spangler
Father born - Germany
Mother born - Mich

Paul Carl Edgar Tomke

✓ Nov. 3, 1916 - Herman Tomke. 49 y. 11 m. 7 d.
born - Germany - Laborer
Father - John Tomke - born - Germany
Mother - not known - birthplace - not known

Herman Tomke (b. 1866)

Johann Friedrich Tomke (b. 1829)
Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833)

[Dammen confirmations] [Mar. 17, 1987] N104 Log 989

LDS - 3/17/87 N104 Log 989

Damm~~en~~, Pommern, Confirmations

1892-1915

1893

Marta Horn

1896

Albert Schröder

Hermann Horn

Emma Horn

1898

Mathilda Horn

1899

Franz Horn

Carl Horn

1901

am 6. October

Herbert Wallenius

1902

Marie Horn

1910

Martha Nemitz

See note below

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Log 989

LDS - 3/17/87

N105
Log 98

Meyers - Orts

Gramzin (7) Kr. Stolp, 2 Rgr. (A u. B), Pr., Pomm.,
RB. Köslin, L Kr. AG, BKdo. Stolp, GtdA. A. Ritzo,
E 2,8 km bz. 2,8 Jeseritz; 160 bz. 101 E., P. Molk.

Editor's note

This document doesn't match its description by DEW in his log note in document calendar 151.

It should be a letter from Lyra Coe (Lyra Adeline Knuth [b. 1918]) thanking him for information and answering his questions.

Incidentally, "Meyers Orts" does have an entry in the index.

Must have been a brain misfire on Dad's part!

TFW, Mar. 26, 2023

N117
Log 1007

N117
Log 1007

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Reinhardt

Family No. JPW20-61

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

George Reinhardt (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage	c. 1896 ?	
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Bertha Schroeder (a)

Father's Name:
Carl Schroeder (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Wilhelmina Nemitz (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1872 ?	Germany (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Harriet (a) Married to Earl Clark (a)	Birth c. 1898 ? Marriage Death July, 1986 (c)	Lived in Oneida, N.Y. (a)
2	Mathilda (a) Married to (1) — c. Tuttle (2) Eric Etherington (a) [J. Reinhardt, s. of Henry]	Birth M.D. c. 1900 ? Marriage Death	children: Judy Etherington, Roger Etherington, John Etherington (c) [But Judy's husband changed to Etherington] Lived in Paterson, N.J. (a)
3	J. (a) Married to	Birth Marriage Death ~~Born June 15, 1910 – Bay City, Mich. (a)~~	
4	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	See notes on next page
5	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	This page is enlarged two pages below.
6	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
9	Married to	Birth Marriage Death	
10	Married to	Birth Marriage	

← (See previous page)

(a) Inf. from Wilhelmina Laderach

(b) Cemetery records, Lot 361, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.

(c) Inf. from Robert Laderach; Doc. M118-Log 1003

(1) Eric + Mathilda Effenington
12412 Deerbrook Place
Los Angeles, Calif. 90049 (c)

N117
Log 1007

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Reinhardt

Family No. JPW20-61

SBAND (Name in Full)

George Reinhardt (a)

ther's Name:

ther's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
rth		
rriage	c. 1896 ?	
ath		

her Places of Residence:

her Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Bertha Schroeder (a)

Father's Name:
Carl Schroeder (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Wilhelmina Nemitz (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	c. 1872 ?	Germany (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

ILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
Harriet (a)	Birth	c. 1898 ?	
Married to Earl Clark (a)	Marriage		
	Death	July, 1986 (c)	Lives in Oneida, N.Y. (a)
Mathilda (a)	Birth	c. 1900 ?	
Married to (1) — divorced (2) Eric Etherington (a)	Marriage		
	Death		
J. [J. Reinhardt, s. of Henry] (b)	Birth		
Married to	Marriage		
	Death	~~[Born June 15, 1910 - Bay City, Mich.] (b)~~	
	Birth		
Married to	Marriage		
	Death		

children: July Etherington
Bert Ralph Etherington
Roy Etherington
John Etherington (c)
Lives in Plattsburgh, N.Y. (a)

Enlargement of document N117

[Regarding Lot 361, Section N,
Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, MI]

N118
Log 1008

N118
Log 1008

Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.

Lot 361 Section N

Buried

6/15/10 J. Reinhardt P. of Henry [Wife?]

2/24/10 Henry Schroeder P. of C.

12/28/02 Matthew Schroeder N. on child

Schroeder

Carl Schroeder

[Letter from Herr von Gostomski] [Feb. 1991]

N151
Log 1233

N151
Log 1233

For DEW's reply, see N152 below

Sehr geehrter Herr Witheridge

lt. Forscherkontakte,

ich bitte um Ergänzung und Rücksendung auch bei Fehlmeldung. Es soll in den nächsten Forscherkontakten erscheinen.

Kontakte zu anderen NEMitz vorhanden. Umfangreiches Material aus den Pommerschen und Westpreußischen (auch Kaschubischen Adel vorhanden.

Mit freundlichen Grüß

Ihr

von Gostomski

JA von Gostomski
W-28 Bremen
Kulmer Straße 57
Tel. 61 3273

Bemerkung

2 Fleischer

Julius Anton
Gostomski
MÜNCHEN

Rev.

DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

2425 IRVING AVE. S

MN 55405 MINNEAPOLIS

USA

MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

See next page

[This was attached to the previous page.]

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[See "Meyers Orts" in index]

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**** Datum : 22.12.90 Dokument : GOST1917-001 Seite : 00002 ****

F A M I L I E N Ü B E R S I C H T

Nr.	Familien Nr. * / Personen Nr.	Datum / Name	Ort	Vornamen	* Datum	Ø Kinder / Ort	
Kinder:	ANS01950-001	ANSORGE		Peter	22.05.1950	1000 Berlin	
13	BA-NI-1866-1 J	um.01.1866	Bischo			N	1/ 1
	BALK1840-001	BALKOW		Christlieb Martin	um 01 1840(?)		
	NITZ1842-001	NITZ		Henriette	um 01 1842		
Kinder:	BALK1868-001	BALKOW		Pauline Alwine	31.10.1868	Elsenau	
14	BA-PA-1962-1 J	um.01.1962	Jozefow	b. Kodrab		N	1/ 1
	BANA1943-001	BANASZKIEWICZ		Marek	um 01 1943	Jozefow	
	PALM1941-001	PALMOWSKI		Boguslava	13.12.1941	Jozefow	
Kinder:	BANA1964-001	BANASZKIEWICZ		Ivona Margarethe	19.07.1964	Dmemin	
15	BA-NE-1800-1 J	um 1800				N	5/ 4
	BARF1775-001	BARFKNECHT		Johann	um 01 1772		
	NEHM1770-001	NEHMITZ NIEMITZ		Maria Marianna	um 01 1770		
Kinder:	BARF1802-001	BARFKNECHT		Johann	01.07.1802	Nowa Huta	
	BARF1804-001	BARFKNECHT		Dorothea Sofia	um 01 1804		
	BARF1810-001	BARFKNECHT		Carl Martin	09.11.1810	Massowitz	
	BARF1813-001	BARFKNECHT		Elisabeth Christina	16.01.1813	Kl.Massowitz	
16	BA-MI-1820-1 J	um 1820				N	6/ 1
	BARF1799-001	BARFKNECHT		Johann	um 01 1799		
	MISC1800-001	MISCHKIN MISCHKE BISCHKIN		Catharina	um 01 1800		
Kinder:	BARF1822-001	BARFKNECHT BARWKNECHT		Ernestine	um 00 1822	Kl.Massowitz	

[An example of DEW's own translation work]

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[Feb. 1991]

Sehr geehrter Herr Witheridge

Betr. Forscherkontakte

ich bitte um Ergänsung und Rücksendung auch bei Fehlmeldung. Es soll in den nächsten Forscherkontakte erscheinen.

Kontakte zu anderen NEMITZ vorhanden. Umfangreiches Material aus den Pommerschen und Westpreussischen sehen (auch Kaschubischen) Adel vorhanden.

Mit freunlichen Grüssen

Ihr

von Gostomski

2 Freischein

[Very Honored]
My Dear Mr. Witheridge

Concerning contacts of researchers I ask for completion and return, also reporting errors.

It should appear in the next "Forscherkontakten" ["Contact for Researchers"].

Contacts with other NEMITZ (researchers) (are) at hand.

Extensive material is present from Pomerania and West Prussian (also Kashubian) nobility.

With friendly greeting,

Yours,

von Gostomski

2 Int. Ret. Coupons

[This work by DEW was attached to the preceding 3 pages.]

Kashube - One of a Pomeranian people who call themselves Slovintzy, ethnologically distinct from the Poles; also their language. [See Kasubian]

Kasubian, Kashubian. a. A Kashube. b. A West Slavic language spoken by about 200,000 people in the region of Danzig. It is closely akin to Polish, linking the latter with Polabian. [See Indo-European Languages, Table]

Polab [Slav, po = along + Lab = Elbe] A Polabian.

Polabian. a. One of a Slavic people formerly dwelling in the basin of the Elbe and on the Baltic coast of Germany. b. The West Slavic language of the Polabians, extinct since the 18th century.

[See document N151, above]

N152
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N152
Log 1241

See English translation on next page.

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Minneapolis am 6.6. 1991

Lieber Herr von Gostomski;

Vielen Dank fuer Ihren Brief. Es tut mir leid, dass ich so verspaetet antworte. Ich lege Information ueber meine Nemitz Familie bei. Ich habe keine zusaetzliche Information ueber die Marie Marianna Nehmitz / Niemitz in der von Ihnen gesandten Familienuebersicht.

Ist der "Forscherkontakten " eine Zeitschrift ?

Bitte senden Sie mir die Namen und Adressen einiger Forscher, die sich mit der Nemitz Familie befassen und auch einige, die Familienforschung in der Umgebung von Stolp in Pommern durchfuehren.

Ich hoffe, wieder von Ihnen zu hoeren.

Mit besten Gruessen,

Ihr

See also the next 5 pages

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[English translation by Marianne M. Hauser]

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
June 6, 1991

Dear Mr. von Gostomski:

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry to be so late answering it. I am enclosing information about my Nemitz family.

I have no further information about the Marie Marianna Nehmitz/Niemitz in the Familienubersicht you sent.

Is the Forscherkontakten a publication?

Please send me the names and addresses of a few researchers who are working on the Nemitz family, and also any who are doing family research in the Stolp area of Pommern.

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Yours truly (or Best wishes),

David E. Witheridge

See next page →

Mrs. Mary Ann Hauser
Col. Hts.
789-1146
3838 McKinley St. NE
Col. Hts, 55442

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 6, 1991

Mrs. Mary Ann Hauser
3838 McKinley St. N.E.
Columbia Heights, MN 55442

Dear Mary Ann,

Thank you for agreeing to translate the enclosed letter into German. You will see that I am also sending a copy of the letter and family document I received from Herr von Gostomski for your information.

I am also enclosing a copy of the information about my Nemitz family that I am going to send to him.

Please let me know how much you charge for this, and I'll send you a check.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

377-4810

See next page →

Translation

Very honored Mr. Witheridge;

According to "Forscherkontakten" (Researchers contacts) (it seems to be a periodic publication of a genealogical interest group) I am asking you to complete and return the Familienuebersicht, even if you are unable to report anything. It is supposed to be published in the next issue of "Forscherkontakte" (Researcher contacts).

Connections (or contacts) to other Nemitz are existing. Comprehensive material from the Pommersche arstocracy and also west Prussian is at hand.

With friendly greeting

signature

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[DEW's copy for the translator]

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MRS. MARIANNE M. HAUSER
3838 McKINLEY ST. N.E. #209
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55421

June 7, 1991

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Enclosed are the translations. I would appreciate a fee of $ 10.00.

Thank you kindly,

Marianne Hauser
Marianne Hauser

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 8, 1991

Dear Mrs. Hauser,

Thank you for your prompt translation of my letter.

Enclosed is a check for $10.00

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

[Obituary of Carl Nemitz (b. 1829)]

N 154
Log 1298

N154
Log 1298

CALLED BY DEATH

GRIM REAPER TAKES LOVED ONES FROM HOMES IN THE COMMUNITY

Many Homes Shrouded in Sorrow by Death Angel

Wm. W. Coulson.

Wm. W. Coulson, Civil war veteran, pioneer Grafton resident, and well known throughout the county, died at his home at Grafton on Feb. 3 from a sudden stroke of apoplexy. He was born in Grafton on June 16, 1848. On July 28, 1874, he was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Hoik, who survives him with seven children, namely, Harvey C. of Waukegan, Ill, Edgar H. of New Richmond, Wis., Howard L. of Elkhorn, Wis., Mrs. H. J. Edwards of Grayslake, Ill, Raymond C. of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. B. F. Harms of Grafton and William Lee Coulson of Louisville, Ky.

The funeral was held at Grafton on Tuesday, Rev. George C. Koehler of this city officiated.

Carl Nemitz

Carl Nemitz died at the home of his son William in this city this morning at the ripe old age of 93 years. Deceased was born Oct. 13, 1829. Death was due to infirmities brought on by old age. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from th residence to Freistadt, Rev. Wehrs officiating. He is survived by three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Amelia Radke, Mrs. Augusta Bruss, Mrs. Bertha Steffen, and Herman and Wm. Nemitz. Mr. Nemitz was a venerable old gentleman, led a good christian life, and was highly honored and re-

Herman Schultz

Herman Schultz, Civil War veteran and old settler, died at the home of his son-in law, Dan Heil, in town Mequon, after a brief illness, aged 82 years. The funeral took place on Sunday with interment at Mequon cemetery, Rev. G. C. Koehler officiating.

Carl Nemitz
(b. 1829)

Cedarburg (Wisc.) News, Feb. 7, 1923

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Nemitz Iowa Branch

documents

Editor's Note

In 1876 or '77, Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848) — younger brother of Dad's maternal grandfather, Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835) — moved with his wife, Wilhelmina/Wilhelmine Knuth (b. 1841), to Soldier Township, Crawford County, Iowa, near what is now the tiny city of Charter Oak (2020 population 535 — 32 fewer than at the 1890 census, according to Wikipedia, which I consulted today). Ernst and Wilhelmina established a thriving farm and founded what became a new branch of the Nemitz family. Many of Dad's earliest (1974-77) documents pertaining to the Iowa branch can be found in this section.

It wasn't until the summer of 1974 that Dad first became aware that there was a Charter Oak branch of his Nemitz line. He and Mom learned this from his first cousin, Florence Knuth (Florence Johanna Marie Tomke [b. 1891]), during a memorable and genealogically revealing trip out west by car (see his letter on the next page).

Three years later, in August 1977, Dad and Mom drove from Minneapolis to Charter Oak and Denison to meet the family there and learn more about its ancestors and current members; see various relevant documents in this section, which are mostly in chronological order; when documents are undated, I have placed them exactly where they were located in Dad's file).

Tom Witheridge
March 29, 2023

Editor's note:
This Ernest Nemitz was "possibly [a] grandson" of Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848), according to Florence Knuth (Tomke). See DEW's July 9, 1974, notes in the Florence (Tomke) and Emil Knuth section of folder 2.10.
TFW,
Mar. 29, 2023

[Aug. 14, 1974]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 14, 1974

Mr. Ernest Nemitz
Charter Oak, Iowa 51439

Dear Mr. Nemitz:

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

I am a first cousin of Florence Knuth (Mrs. Emil) of Richmond, B. C., and when I visited her earlier this summer, she said she had occasionally corresponded with you until a couple of years ago. Now I am hoping that you are still in Charter Oak and that this letter will reach you.

My mother was Edith Nemitz, the youngest child of William Nemitz, who was a brother of your grandfather, according to Florence Knuth. I think my grandfather had two brothers who settled in Iowa--Ernest and Fred (or Ferdinand)--one of whom was probably your grandfather.

In recent years I have been working on the family history of my various family lines and also those of my wife. In the process I have learned a few things about the Nemitz family--ancestors and descendants--but I still have much to find out.

For one thing, my mother had lost all contact with the Iowa Nemitzes, and it was not until this summer that I learned that Charter Oak was the name of the town where they were living. I am eagerly hoping to hear from you, so we can exchange information about our respective families.

Can you give me the information about your father and his father and their families (brothers, sisters, children, and parents?

The hardest part of my genealogical work is tracing the Nemitz line back into Germany. I understand that at least one of my grandfather's brothers stayed in Germany, but neither my mother nor her brother or sisters ever corresponded with any cousins in Germany.

I'm hoping that either you or your father or grandfather might have corresponded with relatives in Germany. Would you or any of your relatives have any old records or letters that would show the names and addresses (past or present) of any relatives in Germany?

All I know is this. My grandfather was born in a town called Dammer on August ~~8~~ 3, 1835. He was married to Therese Jacobs in Dammer in 1866. However their first child, Bertha (Florence Knuth's mother) was born in Stolp on July 9, 1866. One of Grandfather's sisters, Wilhelmina (Mrs. Carl Schroeder), was born in Stolp in 1851, so their parents had apparently moved there by then.

I find that both Dammer and Stolp are in the territory that is now a part of Poland. This makes it more difficult to track down the records of births, deaths, and marriages. Any of our Nemitz relatives who lived in Germany may now have been forced out of Poland into Eastern Germany. I shall be very much interested in your reply and any further family information you may have.

I should tell you a little about myself. I was born in Bay City, Michigan on August 15, 1914, but grew up in Saginaw, Michigan. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, working with my father for four years after graduating from the University of Michigan.

Then I decided to be a minister and went to seminary in Rochester, N.Y. I was an assistant minister in Chicago for six years, then had a church of my own (Baptist) in Marengo, Illinois, before coming here to Minneapolis, where I have been executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches since 1951.

My wife Elizabeth and I have two sons--Jim, 27, and Tom, 26. Both are still in school at the present time--Jim at the University of Minnesota and Tom at the University of Chicago.

Please let me hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[There was no reply in the file.]

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[DEW's notes from 1880 Iowa census records] [Apr. 21, 1975]

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Dwelling 79
Family 85

P. 9, Super. Dist #4, Enum. Dist #62
Morgan Township, Crawford Co., Iowa, June 12, 1880

Nemitz, Ernst - W., M., Age (?) [31?] Farmer, Born Prussia
Father born Prussia
Mother Born Prussia

— Willemina, W., F., 37, Wife, Keeping House, B. Prussia
Moth + Father B. Prussia

[Rosch] Rosch, August - W., M., 15, Son, At home Born Prussia
M + F born Prussia

— Berta - W., F., 7, dau. At school, b. Illinois
M + F. born Prussia
Bertha Caroline Wilhelmina
b. Jan 15. 1877 - Chicago

Nemitz, Fritz - W., M., 6, son At school, b. Illinois
M + F. b. Prussia

— John - W., M., 4, son b. Illinois
M + F. b. Prussia

— Wilhelm - W., M., 3, son b. Illinois
M + F b. Prussia

— Willemina - W., F., 8/12, dau. b. Iowa
M. + F. b. Prussia

Compare:
Baltimore Ship Passenger Lists

PD-31-4-166
Nemitz, Ernst
(Acc. 21 by - none)

Age 24, M, Farmer - W, Germany
Dest. Chicago
Vessel - Augusta, June 11, 1872

Compare: 1873 Chicago City Directory
Nemitz, Ernest, lab. h.b. 144 Hinsdale

Also 1877-8 Chicago Directory: Ernst Nemitz, lab, house, 5 Clayton

[June 15, 1975]

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2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 15, 1975

Denison Newspapers, Inc.
1410 Broadway
Denison, Iowa 51442

Dear Sirs:

The Minnesota Historical Society has given me the information that both the Denison Bulletin and the Denison Review, which I understand you publish, were in existence before 1900.

A brother of my grandfather died in Crawford County, Iowa, in 1901, and I should like to have a copy of any obituary that might have been printed in either the Denison Bulletin or the Denison Review (or both) at that time.

His name was Ernest Nemitz, and he was born in Germany Dec. 1, 1848, and died April 20, 1901. He was buried at St. Paul's Cemetery, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover Township, Ricketts, Iowa.

His wife, Wilhelmina Nemitz, nee Knuth, died Nov. 17, 1899, and was buried in the same cemetery. She was born Dec. 26, 1841, in Germany. I'd like to have her obituary also, if possible.

Enclosed is a check for $4.00 in hopes that you will be able to find one or more obituaries of Ernest and Wilhelmina Nemitz and will send me photocopies.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

Dear Sir:
I just went to the library to look up these obits. Sorry, I found nothing
Maybe if you wrote August Nemitz - 235 No. 12th
he could help you.

We're sorry we're so long doing this but we've been a little short handed

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Indian Census (Sac-Fox)
1836 Dubuque and Des Moines county.
1838 VanBuren county, Terr. of Wisc. Zerox copy
1844 Keokuk.
1846 Louisa, Polk, Wapello
1847 Clinton, Davis, Louisa, Marion, Scott, Wapello, VanBuren, 1870 census of Lick Creek township. Rutledge, Preuitt & Carr families.

1849 Benton, Boone, Clinton, Jackson, Louisa, Madison, Poweshiek, Scott, VanBuren, Washington.

1851 Cedar, Clinton, Decatur, Guthrie, Iowa, Jackson abstract, Jasper abstract, Jefferson abstract, Johnson, Madison, Mahaska, Page, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Scott, Washington.

1852 Appanoose, Benton, Blackhawk, Bremer, Boone, Buchanan, Butler Cedar, Clayton, Clinton, Davis, Des Moines, Delaware abstract, Fayette, Fremont, Guthrie, Henry, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee abstract, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, abstract, Marion abstract, Marshall, Mills, Monroe, Madison abstract, Mahaska, Muscatine, Page abstract, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Scott, Tama, Taylor, Union, VanBuren, Wapello, Wayne abstract, Warren, Washington, Winneshiek abstract.

1853 Warren county.

1854 Adair, Adams abstract, Allamakee, Appanoose abstract, Benton, Blackhawk abstract, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan abstract, Cedar abstract, Chickasaw, Clark, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis abstract, Decatur, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Fremont, Guthrie abstract, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Iowa abstract, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Johnson, Keokuk, Lee, Linn Louisa, Lucas abstract, Marshall, Marion, Monona, Monroe abstract Mills abstract, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Polk, Pottawattamie Poweshiek abstract, Madison, Mahaska, Story, Scott, Shelby, Tama Taylor, Union, VanBuren, Wapello, Warren abstract, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Winneshiek abstract.

1859 Abstract of Statistics 92 counties.

CITY CENSUS ONLY

1881 Mason City, 188 Algona, 1889 North Des Moines, 1891 Emmetsburg, Spencer, Villisca, 1892 Carroll, Eagle Grove, Estherville, Jefferson, Tama, 1893 Ames, Bloomfield, Hampton, and Mystic. 1893 Nevada, West Union, 1895 Independence, 1896 Oelwein, 1897 Cherokee, New Hampton.

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1800 Pennsylvania counties;
Adams, Alleghany, Armstrong, Berks, Beaver, Bedford, Bucks, Butler, Chester, Crawford, Cumberland, Delaware, Fayette and Franklin.

1810 Virginia Counties:
Campbell, Charles City, Charlotte, Culpepei, Cumberland, Elizabeth City, Fairfax, Fanquiri, Fluvanna, Franklin, Giles, Gloucester, Goochland, and Greensville.

1850 Ohio Counties:
Athens, Augledeye, Bemont, Brown, Butler.

1880 Ohio Counties:
Miami (part) Monroe Morgan.

1800 Rhode Island Counties:
Bristol, Kent, Providence.

Wisconsin Territorial Census 1836-1838

1870 Whiteside county, Illinois <u>only</u>

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1800 North Carolina counties:
Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Lenoir, Moore, Nash, Onslow, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Wake, Warren and Wayne.

Sac and Fox Indians 1888-1910
1911-1920
1922-1929
1930-1939

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1836 census: Dubuque and Des Moines counties: This lists the head of the household and the number of males and females living in the household.

1840 census: Clayton, Clinton, Cedar, Dubuque, Des Moines, Delaware Henry, Johnson, Jefferson Jackson, Jones, Linn, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, Scott, VanBuren, Washington counties. This lists the head of the household, and the number of males and females living in the household at the time of the census.

1850 cenus: Lists the members of the household and all others living in the household.

1856 census: Lists the members of the household and all other living in the household, and also the number of years the person has been in the state of Iowa.

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1860 census: Lists the members of the household and all others living in the household.

1870 census: Lists the members of the household and all others living in the household.

1880 census: Lists the members of the household and all others living in the household. This also lists the place of birth of the parents.

1885 census: Lists the members of the household and all others living in the household.

1895 census: Lists the members of the household and all others living in the household. This sometimes gives the Company, Regiment, State and either Infantry or Calvary during the Civil War.

1905 census: Lists the head of the household, place of birth of the father and mother and occupation.

1915 census: This census lists each individual. This includes, the name, age, county, town or township, occupation, total earnings, extent of education, place of birth, Military Service, Church Affiliation, fathers birthplace, mothers birthplace, If foreign born are you Naturalized, Years in Iowa and U.S. Also, sex, color martial status, months in School in 1914, read and write, blind deaf, insane or idiot.

1925 census: List each individual, relationship to the head of the household, sex, color or race, age at last birthday, single, married, widowed, divorced, home owned or rented, if rent, amount of rent per month, amount of insurance carried on this home. Citizenship, Education and Literacy, place of birth, name of the father, place of birth, the same for the mother, place of marriage, if the man was in service, occupation and Church affiliation.

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Dated _____, 19____ Applicant _____

Present Post Office Address _____

Item 1 _____
Name in FULL of person whose census record of age is desired

Item 2 Post Office Address _____
Of Person whose census record of age is desired

Item 3 Birth date claimed: Year _____ Month _____, Day _____, Birthplace _____

Years During Which Census was Taken 1	LAST NAME of the Person at the Time Census was Taken 2	GIVE EXACT PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN IOWA FOR EACH DATE LIVING IN STATE					
		COUNTY 3	City or Town with Street, Ward and Precinct, if the person lived in a City or Town				TOWNSHIP if the Person Lived in the Country 8
			CITY or TOWN 4	STREET 5	WARD 6	PRE-CINCT 71	
1850							
1856							
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1880							
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1895							
1915							
1925							

Item 4. Full name and relationship of each of the other members of the immediate family:

Father _____

Mother _____ Husband or Wife _____

Brother _____ Sister _____

Brother _____ Sister _____

Brother _____ Sister _____

Brother _____ Sister _____

[Probably from a local telephone directory] [Nov. 1974]

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Kuhlmann George P 678-3569
Kuhlmann Gerald H 678-3769
Kuhlmann Henry G 678-3356
Kuhlmann Herbert F Ute 678-3794
Kuhlmann Paul Jr 678-3709
Kuhlmann Paul Sr 678-3358
Kuhlmann Raymond 678-3684
Kuhlmann Richard 678-3851
Kuhlmann Ronald E 678-3566
Kuhlmann Vernon 678-3774
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Nepper Allen 678-3539
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Schultz August 678-3431
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Schultz James 678-3661
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Schultz Wm E 678-3705
Schulz Ben 678-3424
Schulz Hugo 678-3435
Schwingdorf Earl 678-3759
Seils Emil 678-3319
Sharp Dick 678-3593
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Staley Leo P 678-3602
Staley Leonard 678-3635
Staley Marvin L 678-3754
Staley Paul Senior Citizens Home 678-3640
Staley Wm J 678-3637

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TOWN & COUNTRY CAFE 678-377

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Ullrich Ernest 678-37[illegible]
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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No Charge To Calling Party 800 362-203[illegible]
Post Office 678-337[illegible]
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Vogt Frank G 678-34[illegible]
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[Nov. 1974]

November 1974

Mendlik Richard C 108 Buena Vista Dr 263-4678
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Meyer Clayton RFD 1 263-4451
Meyer Frank B 906 W Bdwy 263-3019
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Meyer Walter RFD 3 263-2835
Michaelsen Herbert Dow City 263-2612
Michaelsen K 1510 4th Av S 263-5783
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[Aug. 1977]

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[Aug. 9, 1977]

From the Desk of
REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

August 9, 1977

Go Mart Motel
805 Second Ave N.
Denison, Iowa 51442

(712) 263-3197

Dear Sirs,

My wife and I are coming to Denison on Saturday, August 27. Please reserve a room for us with one bed for two persons. We plan to stay two nights.

We expect to arrive late Saturday afternoon. Please let us know if an advance deposit is required.

Yours truly,
David E. Witheridge

[The list of Nemitz descendants on this page and the next was made for DEW by Evelyn Meyer (Mrs. Henry Friedrich)] [ca. 1977]

Carl Nemitz born in Koeslin Schlave, Germany on Dec. 13, 1850
Grew to manhd there - in 1871-72 served as a soldier in Germany army.
Married to Augusta Brant after discharge from army + in th year 1894 they + 4 sons came to America and settled on a farm near Emmetsburg, Iowa.

4 sons - (none are living)
Richard at Canby, Minn.
Paul at Fenton, Iowa
Otto at Ringsted, Iowa
Benjamin at Hampton, Iowa

Richard's children
Walter - St. Paul, Minn. (Not living)
Clara (Matthews) Canby, Minn.
Martha (Melby) "
Raymand "
Carl E. - 8904 Stanlen Rd.
St. Louis Park, 26, Minn.
545-9621

Paul's children

Helene (Krause) Fenton, Iowa ✓
Ella (Meyer) Burt, Iowa ✓
Emma (Bierstedt) LaKota, Iowa ✓
Mathilda (Mitchell) Fenton, Iowa (Not living) ✓
Malinda (Mittag) Spirit Lake, Iowa ✓

Otto's children

✓ Bernice (Brass) Arizona ✓
✓ Clarence - Emmetsburg, Iowa (Not living) ✓

Benjamin's child

✓ Maynard - Fenton, Iowa (Not living) ✓

It seems some of Carl's and Augusta's children may have died in Germany before coming to America. However at this point they don't have a record. Presently this is the information I have. If there is any additional I will forward it to you.

Evelyn Meyer
(E.) Friedrich (Mrs. Wanning)
Charter Oak, Iowa

P.S. I believe my mother said she would be seeing the Minnesota cousins Sept. 24.

Evelyn Meyer (of Charter Oak, IA)

[This record was made by Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)] [Undated] (See footnotes, next page)

ONE FAMILY RECORD — Surname Greene — Family No. JPW20-551

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(1) William Louis Greene (a)

Brother of Erwin Carl Greene (see next record)

Father's Name: Carl Greene (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Sophie Neddermeyer (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Dec. 25-1895	Hanover Twsp (a)
Marriage	April 19-1922	Charter Oak Iowa (a)
Death	Oct 16-1951	Hanover Twsp. (a)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Amanda, ~~Rose~~ Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b)

Father's Name: Daniel ~~Frederick~~ Fredrich Nemitz (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Theresa Bertha Ackelbein (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Oct 19-1904 (b)	~~Hanover~~ Soldier twsp (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Ricketts, Iowa (a)

Other Husbands: (2) Walter William Rate, Feb 18-1898 - (a)* d. May 22-1975 (a)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Ova Lee Sophie ~~Greene~~ (a)	Birth Oct 31-1925	Hanover twsp (a)
	Married to Gerald Kuhlmann (a)	Marriage Sept 29-1946	Hanover twsp (a)
		Death	
2	Lois Valera ~~Greene~~ (a)	Birth Aug. 5-1928	Hanover (a)
	Married to Herbert Kuhlmann (a)	Marriage Feb. 17-1952	Charter Oak Ia (a)
		Death	
3	Phyllis Theresa ~~Greene~~ (a)	Birth April 17-1930	Hanover (a)
	Married to Orlen Creese (a)	Marriage June 8-1950	Sioux City Iowa (a)
		Death	
4	William Clarence ~~Greene~~ (a)	Birth June 27-1936	Hanover (a)
	Married to JoAnn Bertelson (a)	Marriage June 4-1958	Papillion Nebr. (a)
		Death	
5	Ronald Lee ~~Greene~~ (a)	Birth Aug. 3-1938	Hanover (a)
	Married to Rose Mary Ludgate (a)	Marriage May 13-60-61	Minneapolis Minn. (a)
		Death	
6	Married to Married Grandchildren	Birth Grandchildren Richard Mark	Parents (Ova Lee and Gerald Kuhlmann)
		Marriage Kathryn Julie	
		Death Kristin	
7	Janine Ruth Creese	Birth Steven	(Lois and Herbert Kuhlmann)
	Married to Ronald Weelner	Marriage Joel	
		Death Beth	
8	~~Daughter~~ Chantel Sfing	Birth Janine	(Phyllis and Orlen Creese)
	Married to	Marriage Randael	
		Death Debra	
9	Richard Kuhlmann	Birth Timothy	(William and JoAnn Greene)
	Married to Susan Hannemann	Marriage Cheri	
		Death	
10	Randael Creese daughter Amber Nelle	Birth Kerry	(Ronald and Rose Mary Greene)
	Married to Karen Mueller	Marriage Michael	
		Death	

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← See previous page

(a) Inf. from Amanda Rabe

(b) Ch. Record Bk.

[This record was made by Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)] [Undated]

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Greene Family No. JPW20-55

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Erwin Carl Greene (a)

Brother of William Louis Greene (see previous record)

Father's Name: Carl Greene (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Sophie Neddermeyer (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	May 29-	Hanover (a)
Marriage	Feb. 1926	Charter Oak (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Long Prairie, Minn.; Minneapolis, Minn. (a)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Edna Wilhelmina Julia Nemitz (b)

Father's Name: Daniel ~~Frederick~~ Friedrich Nemitz (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Theresa Bertha Ackelbein (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 23-1907 (b)	Soldier Tw. p. (a)
Death	Feb. 20-1970 -	Sioux City Iowa (a)

Other Places of Residence: Long Prairie, Minn. (a)

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)	Grandchildren
1	Norman William G. (a) ~~Green~~ Married to Temple (a)	Birth Dec. 26-1926 (a) Marriage Death	Minnesota (a)	
2	Lodenna Edna G. (a) ~~Green~~ Married to Lloyd Bromley (a)	Birth Nov. 18-1930 (a) Marriage Death	Long Prairie, Minn. (a)	Cynthia, Cheryl, Debra, Judy, Brian, Davi
3	Beverly (a) G. ~~Green~~ Married to Roger Knapp (a)	Birth July 10-32 (a) Marriage Death	~~Iowa~~ Florida (a)	Christene, Roger
4	Marjorie (a) Married to Robert Lackmann (a)	Birth Oct 18-35 (a) Marriage Death	Long Prairie, Minn. (a)	Lisa, James
5	Erwin Green [Jr.] (a) Married to Esther Brill (a)	Birth Dec 16-1937 (a) Marriage Death	Charter Oak Iowa (a) Minn. (a)	Peter
6	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
7	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
8	Married to	Birth Marriage Death		
9		Birth Marriage Death		

Notes from other side:

(a) Inf. from Amanda Rabe ← Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)

(b) Ch. Bk. → Church Book

[This record was made by Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)] [Undated]

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Moss

Family No. JPW20-553

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(1) Alvin Moss (a)

Father's Name: Peter Moss (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	?	
Marriage	1929	Denison, Iowa (a)
Death	?	

Other Places of Residence: Castana, Iowa (a)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Ernestine Mathilda Maria Nemitz (b.

Father's Name: Daniel ~~Frederick~~ Friedrich Nemitz (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Theresa Bertha Aakalbein (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Oct 17-1910 (b)	Ricketts Iowa (a)
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Oak Park, Ill. (a)

Other Husbands: (2) Phillip Melon (a)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Thelma William (a) Married to Jean ? (a)	Birth	Feb 12-1930	Monona County, Iowa (a)
		Marriage		State of Washington (a)
		Death		
2	Married to	Birth		
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		Marriage		
		Death		

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(b) Ch. BK. → Church Book

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[DEW's note from the church record book of St. John's Lutheran Church, Charter Oak, IA]. [Undated]

Church Record Book, St. John's Luth. Ch., Charter Oak, Iowa

Philip Ernst b. Apr. 8, 1933
s of Ernst Henintz
+ Agnes Barbe

m. Feb. 15, 1931 – Charter Oak
Ernst 24 y
Agnes – 21 y.

[DEW's notes, apparently from the church record book of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Charter Oak, IA] [Undated]

earlier Fred Nemitz

earlier — Fred Nemitz

1879 — Wilhelmina [Nemnitz] (sic) · Nov. 16 (father

Baptisms 1881

Daniel Friedrich Nemitz (b. 1881)

Daniel Nemitz Mar. 13 (father Ernst)

married Fred Schultz

1882 Louisa " Sept. 17 " "

1883 Anna " Dec. 9 [Mrs. Carl Schultz]

1885 — Emma " Aug. 9. "

[Mrs. Wm. Roth]

married Fred Schultz

Baptisms 1898

Otto Nemitz — July 24 [Fa Ray's father]

(father — Fred (b. 2 1877))

✓ 1899 Adolph Nemitz — Dec. 17

Burial — Ernest Nemitz

who? → Ernest Nemitz, July 2, 1902 [child?] d. July 1

✓ Edward Nemitz

✓ Edward Nemitz — Nov. 22, 1924 (age 17)

Weddings — Helmuth Knuth Rasch

Helmuth Knuth & Bertha Rasch, July 13, 1899

Hanover Twp.

(on son + 2 (?) daus)

Lived in Denver in 1945

Lived in Denver 1945

Source: St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947

Source; "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co. Iowa, 1877-1947"

[Notes on the Iowa family] [Undated]

Amanda Kostner following
(McPete Oak)

Granddaughter of
(?)

These notes appear to be by the hand of Amanda Rose Rosetta Nemitz, as amended by DEW.

These notes are by DEW.

Helen - Schmitz
Married - Feb 16, 1941
August Peterson
Died - Jan 12, 1966
remarried - Dennis McKee
Feb 6, 1970

Edgar Schmitz
Died Dec 24, 1963

Minnie (foster sister)
Married Rev. Hartman
Feb. 27, 1921
Died Sept 11, 1970

Info. from Viola Dorale

[ASF Wind Al. A].
✓ Martin + Viola Dorale
Clinton Oak, Iowa 51439
Box 266

✓ Burdell + Marjorie Dorale
Pete, Iowa 51060
R.R.

✓ Jared Kostner
Clinton

[DEW's notes on information from Amanda Rabe]

[Undated]

Inf. from Amanda Rabe
Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)

Caroline Hopp

Caroline Hopp is a dau. of Augusta Rasch (Auguste Rasch (b. 1861)) & lives in Schleswig (city in Iowa)
August Rix - bro. b. Aug 4, 1917 - Harvard. (ch. Bk.)

Elmer Rothe
317 So. 14th St.
Denison, Iowa 51442

Mr. + Mrs. Martin Dorale (Viola)
Box 266
Charter Oak, Iowa ~~51349~~ 51439

Ernie Nemitz
4539 So. 60th Ave
Omaha, Neb.

Sandra Hopp

Sandra Hopp
150 E. Wayzata Blvd., Apt. 3
Wayzata, Minn, 55391

(Caroline's granddaughter)
Caroline's granddaughter

[Oct. 2, 1977]

October 2, 1977

Rev. Edmund Happel, President
Northern Illinois District
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
77 W. Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Happel:

Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst Nemitz (b. 1874)

In my genealogical research I came across a newspaper obituary of one of my mother's first cousins, Friedrich W. E. Nemitz, who died in Iowa.

In this obituary the statement was made that he was baptised in a Lutheran church by Rev. Wunder of Chicago. He was born March 27, 1874.

Rev. Wunder

Do you have records that would show what church Rev. Wunder was pastor of in 1874? I'm hoping that I can correspond with the present pastor and obtain some further information from the church record books.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

David B. Witheridge

[Oct. 5, 1977]

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77 WEST WASHINGTON STREET — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
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5 October 1977

Mr. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

In answer to your letter of October 2, Rev. Wunder was the pastor of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the year 1874. The present pastor of that church is Dr. James G. Manz, and the address of that church is 1301 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago 60610.

We are pleased to supply the above information and trust that it will be helpful to you.

Yours in Him,

E H. Happel

The Reverend E.H. Happel, DD
President
Northern Illinois District

How DEW determined the Rev. Dr. Happel's name and address

THE Minnesota South District

OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD
122 WEST FRANKLIN ROOM 525 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55404

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Northern Illinois District
Rev. Edmund Happel, Pres.
77 W. Washington St.
Chicago Il 60602

[Nov. 6, 1977]

November 6, 1977

Dr. James G. Menz
First St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1201 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Dear Dr. Menz:

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

My grandfather's brother, Ernst Nemitz, was living in Chicago in 1874, and about 1877 he moved to a farm in Crawford County, Iowa. Just this past summer I reestablished contact with his descendants and visited them in Iowa.

Together we spent considerable time investigating early entries in the church record books of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover Township, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Charter Oak, Iowa. We also looked over old obituaries and other items.

The obituary of one of Ernst Nemitz's sons (Friedrich) stated that he was baptized in the Lutheran Church by Rev. Wunder of Chicago. Friedrich Nemitz was born in 1874.

I have recently learned from Dr. F. H. Happel, President of the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, that Rev. Wunder was pastor of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in 1874.

I am hoping that you will be kind enough to check your church's record book for that period and send me a full copy of all the entries related to the Nemitz family. I realize that the entries, like the ones in Crawford County, Iowa, are probably in the old German script, but I hope there is someone there who can read and translate this.

Ernst Rasch

According to records we have, it appears that Ernst Nemitz's wife (Wilhelmina) had been the wife of Ernst Rasch. Wilhelmina and Ernst Rasch had at least four children: Augusta (born 1861 in Germany), August (b. 1865 in Germany), Bertha (b. Jan 16, 1872, in Chicago), and Carl (died as a boy in Chicago). Probably Bertha's baptism and Carl's burial are recorded in your church's record book.

After Ernst Rasch died, Wilhelmina married Ernst Nemitz. Possibly both of these events would appear in your record book. The confirmation of one or more of the Rasch children might also be recorded there.

Three children of Ernst and Wilhelmina Nemitz were born and probably baptized in Chicago: Friedrich (b. Mar. 27, 1874), Johann (b. June 14, 1875), and Wilhelm (b. Apr. 22, 1877).

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, and his wife Theresa were also living in Chicago from about 1870 to 1875. Possibly they were also members of First St. Paul's Lutheran

Church. At that time they had two children, Bertha and Emma, and perhaps others. Any entries related to their family would also be appreciated.

Please accept the enclosed check for $10.00 in appreciation for your valuable assistance in locating any of this information that is available in your records.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Note:
Apparently no such entries were found.
TFW, Apr. 1, 2023

[Nov. 16, 1977]

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November 16, 1977

Mr. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

This refers to your letter of November 6, 1977 requesting information concerning your forbears.

With the information given us we searched our baptismal records for 1872 and 1874 and identified a record of baptism for FRIEDRICH NEMITZ, BERTHA RASCH, and while searching for their records also found a record for JOHANN KNUTH, all three of which are enclosed.

In searching our records it is essential that correct dates (day, month and year) be given. May we suggest that for any further information you write to Mr. Wayne Bradley, Administrator, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2649 N. Francisco, Chicago, Illinois 60647. Hopefully, he may be able to assist you.

Information regarding records preceding 1870 (with a few exceptions) may be had (if available) from the Concordia Historical Institute, Department of Archives and History, 801 De Mun Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105. The searching of these records is time-consuming and there will, of course, be a charge for any services rendered.

Thank you for the $10 check you so kindly enclosed with your letter. It will be used for our church.

Sincerely in Christ's Name and Service,

James G. Manz

James G. Manz, Pastor

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P.S. You may also write to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 655 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614

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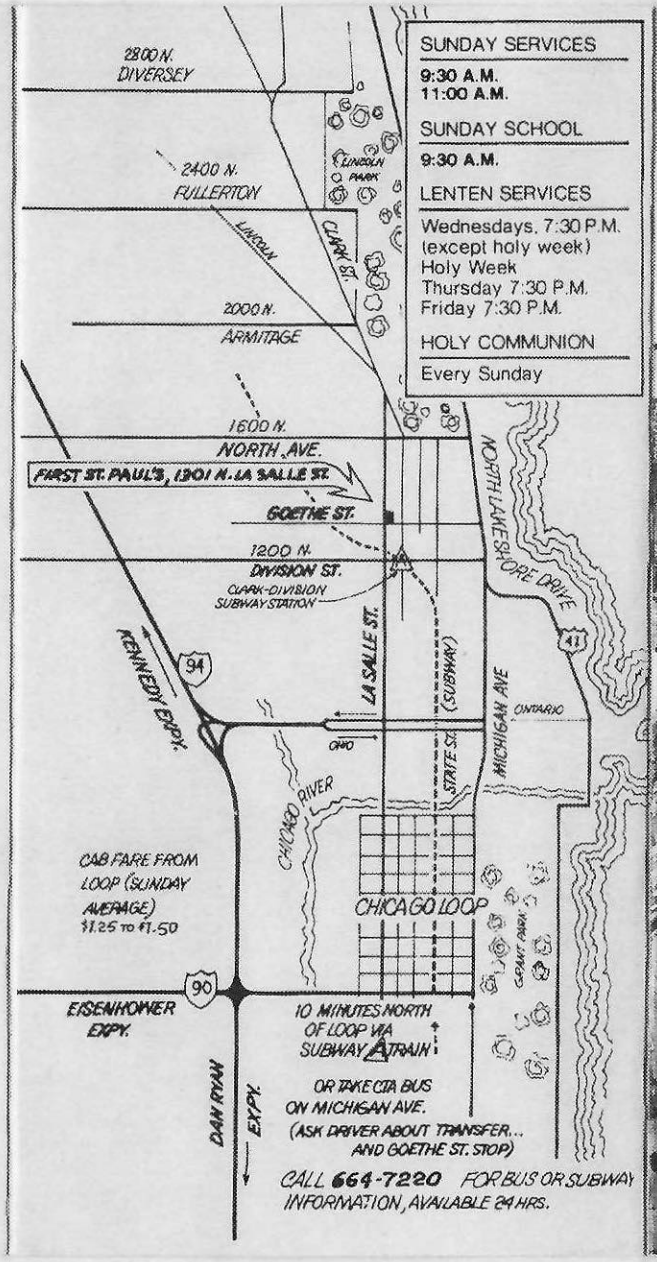
THE CHALLENGE OF BEING A CHRISTIAN ON THE NEAR NORTH SIDE.

Christian people in the inner city have often tended to drift away from God and from previously accepted standards of conduct. Life here is a challenge to any individual! The variety and intensity of activities force one to consider what he really believes and how he truly wants to live.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (St. Matthew 4:4) Jesus Christ offers wisdom, forgiveness, and strength to all. We invite you to Christian worship and fellowship.

PASTOR
Rev. James G. Manz,
B.A., B.D., S.T.M., S.T.D.
Church Office Phone: 642-7172
Parsonage Phone: [redacted] 664-9466

"An old church in a new day"



SUNDAY SERVICES
9:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 A.M.

LENTEN SERVICES
Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M. (except holy week)
Holy Week
Thursday 7:30 P.M.
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Every Sunday

First St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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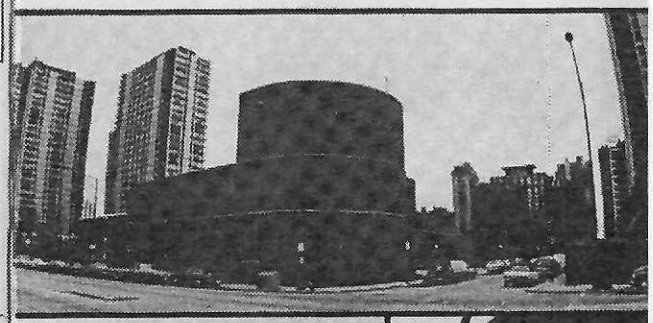
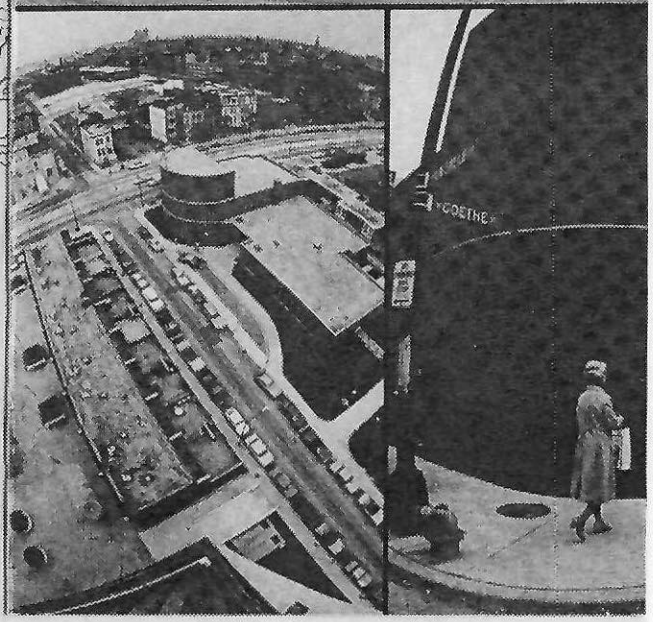




The Near North Side of Chicago is a fascinating center of modern urban life and culture. High-rise apartments have attracted many new residents. People here are of the most diverse types. Here are young adults beginning their careers, those experiencing changes in their marital or family situation, and retired individuals or couples.

People of all racial and national backgrounds mingle in the cosmopolitan life and atmosphere. Great Universities and professional schools are an important part of the scene. Religious institutions of Christian and non-Christian origin carry on programs of worship and work. Life is exactly what one chooses to make it.

Our faith is centered in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man, who is the only Savior from the guilt and power of sin. The grace of God has enabled our local congregation to survive tremendous social upheavals and changes which have swept away many inner-city churches. We look to Christ for help and strength in the future. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb 13:8*

The congregation provides programs for youth, adults, and older people.

We have confirmation classes, a Sunday School, and a tutoring program.

The Near North Ecumenical Forum is a meeting place for people of diverse religious backgrounds.

Christian counsel is provided by the pastor.

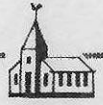
A volunteer choir enhances the beauty and the appeal of Christian worship.

1843
Ohio at LaSalle

Chicago's Oldest Lutheran Church and "Cradle of the Missouri Synod"

Our remote origins date back to 1843. An early rude church building was surrounded by a swamp. Our corporate and confessional existence dates from 1846. Historic meetings were held here in 1847, when the Missouri Synod was organized "to contend for purity of doctrine, to endeavor to bring others to the unity of faith, to do mission work."

1848
City Courthouse



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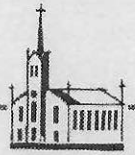
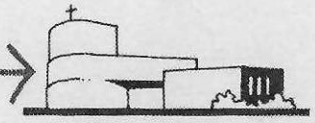


1863
Franklin at Superior

Destroyed by Chicago Fire, 1871, rebuilt on same location

1910
LaSalle at Goethe



TODAY
LaSalle at Goethe
"An old church in a new day"

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Presently there are 6094 congregations in Synod, comprising 2,886,207 Christians in the United States and Canada. The denomination maintains 1,177 Christian Day Schools, 27 Lutheran High Schools, and 16 colleges and seminaries.
Mission work is done in South and Central America, and in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. The Lutheran Hour broadcasts the Gospel in 125 countries and in 41 languages.

After many years of urban change, our church is still proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the inner city. First St. Paul's is inter-racial.

Visitors are always welcome. *"Come with us, and we will do you good." (Numbers 10:29)*

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November 16, 1977

CERTIFICATE OF HOLY BAPTISM

BERTHA CAROLINE WILHELMINE RASCH

Born January 15, 1872, in Chicago, Illinois

Baptized in the name of the Triune God on February 11, 1872

Father: Ernst Rasch

Mother: Wilhelmine née Knuth

Sponsors: Karl Kunz

Rosine Knuth

Caroline Mayther (Maythei)

Friedrich Schulz

Georg Schürholz (Schärholz)

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Henry Wunder, Pastor

No. 6347 - 29 in the Baptismal Record

James G. Manz

James G. Manz, Pastor

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CERTIFICATE OF HOLY BAPTISM

FRIEDRICH WILHELM ERNST NEMITZ

Born March 27, 1874, in Chicago, Illinois

Baptized in the name of the Triune God on June 28, 1874

Father: Ernst Nemitz

Mother: Wilhelmine née Knuth

Sponsors: Mathilde Redmann

Friedrich Knuth

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Henry Wunder, Pastor

No. 7215 - 184 in the Baptismal Record

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CERTIFICATE OF HOLY BAPTISM

JOHANN GOTTLIEB KNUTH

Born April 15, 1875, in Chicago, Illinois

Baptized in the name of the Triune God on June 13, 1875

Father: Daniel Knuth

Mother: Marie née Langfeldt

Sponsors: Gottlieb Streber

Rosine Knuth

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Henry Wunder, Pastor

No. 7533 - 134 in the Baptismal Record

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Nemitz reunion in Denison, Iowa, 2002

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[2001]

Greetings to all our Nemitz relatives....

It has been nearly a year since we gathered for the
Nemitz Family Reunion in Seattle.

Now we look ahead and countdown a year till we meet again
for our
Nemitz 2002 Family Reunion.
Mark and share this date with all your family
Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11, 2002
in Denison, Iowa.

More details of this exciting weekend will follow--
Mark your calendar now as we look forward to being together again.

Your 2002 Nemitz Family Reunion Committee
Herb and Lois Kuhlmann
Cheri Schwalbe, Tim Greene and Beth Bonderson
IvaLee Kuhlmann and Phyllis Creese

Herbert Kuhlmann
Lois Valera Greene (b. 1938)
Cheri Greene
Timothy William Greene
Iva Lee Sophie Greene (b. 1925)

[2001 or 2002]

Directions

From Omaha, Nebraska to Days Inn, Denison:

From Eppley Airfield, take I-680 to I-29. Take I-29 North to Missouri Valley exit or Hwy 30 East to Denison, Iowa. Days Inn located off Hwy 30 on south side of road or off Hwy 59 and 30 south. Phone: 712-263-2500.
(see #1 on map)

From Days Inn to Lois Kuhlmann

Take Hwy 59 North to 141 to Charter Oak. From Charter Oak go 3 miles west on Hwy 141, 1 north on 110th Street and 1/8 mile west on K Avenue. Address is 1088 K Avenue, located at top of hill on north side of road. Phone: 712-885-2257.
(see #2 on map)

From Days Inn to Yellowsmoke Park in Denison:

Take Hwy 30 east to Yellowsmoke Road. Turn left (go about 1 mile north to top of hill). At top of hill, turn left and follow paved road (past Nature Center) to Lakeside Shelter.
(see #3 on map)

From Days Inn to St. Paul Lutheran Church:

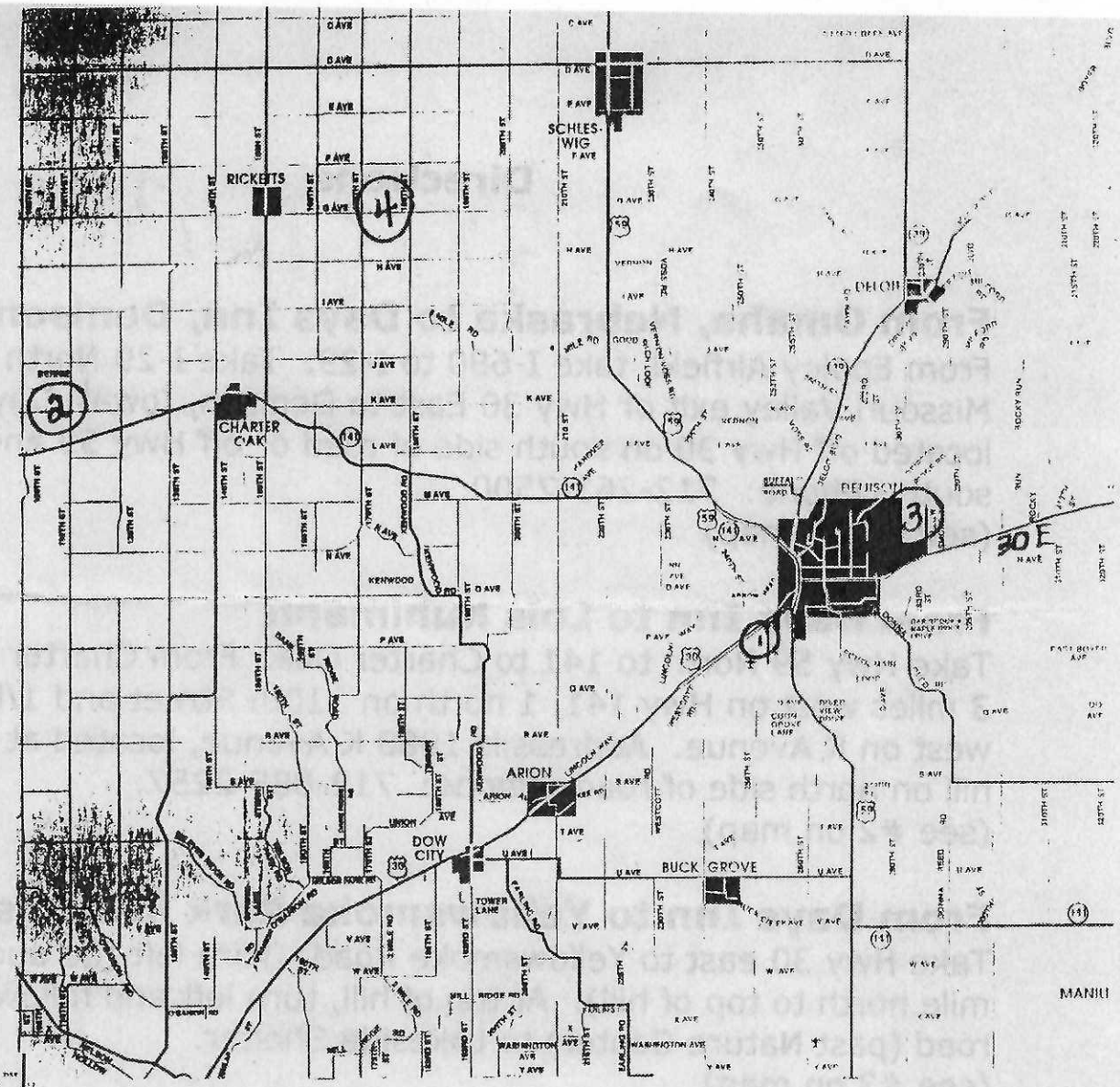
Take Hwy 59 north to 141 toward Charter Oak to Hwy L51 (150th Street). Go 3 3/4 miles north to G Avenue. Turn right and go 2 1/2 miles east. St. Paul is on the south side of road.
Address: 1743 G Avenue, phone: 712-679-2448.
(see #4 on map)

DEW's mileage and time calculation

Mpls to Denison

7:00 Minneapolis		
Owatonna	68	1:20
Albert Lea	31	0:40
Mason City	37	0:35
12:00 Ames	84	1:18
3:00 Denison	95	1:52
	315	5:45

Welcome to IOWA



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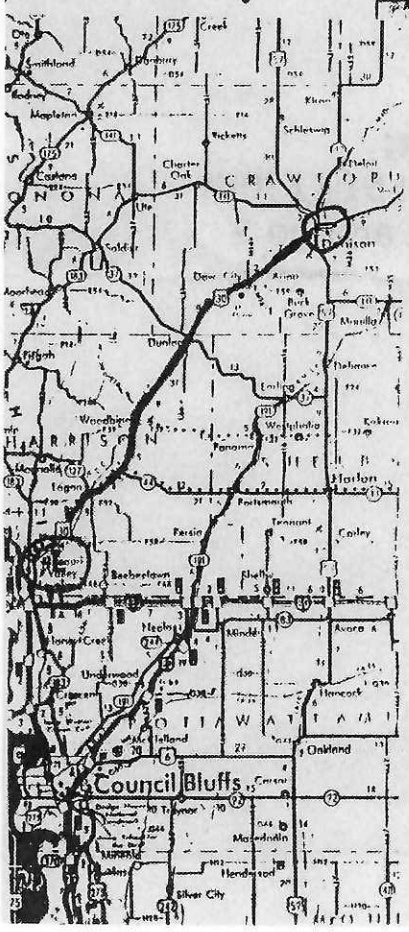


#1 is Days Inn, Denison

#2 Lois Kuhlmann's home

#3 Yellowsmoke Park

#4 St. Paul Lutheran Church

Nemitz Family Reunion 2002 Update and News
August 9-11, 2002

Time is approaching for our much anticipated Nemitz Family Reunion. We are thrilled and excited to welcome all of you to IOWA! Come and experience the heartland of America with the fields of green and spacious skies of blue. Here is what we have scheduled for our reunion weekend:

Friday, August 9, 2002

Continental Breakfast at Days Inn
9:00 a.m. Gather at Conference Room, Days Inn and travel to the Nemitz Farm (view the house Uncle Robert was born in) also, stop to see St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak.
11:00 a.m. Tour of Quality Machine, Audubon, Iowa Hosted by Tim and Deda Greene
12:00 p.m. Lunch is dutch at Danish Inn, Elkhorn, Iowa
1:30 p.m. Back to Days Inn to relax
Friday evening: 5:00 p.m. Welcome Travelers to an Iowa Barbecue at Lois Kuhlmann's home--come anytime you can. Barbecue will start at 6:00 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to get reaquainted and reunited. (map enclosed)

Saturday, August 10, 2002

11:00 a.m. Nemitz Family Picnic, Lakeside Shelter in Yellowsmoke Park, Denison, Iowa. Our picnic dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. Lemonade, iced tea, regular, decaf coffee and all the food will be provided. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the park. (map to Yellowsmoke is enclosed) There is a beach closeby for the kids to swim. Bring along any family photos and history you would like to share with your cousins.
The afternoon will feature our very own **"The Kuhlmann Sisters"** Kathy, Julie and Kristin, a musical trio with harmony to make you smile. The **Nemitz Family Cookbook** will be available at our Family Picnic. The response was incredible, thanks to all of you. The cost of our book is $10. We are thrilled to share this family remembrance. **Saturday evening:** You are invited to the Conference Room at the Days Inn for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. This will be a time to bring family photos, relax and share a family story or memory.

Sunday, August 11, 2002

10:00 a.m. Church at St. Paul, Hanover (map enclosed)
Our Nemitz Family Choir will perform at this service. Rehearsal for the choir will be on Saturday and will be directed by Kathy Sievers.
Following the service we will take time to visit the Ernst Nemitz gravesite, located next to the church.
12:00 Lunch is provided and will be served at the church.

NOTE: Continental Breakfast is available each morning at the Days Inn. Should you want to eat at a restaurant, there are many nearby. The Conference Room at the Days Inn is reserved and available for the Nemitz Family all weekend. **Please share this letter with your family members!**

[2002]

that day -
We dedicated our cook book
to all our relatives that have
gone before us - Also especially
to you and Friedrick for getting
the relatives reunion started -
Our thanks to you both -
God's Blessings.
Lois Kuhlmann

← Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

[Aug. 1, 2002]

August 1, ~~July 31~~, 2002

Greetings to all at the Family Reunion:

I know you are having a wonderful time, and I hope the weather is cooperating. I also hope you are having a good turnout of relatives from far and near.

Lois and Beth and Dorothy and the others on the committee have done a great job putting together a very exciting program. ~~[illegible]~~ I will greatly miss not being there and seeing you all — those I have met and have grown to love, and those I haven't met. Please think of me as I'll be thinking of you. May God be with you all.

Love,

David

Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

documents

[1998]

NEMITZ MINI-REUNION

Welcoming our cousins from Germany
Dr. Friedrich and Renate Nemitz; Dieter and Hilde Nemitz
Thursday, June 18, to Thursday, June 25, 1998
Minneapolis, Minnesota

You and your spouse, children, siblings, and other relatives are urged to come for as much of the time as you can.

Thursday, 6/18 – German visitors arrive at airport at 5:11 p.m. and go to the Regency Plaza Hotel, 41 N. Tenth St. (Free parking)

Friday, 6/19 – Breakfast in hotel dining room, followed by short tour around Minneapolis.
12:00 – Lunch in hotel dining room. Afternoon greeting arriving relatives and conversation in Nemitz suite, Rm. 353.
6:00 – Dinner together in reserved area of dining room. Evening together in Nemitz suite.

Saturday, 6/20 – Breakfast together in dining room at 8:00. Then all gather in Nemitz suite to meet other relatives who come.
12:00 – Lunch all together in dining room. Afternoon in Nemitz suite for conversation and meeting other relatives who arrive.
6:00 – Dinner together in dining room. Evening together in Nemitz suite for continued conversation.

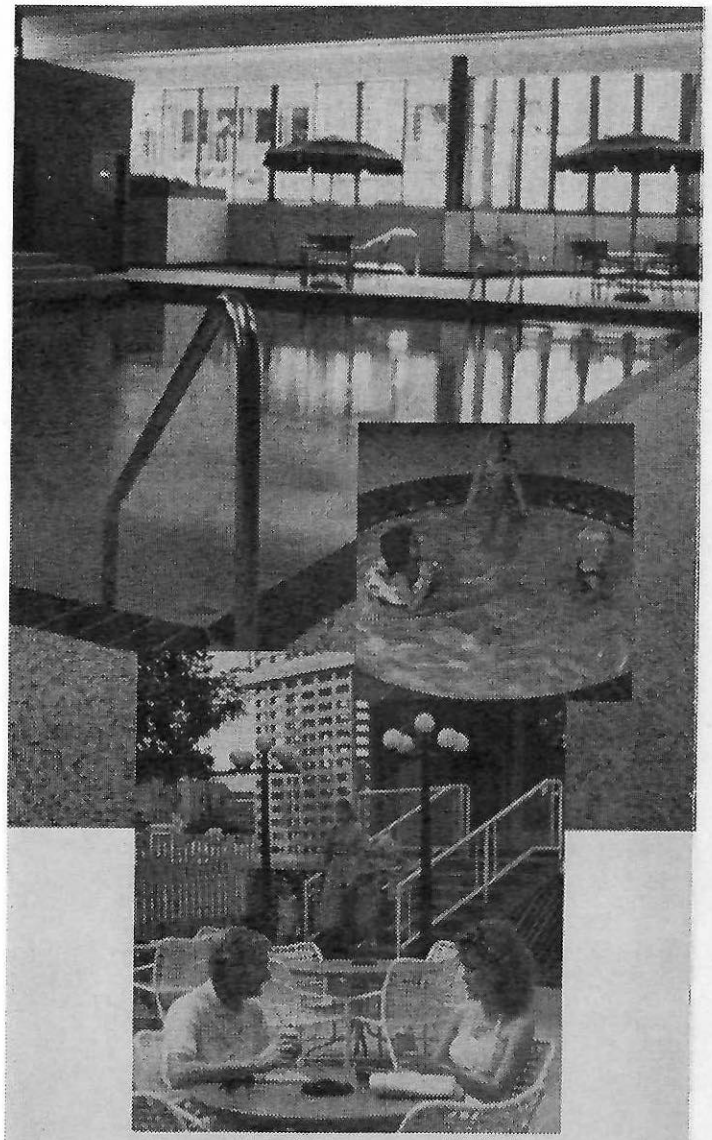
Sunday, 6/21 – Breakfast at 8:00. Attend church (10:00) together at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St.
12:00 – All are invited as guests for a light lunch at the Witheridge residence, 2425 Irving Ave. S. Spend the afternoon meeting more relatives and sharing experiences.
6:00 – Dinner together back at the hotel, followed by more conversation and possibly meeting more relatives.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be spent sightseeing, shopping, and possibly being with relatives who are unable to come over the weekend.

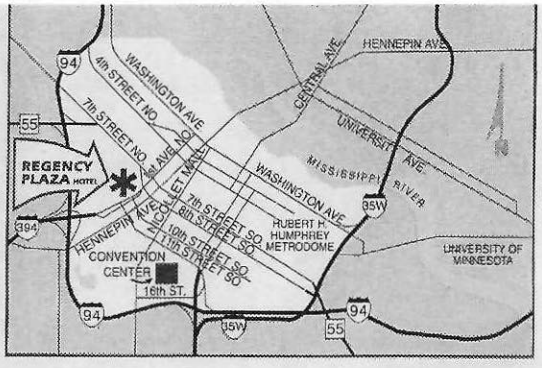
Thursday, June 25 - German relatives leave at 7:45 a.m. on the Amtrak for Milwaukee.

Please let me know if you are coming and for what time period, and what meals you plan to have with the group.

David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
Phone or Fax: (612) 377-4810
E-mail: davidew@gateway.net



Our giant pool, whirlpool, sunny patio and wading pool offer fun for all ages.



Attractions

- Target Center - 2 blocks
- Minneapolis Convention Center - 8 blocks
- Mall of America - 20 minutes
- Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport - 20 minutes
- Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome - 1 mile
- Hennepin Avenue Theater District (State, Orpheum and Hey City Theaters) - 1 block
- Nicollet Mall and Downtown Shopping - 3 blocks
- Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and Guthrie Theater - 1 mile
- Orchestra Hall - 3 blocks

Suite 30 & 12 , 5 95

2 Double Bed

1 Adjoining Rm - King size bed 566

For reservations and information
Call 800-423-4100 or 612-339-9311
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Welcome to the Regency Plaza Hotel, the premier full service affordable hotel in downtown Minneapolis. One block off the Hennepin Avenue Theater District, and the closest hotel to the Target Center. Our central location affords easy access to the entire metro area. We offer guests 191 attractively furnished and newly remodeled guest rooms designed for comfort. Complimentary parking and free courtesy shuttle throughout downtown adds convenience to your stay.

From 2 to more than 300 people, our Regency Ballroom, executive conference suites, and poolside meeting room offers the size and style perfect for your business or social event. Our professional staff will see to all your needs.

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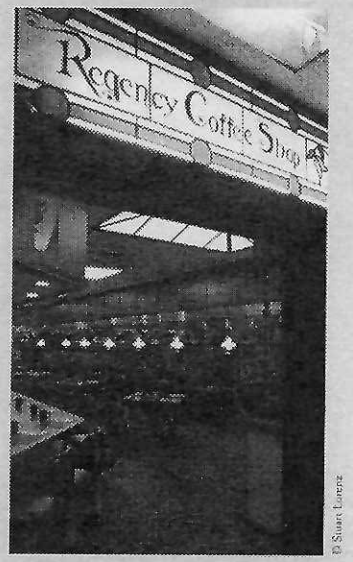
Harrigan's Dining Room serves dinner the way you want it to be. Casual elegance, delicious food and attentive service will make your experience one to remember.

The Regency Coffee Shop offers breakfast, lunch or dinner in a casual setting and includes a special children's menu. Room service is also available.



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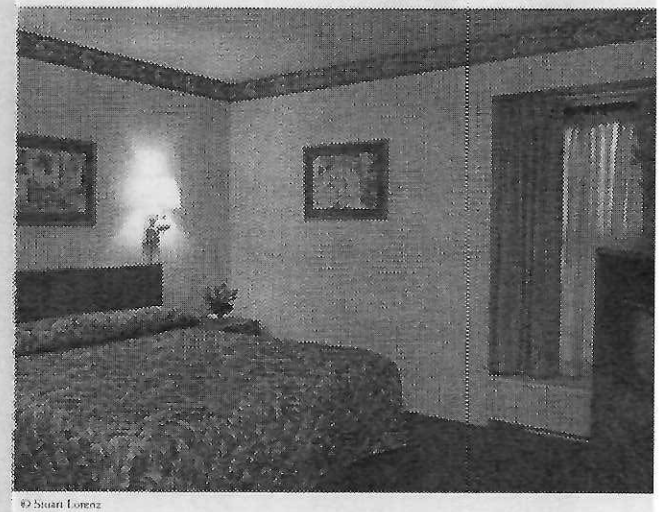
Enjoy relaxing in the Hub Cap Pub. Our full service lounge offers beverages, appetizers and views of the city.



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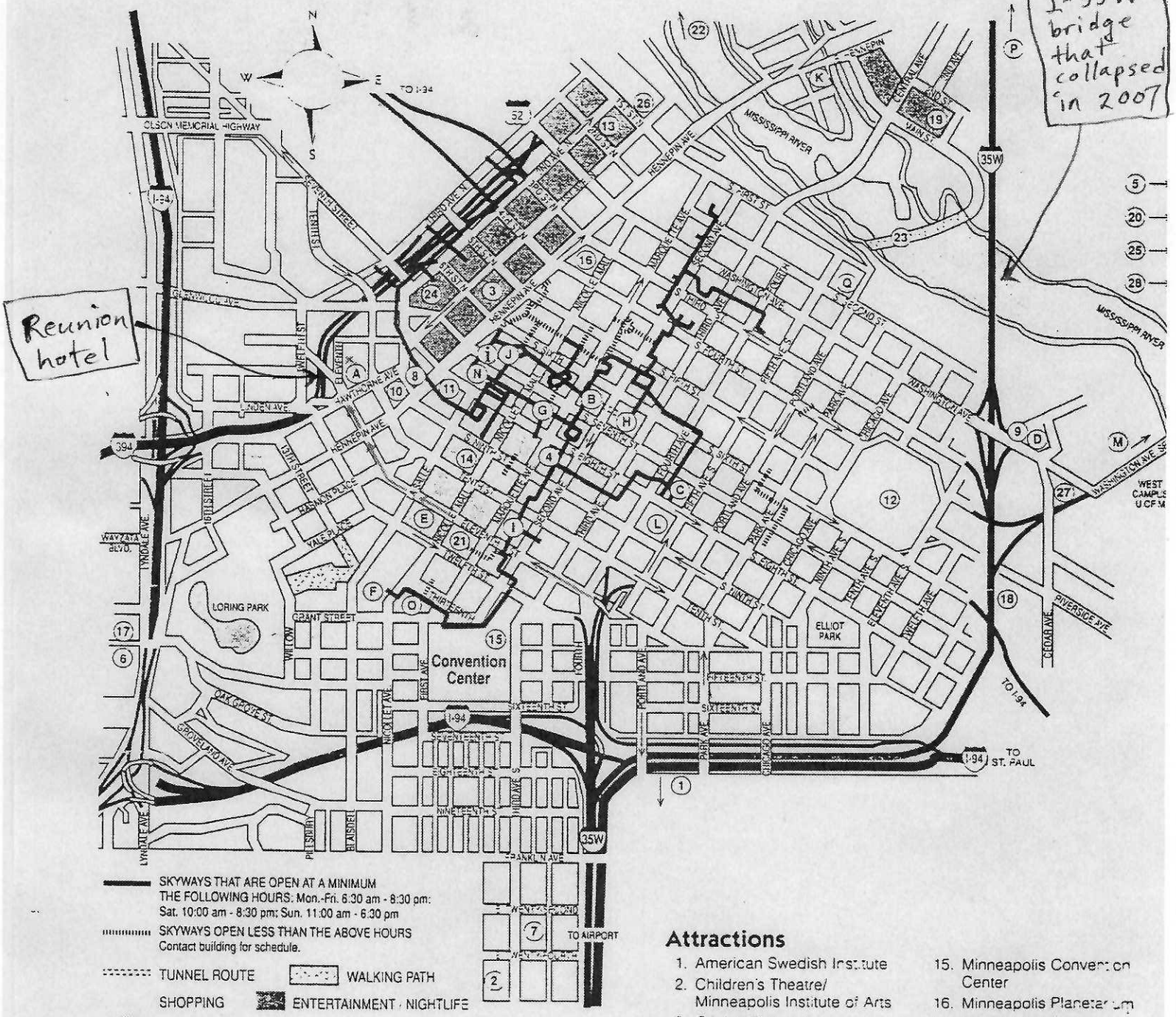
Downtown Street Map



Attractions

1. American Swedish Institute
2. Children's Theatre/ Minneapolis Institute of Arts
3. Cricket Theatre/ Hennepin Center for the Arts
4. Foshay Tower
5. Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum
6. Guthrie Theater/ Walker Art Center
7. Hennepin History Museum
8. Hey City on Hennepin
9. Hey City Stage
10. Historic Orpheum Theatre
11. Historic State Theatre
12. HHH Metrodome
13. Jahn Arts International
14. Kramer Gallery
15. Minneapolis Convention Center
16. Minneapolis Planetarium
17. Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
18. Mixed Blood Theatre
19. Museum of Questionable Medical Devices
20. Northrop Auditorium
21. Orchestra Hall
22. Padelford Packet Boat Company
23. Stone Arch Bridge
24. Target Center
25. Ted Mann Concert Hall
26. Theatre de la Jeune Lune
27. Theatre in the Round
28. University Theatre at U of M

Accommodations

→ A. Best Western Regency Plaza Hotel
B. Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel
C. Embassy Suites
D. Holiday Inn Metrodome
E. Hotel Luxeford Suites
F. Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
G. The Marquette Hotel
H. Minneapolis Athletic Club
I. Minneapolis Hilton and Towers
J. Minneapolis Marriott City Center
K. Nicollet Island Inn
L. Normandy Hotel
M. Radisson Hotel Metrodome, U of M
N. Radisson Plaza Hotel
O. Regal Minneapolis Hotel
P. Sheraton Minneapolis Metrodome
Q. The Whitney Hotel

Regency Plaza Hotel Direction Sheet

Entering Minneapolis from the West

1. Take Hwy 394 east (old Hwy 12)
2. Take downtown exits lane
3. Get into right lane immediately
4. Exit on 12th Street (exit comes quickly)
5. First left on Hennepin
6. First left on 11th Street
7. Hotel is straight ahead 1 block
8. Get into right lane, cross Hawthorne and take right into back gate

Entering Minneapolis from the Northwest

1. Take 94 East to Minneapolis (do not take 694 east)
2. Take the 4th and 7th Street exit combined
3. Stay on 4th and follow into downtown
4. Take a right at the second light onto north 1st Avenue
5. Go straight down to 11th Street and take a right
6. Take a right into back gate

Entering Minneapolis from the North

1. Take 35W south to Minneapolis and get into the right lane as you near downtown
2. Exit on Washington just after crossing the River
3. Take a right on Washington
4. Follow down and take a left on north 1st Avenue
5. Straight down to 11th Street and take a right
6. Take a right into the back gate

Entering Minneapolis from the East

1. Take 94 west into Minneapolis
2. Get into the right lane after crossing the river
3. Keep merging to the right lane
4. Exit on 11th Street
5. Up ramp. stay on 11th across town to Hawthorne Street, cross over Hawthorne
6. Take a right into the back gate

Entering Minneapolis from the South

1. 35W North into Minneapolis
2. Get into the lane that says Downtown Exits
3. Then get into the lane that says 11th Street
4. Stay in the left lane up ramp and then follow 11th across town to Hawthorne

Note. when back gate is shut. take 2 rights around block and a right into parking lot from 10th St.

[Meal tally by DEW] [May 15, 1998]

Estimate of places needed together in dining room - (ordered individually from menu)

Friday, June 19
Dinner 6:00 - 10

Saturday, June 20
Lunch - 12:00 - 15
Dinner - 6:00 - 15

Sunday, June 21
Dinner - 6:00 - 10

(Sent 5/15/98 to Diane Forsberg)

Regency Plaza HOTEL

DIANE FORSBERG
Director of Sales

41 North Tenth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-339-9311
1-800-423-4100
FAX 612-339-4765

nta NATIONAL TOUR ASSOCIATION, INC.

[DEW's notes] [June 16, 1998]

Call to Regency Plaza - 6/16/98
Reese

✓ How many rooms have been reserved
Germany 4, ✓ Montana 4, Iowa 4, ✓ Washington 3

✓ Have arrangements been worked out for breakfast?

We will need shuttle bus for four meals:
Fri - 11:45; Fri. 5:45, Sat. 11:45, Sat. 5:45
How many will it hold? (~~40~~) (25) Christa - no problem
Must call 5-10 min. before we want to go; let bus driver know when we want to return.

✓ Extra folding chairs in Suite 353
Friday - 8
Saturday - 16
Sunday - 8

Is it possible to have Suite 353 cleaned + beds made up while the guests are at breakfast?

Coffee brought to room for 15-20 on Sat. afternoon
no, in Coffee Shop 2:00 - 10:00 cookies + coffee

✓ Late arrival on Thurs, June 18 (around 8:00)

[DEW's notes] [June 17, 1998]

Plans w/ Ned a.m. to verify called 6/17

Meal reservations

June 19

8 Friday lunch: Nanity - 4; DEW; Jeff, Marsha + Le Ann - 3;
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12 Friday dinner: Nanity - 4; DEW, Iva Lee + Harold - 2; Lois + Hart - 2; Jeff, Marsha, + Le Ann - 3
(~~Cecil if in town too~~) (Rosa - 2 after dinner only)

June 20

~~13 + 18~~ 19 Saturday lunch: Nanity - 4; DEW; Koterba + Anderson - 4; ~~Iva Lee + Harold 2, Lois + Hart - 2; Jeff Marsha + Le Ann 3~~; Lackman - 2; Schwalbe - 4

~~18~~ 22 Saturday dinner: Nanity - 4; DEW; Koterba + Anderson - 4; Iva Lee + Harold - 2; Lois + Hart - 2; Jeff, Marsha, + Le Ann - 3; Lackman - 6?

871-2211 Carol (2 children)

June 21

12 ~~20~~ 22 Sunday lunch: Nanity - 4; DEW; Koterba + Anderson 4; Jim, Heid + Tom + Rebecca - 4; Iva Lee and Harry - 2; Lois + Hart - 2; Jeff, Marsha + Le Ann - 3; ~~Lackman~~ OK

12 Sunday dinner: Nanity - 4; DEW; Koterba + Anderson - 4; Jeff, Marsha, + Le Ann - 3

~~15~~ 16 Church - DEW - 1; Nanity - 4; Koterba + Anderson - 4; Fuhlman - 4; Jeff, Marsha, + Le Ann - 3; ~~Lackman~~

[Prospective Minneapolis attendees — DEW's list]

1998 Nemitz Gathering (Minneapolis)

✓ DEW.
[17] ✓ Jim + David
✓ Tom, Virginia, + Rebecca
✓ Florence + Theresa Anderson
✓ Vicki + Wayne Kotinka
✓ Jim + Diedra ("Dede") Greene
✓ Cheri (+ Jim) Schwalbe (Katie-4, Cassie-2)
✓ Marjorie + Robert Lackmann
✓ Lisa + Rev. Christopher McNair + 2 children
✓ James Lackmann
✓ Marie + Larry Rose (Christopher-27, Chad-24)
Patricia + Michael Costa (Michael-26, Jerian-24, James-16)
Bonnie Call [Kenneth Rodde?], Brenda Rodde-28, Brett Rodde-24)
John + Maureen Wallerius (John-9, Cory-7, Ryan-4, Patrick-1)
Kathleen + Jeffrey Brown (Kelly-9, Chelsey-5)
Terry + Elaine Nemitz
David + Janice Nemitz
✓ Ira Lee + Gerald Kuhlmann
✓ Dr. + Mrs. Jeffrey Nemitz
37 [22] ✓ John Bunch
✓ Jim + Mark Kuhlmann

[Prospective attendees at Pommerntag in Milwaukee]

1998 Nanitz Gathering (Milwaukee)

Mike Yonge (and wife?)
Darrell Anderson
Harvey + Bonnie Schroeder
David + Cheryl Stock (Jonathan)
Debbie + Don Le Grand
Doug Stock
John, Janice, + Joy Witheridge
Virginia Sorenson + Bill Witheridge
Jennifer Burke
Beverly Knapp (Iron Mountain, MI)
Christene (Knapp) —— (Green Bay, WI)
19 Roger Knapp (Cary, IL)

See index entry for Pommerntag, Milwaukee, WI.

See also the announcement, next page

← See previous page

Come to POMMERNTAG

Sunday June 28, 1998
12:00-6:00 p.m.

Outdoor German Festival

MEQUON CITY PARK
11333 N. Cedarburg Road (Hwy. 57)
MEQUON, WISCONSIN

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

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- *Pommersche Tanzdeel*
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Web Site: http://www.execpc.com/~pommern

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
(414) 628-3403 • (414) 354-4228

[June 19, 1998]

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NIGHTS: 006 DEPARTING: 06/25/98 THU
ID: 03 01/27 CHG: 00 GST TYPE: GRP
SEGMENT: SOCL TARIFF: RACK PACKAGE:

ADULT/CHILD: 2
ROOM TYPE: DDSU
OF ROOMS: 1
RATE/RM: 9570

LAST NAME: NEMITZ FAMIL

TITLE: M/M FIRST: Y REUNION.

RESERVATION #: C43B12E9
ASSIGNED ROOM(S): 353

*** GUEST ADDRESS ***
2425 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS.,
MN 55405
PHONE: 612-377-4810

COMPANY: NEMITZ FAMILY REUNION.
CORP.#:
GROUP: NEMITZ FAMILY REUNION.
GROUP#: 5504
RESV BY: DAVID WITHERIDGE
PHONE: 612-377-4810
VIP? #: CLUB? #:
TRAVEL AGENT #:
** ADDITIONAL ADDRESS **
2425 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS.,
MN 5540 5

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ADULT/CHILD: 2
ROOM TYPE: NSK
OF ROOMS: 1
RATE/RM: 6600

LAST NAME: NEMITZ FAMIL

TITLE: M/M FIRST: Y REUNION.

RESERVATION #: C43B1302
ASSIGNED ROOM(S): 351

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2425 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
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MN 55405
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Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000

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Editor's Note

This section documents a highly successful Nemitz family reunion that was held in Seattle, Washington, in August of 2000. It was organized by Jeff (Dr. Jeffrey) and Marsha Nemitz, Doris and Don Bird, and Helen Baever (sister of LeAnn Bench [b. ca. 1928]).

I'm sorry to say that I simply don't know enough about the Seattle- and Spokane-area Nemitzes to describe in the index — or even identify with any confidence — more than a handful of the organizers and attendees.

Dad wasn't traveling much by then, so he sent his very sincere regrets. Those who did attend sent him a thoughtful card signed by dozens, together with a photograph of the assembled family.

Tom Witheridge
April 5, 2023

The Nemitz Family Reunion 2000
August 19, 2000

Dear Family,

Hello to all! I hope everyone is in good health and has had a good Christmas and that the New Year will be good to you. As the new millennium begins it is time to start thinking about vacation and our Nemitz Family Reunion in 2000.

We have set the date as Saturday, August 19, 2000 in the Seattle, Washington area. The actual site will be Kyak Point Park located on the shores of Port Susan between Everett and Stanwood. This is a Snohomish county park campground and there are camper/RV hook-ups on the grounds available on a first come-first serve basis. They do not take reservations for these.

Our oldest living relative, Uncle Robert Nemitz, as well as new-found German relatives, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz and his wife Renate and Dieter and Hilde Nemitz, are all planning to be in attendance. Also some other cousins from Montana, Minneapolis, and Iowa may be present as well. Le Ann, Marsha and Jeff had the pleasure of meeting all these relatives in Minneapolis in June 1998. They are all wonderful people and I know you will all enjoy meeting them. Friedrich and Dieter's great grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz is the brother of Ernst Nemitz, father of John Nemitz. Ernst Nemitz came to the USA in 1872 whereas Ferdinand Nemitz remained in Germany.

We look forward to a large extended Nemitz gathering and hope to see all of you on August 19, 2000. Please respond if you are able to attend. We have included email, phone and addresses for your convenience. More news will follow.

Your Millennium Nemitz Family Reunion Committee,

Helen Baever
Doris and Don Bird
Marsha and Jeff Nemitz

Any questions, please call or write:

Jeff and Marsha Nemitz
7311 52nd Ave. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115
206-525-5393
mjnemitz@aol.com

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8059 25th Ave. N.W.
Seattle, WA 98117
206-783-2021

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

As honorary host and the oldest (94 years) known living member of the Nemitz family, Robert Nemitz is generously providing COMPLIMENTARY rooms at the Silver Cloud Inn, Lynnwood for the out-of-town relatives.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY JULY 20, 2000 TO:

Doris and Don Bird
8059 25th Ave. N.W.
Seattle, WA 98117
206-783-2021

NAMES:_____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:_____ (All rooms have 2 queen beds)

DATES of Hotel Rooms Needed:

Thurs. Aug. 17_____

Fri. Aug. 18_____

Sat. Aug. 19_____

Sun. Aug. 20_____

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I (we) do not need a hotel room: Names:_____

.....

EVENT RESERVATION FORM

I (we) plan to attend:

Fri. Aug. 18 Welcome Traveler's Dinner at Marsha and Jeff's.

Names:_____. **Number of people**_____.

Sat. Aug. 19 Picnic at Kayak Point

Names:_____. **Number of people**_____.

Sun. 8/20 Church

Names:_____. **Number of people**_____.

Sun. 8/20 Lunch

Names:_____. **Number of people**_____.

We thank Uncle Robert for his generosity!
Please return as soon as possible.

Nemitz Family Reunion Update

May 2000

Dear Family,

It's time to firm up plans for attendance at this year's millennium Nemitz Family Reunion. You and your spouse, children, siblings, and other relatives are encouraged to come for as much time as you can. Puget Sound and the Greater Seattle area have so much to offer. Make this a summer vacation and enjoy all your relatives as well---meeting new and renewing the old.

August 17--German relatives arrive
August 18--Day long sightseeing in Seattle with German relatives
8/18, 6 pm--Welcome Traveler dinner at the home of Jeff and Marsha Nemitz, 7311 52nd N.E., Seattle, WA 98115, 206-525-5393, **RSVP please** on the attached form.
8/18--Nemitz Family Choir rehearsal

August 19, all day--Nemitz Family Reunion Potluck and Picnic, Kayak Point Park
8/19, Evening--Conversation/sharing photos and slides at the Silver Cloud Inn--Lynnwood

August 20--Attend Church together in Lynnwood, Nemitz Choir will share in the service
8/20 after church--Lunch and conversation at the Conference Room, Silver Cloud Inn, Lynnwood

As honorary host and the oldest (94 years) known living member of the Nemitz family, Robert Nemitz is generously providing complimentary rooms at the Silver Cloud Inn for the out-of-area relatives. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Silver Cloud Inn (19332 36th Ave. West, Lynnwood, WA 98036, 425-775-7600).

Please fill out and return the *attached reservation form* and return it to the following prior to July 20, 2000:

Doris and Don Bird
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Seattle, WA 98117
206-783-2021

Bring family photos, videos, slides and heirloom photos to share, and any significant historical or current events to share as well. We are looking forward to a large turn-out for this year's gathering. **Thank you for your prompt reply.**

Your Millennium Nemitz Family Reunion Committee,

Helen Baever, Doris and Don Bird, Marsha and Jeff Nemitz

Any Questions, please call or write:

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From the desk of

JEFFREY J. NEMITZ D.D.S

David

We hope you or your sons can attend.

Love

Jeff & Marsha

[May 20-25, 2000]

Subj: **Reunion**
Date: 5/20/00 4:45:23 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Mjnemitz

Hi, Jeff and Marsha, ← Dr. Jeffrey J. and Marsha Nemitz

Thank you for the Update and complete program for the reunion. You have done a wonderful job in putting this together, and I know that everyone is going to have a great time! It makes me very envious, and I wish I could be there, but I can't. I'm glad I have the memories of last year's reunion to cherish

Love, David

Subj: **Re: Reunion**
Date: 5/25/00 12:45:14 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Mjnemitz
To: DWitheridg

David,

Thank you for your reply. We too, are sorry you will not be able to attend. We will keep you updated and onthe mailing list, however.

Helen Baever, LeAnn's sister, has selected the hymms for our choir to sing on Sunday—"A Mighty Fortress is our God" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."
Their brother, Dave, will direct.

Best Regards,
Jeff

DIRECTIONS TO SILVER CLOUD INN
19332 36th Ave W.
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-775-7600

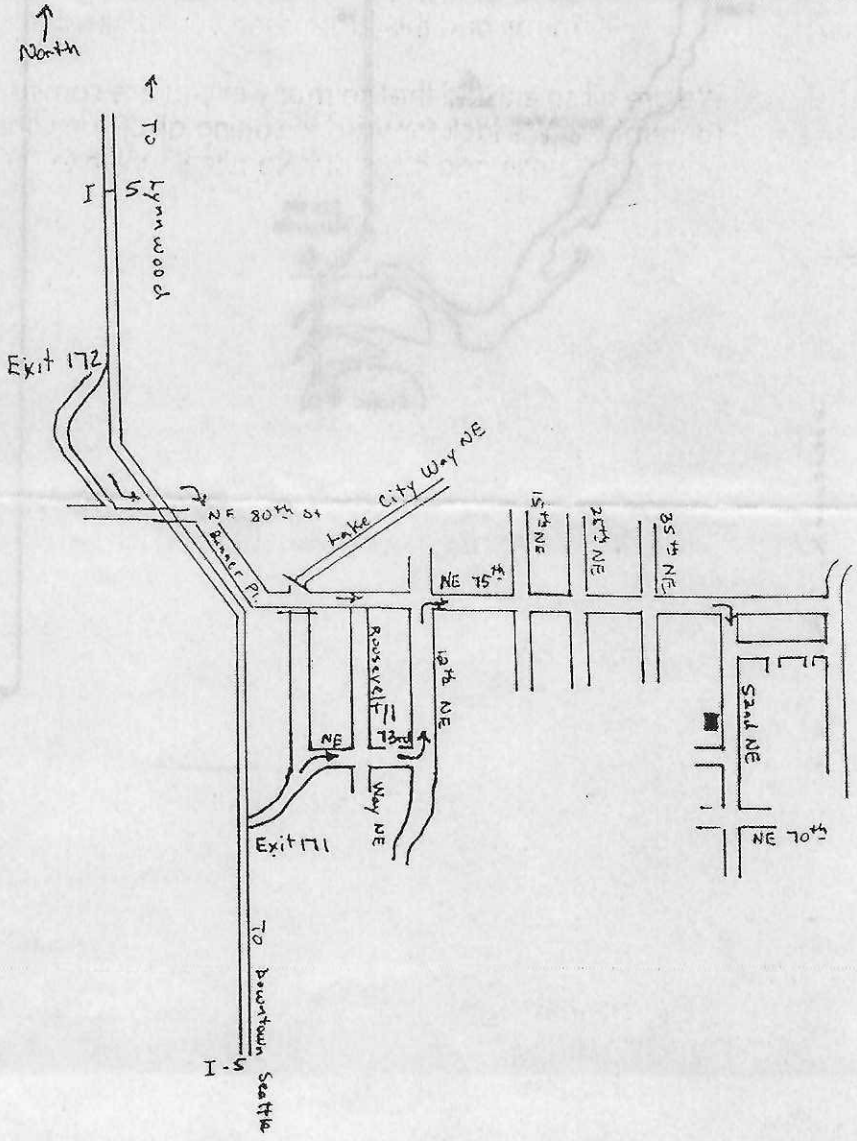
From Vancouver BC/Bellingham/Everett

1-5 South to Exit 181. Stay in Right lane off exit. Turn Right onto 196th Ave. W. At first traffic light turn Right (37th Ave). Go through 1 light and the motel is on the Left across from McDonald's

From Sea-Tac Airport/Seattle

Take I-5 North to Exit 181B. Turn Left at 1st light. Turn Left at 2nd light onto 196th Street going back over the freeway, get in the Right hand lane and at the 2nd traffic light, turn Right on to 37th Ave. W. The motel is on the left 50 yards ahead across from McDonalds.

Directions from **SILVER CLOUD INN TO MARSHA AND JEFF NEMITZ**
7311 52nd N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115 206-525-5393



From North

Take I-5 Southbound and get off at Exit 172 (N. 85th/ NE 80th). Stay in the Left hand lane of exit and come back up over freeway. Merge Right **immediately** to Banner N.E. which becomes NE 75th. Stay on NE 75th going east for approximately 2 miles. Turn Right onto 52nd Ave. NE to 7311 (on right).

From South

Take I-5 Northbound to Exit 171 (Lake City Way NE/Bothell. Take **immediate** Right turn onto NE 73rd; Left onto 12th Ave NE; Right onto NE 75th for 2 miles going east. Right onto 52nd Ave. NE to 7311.

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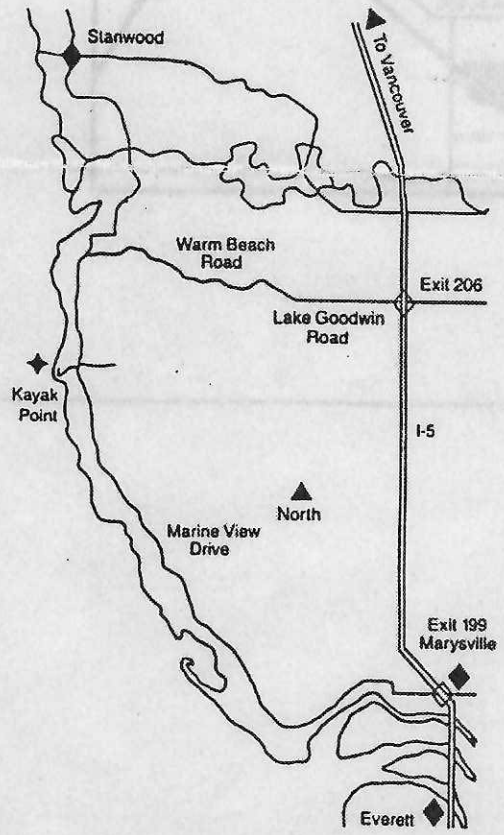
INFORMATION AND LOCATION

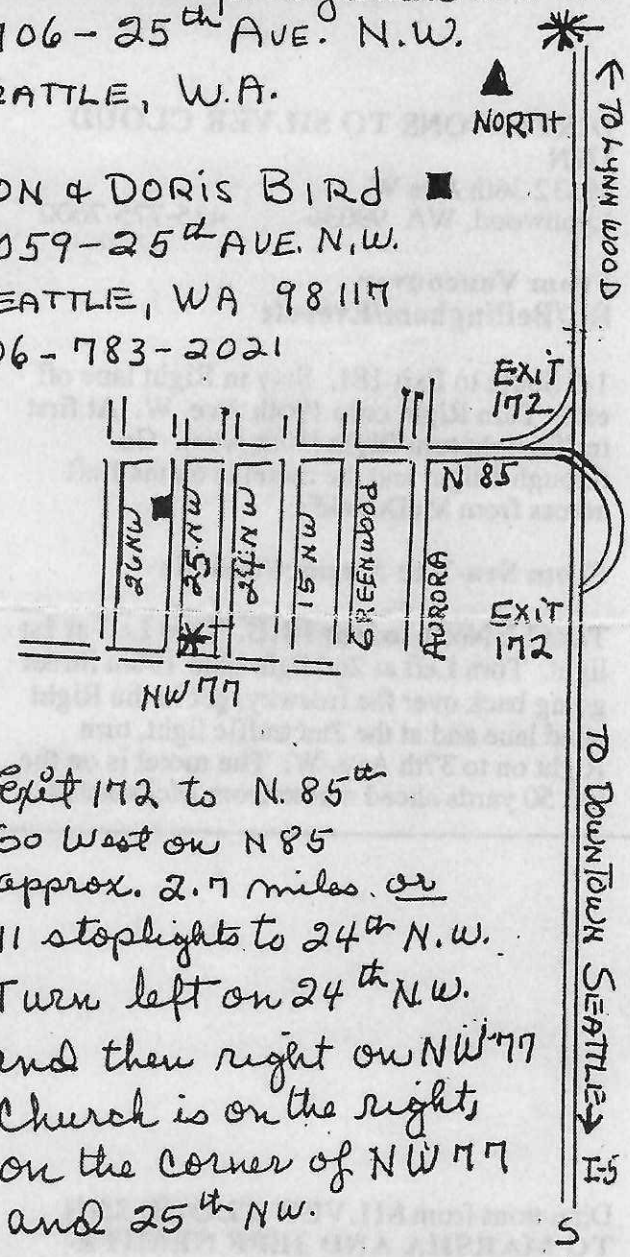
Kayak Point Park
15610 Marine View Drive
Stanwood, WA 98292

Directions: On I-5 take exit 199 at Marysville and head West on Marine View Drive approximately 13 miles.



Northminster Presbyterian Church
7706 - 25th AVE. N.W.
SEATTLE, W.A.

DON & DORIS BIRD
8059 - 25th AVE. N.W.
SEATTLE, WA 98117
206 - 783 - 2021



Exit 172 to N. 85th
Go West on N 85
approx. 2.7 miles or
11 stoplights to 24th N.W.
Turn left on 24th N.W.
and then right on NW 77
Church is on the right,
on the corner of NW 77
and 25th NW.

Parking on the street
with extra parking
in school yard across
the street - entrance is
on 26 N.W.

David

We're sorry you can't make our reunion. It would be great to have you here with us. We expect 75-80 for the weekend. Would it be possible to have a copy of your genealogy book? We would be happy to pay you for it as well as the time spent copying it

Love Jeff-Marsha.

Nemitz Family Reunion 2000 Update and Final News
August 17-20, 2000

Well, the plans are just about finalized. We have heard from so many of you and this will be a great reunion. It is quite international! Relatives are coming from Germany, Canada and the U.S..... from Bellingham to Spokane, Montana to Iowa and Ohio. So bring the good news and your smiling faces for a fun-packed long weekend.

Thursday, August 17 many of you are arriving and will be enjoying the Silver Cloud Motel in Lynnwood for 2, 3, or 4 days. Again a hearty thank you to our honorary host and oldest living Nemitz relative, Uncle Robert from Anacortes, who graciously is providing the hotel rooms for your enjoyment. There is a pool, complimentary breakfast each morning, and conference room reserved for our group during the whole reunion. Should you need to eat out, there are many restaurants nearby, Alderwood Mall for the shoppers, and a cinema complex for movie-goers.

Check in time: 3 pm (or earlier if ready) *Check out time: noon*

All rooms are non-smoking

(MAP TO MOTEL INCLUDED) •• *Don't worry if you are late, the rooms are guaranteed.*

Friday, August 18 there will be sightseeing and the plan is to caravan in your cars (or with others who do have cars) to enjoy the Seattle sights. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch, and if weather permits we will enjoy the Space Needle (both thanks to Uncle Robert), the Ballard Locks and Fish Ladder, the Pike Place Market and downtown shopping, views from West Seattle, the University of Washington campus, and other local sights. If you have something special you'd like to see, let us know.

Friday evening we will enjoy a hosted "Welcome Traveler" dinner (just bring yourselves, all food will be provided) at the home of Jeff and Marsha Nemitz, 7311 52nd N.E., Seattle, (206) 525-5393. Come at 5 pm and **DINNER WILL BE SERVED AROUND 6 PM** but come anytime and partake when you can. Early birds and weary travelers welcome whenever you can get there. There will also be a Nemitz Choir rehearsal.
(MAP ENCLOSED)

Saturday, we will gather at Kayak Point Park for a day-long reunion and enjoy the salt water beach, dock and park play area AND the camaraderie of Nemitz family members. Lemonade, decaf and regular coffee, and all food will be furnished for the picnic courtesy of Robert Nemitz. So just bring yourselves and everything else will be provided (unless you want to bring your own beverage). Come as early as you like, the earlier the better, but be there for a **feast SERVED AT 1 PM.** We have shelters 7, 8, 9, 10 at the north end of the park.
(MAP ENCLOSED)

•• CAUTION: No alcoholic beverages are permitted at area parks. ••

Parking is $3.00 per car at the park. Pay at fee machines.
Parking is strictly enforced by Park Rangers

Sunday we will share in a church service at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ballard. The service begins at **10:30 am and Nemitz Choir members will be practicing at 9:30 am** prior to the service. There is a coffee service at 10 am to enjoy fellowship. There will be a hosted lunch in the church fellowship hall following the church service at 11:30 am. Thanks to Don and Doris Bird for their generosity in providing lunch for us at church.
(MAP ENCLOSED TO THE CHURCH)

(over)

We will have the conference room (Snohomish Room) at the Silver Cloud available to us for Thursday-Sunday nights for any who wish to gather and get to know each other better can enjoy this great room.

We want to thank Helen Baever for being our choir director! Thank you for your time and talents in selecting the music and leading us. We also want to thank LeAnn Bench for being the Nemitz historian and helping us stay connected. And thanks to all of you who have shared information and names and addresses. We hope more information can be shared now and in the future.

So what should you bring?

1. Your smiling faces
2. Any updated genealogy to share
3. Any photos of our Nemitz lineage
4. Current family photos and news of those who can't be with us
5. Beverages for the picnic **(non-alcoholic).** Decat and regular coffee, lemonade to be provided
6. Requests for sights to see in the Seattle area
7. Any slides, videos or photos of your home area or other Nemitz reunions or ???? You will have a captive Nemitz audience. We can provide a slide projector and screen.
8. $3 for parking at the park. Park rangers strictly enforce parking.
9. Maps and this letter...and your smiling faces!

We are all so excited that so many of you are coming. It should really be a gathering to remember! We look forward to seeing all of you soon! "May God watch over all who travel to and from Seattle and bless our Nemitz Reunion 2000." (Lois and Herb Kuhlmann, Iowa relatives)

Regards from Your Millennium Nemitz Family Reunion Committee,

Helen Baever, Doris and Don Bird, Marsha and Jeff Nemitz

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We are confirming your hotel reservations below.

Name_____	Th.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
People	___	___	___	___
Number of rooms	___	___	___	___

[Aug. 3, 2000]

Subj: **My Nemitz Genealogy**
Date: 8/3/00 11:19:12 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Mjnemitz

Hi, Jeff and Marsha,

Thanks for the Reunion 2000 Update. The program sounds terrific! I'm delighted to know that so many will be coming. I know the relatives from Germany will be thrilled.

I'm sorry to say I don't have a genealogy "book." I have all my Nemitz genealogy on Family Group Sheets--one family (parents and children) on each page, with sources and notes on the back. There must be over 100 sheets--I don't remember the number.

When I got in touch with Brad Babcock (or rather, he got in touch with me), and I learned that he had all his Nemitz genealogy on his computer, I decided to photocopy all of my sheets (both sides) and send them to him, so he could put my material also on his computer. This he did in a few weeks--he's a computer expert--and then he put the combined material on a website for me, and I downloaded it onto my computer.

I'm assuming that Brad will be coming to the reunion, because he lives so close to you. He could bring along the set of my family group sheets I sent to him. He could also bring some printouts from the combined information on his computer.

I also made a copy of my Nemitz family group sheets to send to Vicky Koterba, so she could bring her set along, if Brad can't get to the reunion.

Have a wonderful time!

Love, David

[This remembrance of Robert Carl Heinrich Nemitz (b. 1905) is by his daughter, Doris Bird.] [Aug. 2000]

FAMILY HISTORY OF ROBERT HENRY NEMITZ FOR REUNION 2000

August 17th thru August 20th

The Honorary Host is Robert Henry Nemitz with fond memories of Selma Bertha Nemitz (died September 24, 1997), his wife and love of his life for over 68 years.

Hard work from childhood on was the way of life for both Robert and Selma. Robert's attendance through the 8th grade of school was seasonal because of working on his parent's South Dakota [illegible] farm. He never really "passed" any grade. Selma helped support her family, but she did complete the 8th grade. Robert has said, "It's not how much you know, rather it's how much you do with what you do know."

Robert, Selma, and Doris move to Washington state

Robert was born October 27, 1905 and Selma was born April 13, 1910. Robert and Selma were married December 2, 1928 in Wolsey, South Dakota. October 17, 1933 Doris was born to them in Huron, South Dakota.

On May 3, 1937 Robert, Selma, Doris, and Robert's youngest brother Elmer moved from Huron, South Dakota to Anacortes, Washington. Mr. Weibel, the owner of Weibel's Hardware Store, kept Robert's job open for him should Robert, Selma, and Doris return to Huron.

After many small jobs, Robert was allowed to take the Plumbing Union's test which Robert said was easy for him to pass. The union officials asked Robert to show them the advanced methods that he had learned in South Dakota. Subsequently Robert was asked to plumb (alone) the new Anacortes post office for $1.50 an hour and $3.00 an hour for weekends. His South Dakota job had paid only $.30 an hour, typical of the 1930's wages. Robert and Selma said that the best move that they ever made was the move to Anacortes.

Robert as a plumber never lost a day's wages. Selma had worked as a waitress in a restaurant in South Dakota and she worked for a while in the same type of job in several Anacortes restaurants.

In Anacortes, Robert was the manager of Voitus Furniture Store which also offered services of plumbing and installation of everything for the home and for businesses. Later he and a partner build and operated the Island Plumbing and Heating Store, which included selling and installing appliances. Still later he was the General Foreman of over 90 men during the construction of both the Shell and Texaco Refineries, a chemical plant in Anacortes, and a chemical plant in Bellingham. He was asked to work on building new refineries in France and Saudia Arabia for wages plus all living expenses.

For Robert and Selma the word "vacation" meant the gathering and sharing with others of God's gifts that are free to everyone.

(over)

They did not pamper themselves; rather they found their joy in working and serving others. God's sweet surprises, quidance, mercy and teachings surrounded them! In their spare time, for fun, they worked together and were successful as:

Investors in real estate
Landlords: Their renters always had the option to buy-past rent money was the downpayment - low interest. Selma was the bookkeeper.
Movers (hired) of their houses from one property to another: Whenever there was a free house to be moved, they had it moved, remodeled it beautifully, and rented it. Selma always said that no man ever worked harder than Robert.
Builders of their 2 homes, garages, and shop
Locators of homes for relatives
Builders of garages for relatives
Restorers of anything that needed fixing
Demolishers for salvage of a hospital, a grocery store, two dance halls, a restaurant, a dime store, and houses, barns, and garages
Cutters and splitters of wood (Robert still heats his home with wood only)
Raisers of milking cows, calfs, beef cattle, sheep, ducks, turkeys, chickens, rabbits and horses
Gatherers, gardeners, and canners of fruits and vegetables
Hunters of wild game. antiques, Indian artifacts, etc.
Fishers of all kinds of fish
Gatherers of clams, crabs, and oysters
Humanitarians and a wonderful loving Dad and Mom to Doris Bird, In-Laws to Don Bird, Grandparents to Michael and David Bird, Grand In-Laws to Dianna Bird, and Great Grandparents to Michelle, Jesse, and Shanan Bird.

At 94 years of age Robert still rototills, plants, and harvests a large garden and shares his fruit and vegetables with food banks, a rest home, relatives, neighbors and friends.
Presently he is digging up his large crop of potatoes on his five acre homesite. He is still advisor to his Family.

By Doris Bird

Doris Nemitz (b. 1933)

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7706 25th Avenue N.W.
Seattle WA 98117
206-783-3402

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2000

GATHERING

WORD OF WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along.

PRELUDE
Ciacona Johann Krieger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of God is living and active;
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;
you have the words of eternal life.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 490
With Glad, Exuberant Carolings CAROL'S GIFT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #579

*THE PEACE
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Asia VanderBilt
Let us pray: O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible p. 304) 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress is our God* Nemitz Choir
The Rev. Doug Nemitz, Soloist
(Congregation joins in singing vs. 4)

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible p. 194) Ephesians 5:15-20
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible p. 98) John 6:51-58
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A MOMENT WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
[*Children ages 4 through 2nd grade excused for class*]

SERMON "Be Filled with the Spirit" Dennis J. Hughes

*HYMN 316
Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
There will be an opportunity for petitions using either
With thanksgiving for _____, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.
or
For _____, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Nemitz Choir
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
The Rev. Doug Nemitz, Soloist
(Congregation joins in singing vs. 4)

*DOXOLOGY (Triune Version) #591

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise you, God,
for you are gracious.
You have loved us from the beginning of time
and remember us when we are in trouble.
Your mercy endures forever.
We praise you, God,
for you came to us in Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world
and saved us from our sins.
Your mercy endures forever.
We praise you, God,
for you send us your Holy Spirit,
to make us holy
and to lead us into all truth.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen.
Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 306
Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
Voluntary VII G.F. Handel

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*Everyone who is able, please stand.

Greeters: Jane Olson and Jan Persinger
Reader: Asia VanderBilt
Flowers: In loving memory of Selma Bertha Nemitz, wife of Robert Nemitz and mother of Doris Bird

We extend special thanks to the Nemitz family (the family of Doris Bird) for forming a very special choir for their reunion and for joining in leading worship today.

"Thank you so very much for your gracious hospitality in giving us the opportunity to sing together. It is a rich blessing to us indeed! Music, especially singing to our Lord, has been a major part of who we are as a family. We are extremely grateful that you have blessed us with another time to come together and sing for God. We hope you are blessed by our singing as well. God's grace and peace to you all!"
- the Nemitz Family

486 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. Composite, 1866

Martin Luther, 1529

1. A Might-y For-tress is our God, A trust-y Shield and Weap - on!
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
3. Tho' dev-ils all the world should fill, All watch-ing to de - vour us,
4. The Word of God they shall let stand Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He is our help in ev-'ry need That hath us now o'er-tak - en.
But for us fights the Val-iant One Whom God Him-self e - lect - ed.
We trem-ble not, we fear no ill, They can-not o-ver-pow'r us.
Here Christ Him-self leads the com-mand With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old bit-ter foe Now means dead-ly woe; Deep guile and cru-el
Ask ye, who is He? Christ Je - sus here see, As Lord of hosts a-
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will; He yet can harm us
Take they then our life, Goods, fame, child and wife; When they their worst have

might Are his dread arms in fight: On earth is not his e - - qual.
dored, Our on - ly King and Lord: He holds the field for - ev - - er.
none, For he is judged, un-done! One lit-tle word o'er-throws him.
done, They yet have noth-ing won: The king-dom ours re - main - eth.

Nemitz Family Choir Members

Carl Nemitz
Marlys Nemitz
Dave Nemitz
Audrey Nemitz
The Rev. Doug Nemitz
Rod Nemitz
Marsha Nemitz
Dave Sather
Carlene Sather
Blandina Bothwell
Leann Bench
Doris Bird
Michelle Bird
Don Bird
Manfred Wanke
Christoph Nemitz
Renate Nemitz
Beth Bonderson
Linda Lee
Lyra Popps

Choir Director: Helen Baever
Soloist: The Rev. Doug Nemitz

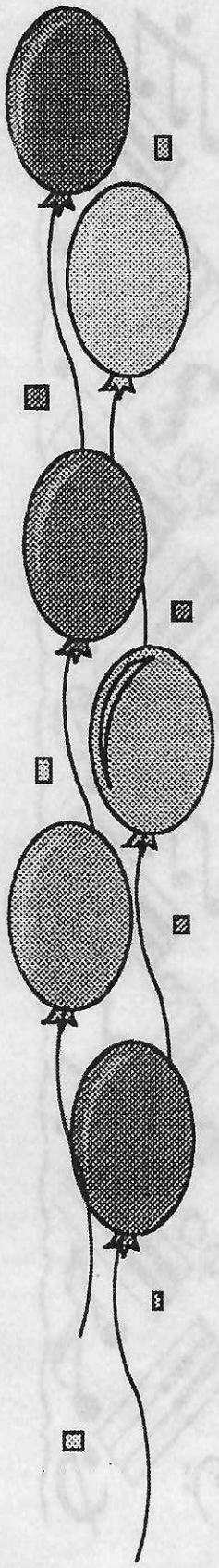
You are invited...

Don and Doris Bird and the Nemitz Family invite all visitors and members to a ***PARTY*** in the fellowship hall immediately following the church service.

This includes a complete lunch and I've been told that there is plenty of food for all!

This party is the conclusion of a four day family reunion on Doris Bird's side of the family. Relatives from Germany, Canada and all over the United States are attending this re-union.

Doris's father Robert Nemitz, age 94, is the honorary host of the re-union. Please greet him and ask him about his large garden that he still plants and harvests every year. Presently he has been working hand digging his large crop of potatoes on his five acre home site.



From the desk of

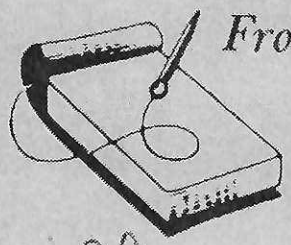
JEFFREY J. NEMITZ D.D.S

Dear David

We had a wonderful reunion & a great turnout with a broad representation from all across our family tree. We are all sorry you could not be here with us. Everyone sends their greetings to you.

Enclosed is a group picture as well as a church program.

Friedrich, Renate & Christoph as well as Hilde & her son Rainer came from Germany. Dete



From the desk of

JEFFREY J. NEMITZ D.D.S

is ill or not able to travel due to his age and therefore did not come. Enclosed is booklet on our history that Friedrich brought for you.

I will send you some more photos of the reunion when I get copies.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

Jeff & Marsha

Hi David,
We sure miss you! The tour, Jeff + Marsha organized for today was great! Take care - Love, Lelan

Hello David,
It would have been nice if you could have been here with us. We miss you.
Theresa and Dave Jones
Lyra (& E) Poppa.

Hi David -
Happy belated birthday. You're one of my favorite people and I'm missing you every moment of this reunion but I'm still enjoying meeting and visiting with the new relatives. Love you, Vicki

Darrell Anderson
Carl + Marlys Nemitz

Doug + Pam Nemitz

Blanchard Bithwell

Hello David —
Sorry we couldn't meet at our reunion this year. Hopefully we will meet some day.
Helen Baever (Nemitz)

Wish you could have been here
Cheri Schwalbe
Don + Maria Bird
Seth, Josh, Kirsten, Matt Sattler

David + Audrey Nemitz

Christoph Nemitz
Hilde Nemitz
Friedrich Nemitz
Renate Nemitz
Manfred Nemitz
Robert H Yeager
John + Rosita Nemitz
Reynoldsburg, OH

David
We are thinking about you + wish you were there!
Love, Jeff
Marsha + Brian

We miss you.
Herb + Lois Kuhlmann
Beth Bondurson

Rod & Susan
Lauren & Katelyn
Nemitz

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August and Fred Nemitz

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DAVID E. WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55405

[Apr. 26, 1975]

April 26, 1975

Mr. Fred Nemitz
115 S. 25th Street
Denison, Iowa

Dear Mr. Nemitz:

I think I am probably a second cousin of yours. My mother was Edith Nemitz, a daughter of William Nemitz, who I think was your grandfather's brother. These facts may not be exactly right, but I'm hoping you will reply and set me straight!

It was not until a few years ago that I was aware that Grandfather Nemitz had a brother who settled on a farm in Iowa. Now I understand there may have been two brothers in Iowa--Ernest and Fred or Ferdinand. I think you can probably tell me all about them and their families.

As you probably know, my grandfather, William Nemitz, started out in Illinois, then lived in Michigan, Saskatchewan, and back in Illinois, where he died. His children were Bertha (Tomke), Emma (Schroeder), Mary (Reid), Louise (Storch), William, and Edith (Witheridge).

I was born in Bay City, Michigan, grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and worked there for a while with my father in heating and ventilating. Then I became a Baptist minister, and I am now the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

I do hope you will take a few minutes and tell me if you are related to me and something about your relatives and family. Thank you for whatever information you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

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[May 1975]

Please refer this letter to
August Nemitz
235 North 12th street
Denison, Iowa 51442 for information

August is my older brother. Have 2 older brothers than August. Otto & adolph I am the youngest of my family. We are sons, no sisters of Frederick W. Nemitz now deceased. I never knew my Grandfather ~~Wm~~ Ernst Nemitz
(over) From Fred C Nemitz

Our family lived near Charter Oak Iowa, nearly all my parents married life on a farm. Moved to Charter Oak to retire there. My mother was Emma Huebner before her marriage to my father Frederick W. Nemitz My father was a railroad man in his young days. He was born in Chicago Illinois.

Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst Nemitz (b. 1874)

Emma Huebner (b. 1877)

May 11, 1975

Mr. Fred C. Nemitz
115 So. 25th Street
Denison, Iowa 51442

Dear Fred:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter. As you suggested, I am writing to your brother August in hopes that he may have some additional information.

The information you gave was very helpful, and I believe we are related, though I'm not yet sure exactly how. A cousin of mine whom I visited last summer remembered that his mother had corresponded with an Ernest Nemitz in Charter Oak, Iowa; so it seems to be the same family.

You probably know the dates and places of the birth, marriage, and death of both your father and mother. I'd be very happy if you would send me any of these facts you have.

You said your father was born in Chicago, which means that his parents lived there at least for a time. My grandfather settled first for a few years in Chicago when he arrived from Germany, and I had an uncle, William Nemitz (he changed the "z" to an "s"), who lived in Chicago from about 1905 to 1955. Do you suppose he and your father and perhaps your grandfather might have met?

Did your father have any brothers or sisters? If any of them or their children are still living, I'd appreciate having their addresses.

Thank you again for your note. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[This letter was received but not answered.] [May 11, 1975]

May 11, 1975

Mr. August Nemitz
235 North 12th Street
Denison, Iowa 51442

Dear Mr. Nemitz:

Perhaps your brother Fred has told you I wrote to him a couple of weeks ago on the assumption that I am at least a distant relative of his (and yours). He suggested that perhaps you might have more information about the family.

My mother was Edith Nemitz, a daughter of William Nemitz, who I think was related in some way to your grandfather. I know that my grandfather had a brother who settled on a farm in Iowa. Some think there were two brothers in Iowa--Ernest and Fred or Ferdinand. Perhaps you can tell me about the early history of your family in Iowa.

My grandfather, William Nemitz, started out in Illinois, then lived in Michigan, Saskatchewan, and back in Illinois, where he died in 1921. His children were Bertha (Tomke), Emma (Schroeder), Mary (Reid), Louise (Storch), William, and Edith (Witheridge).

I was born in Bay City, Michigan, grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and worked there for a while with my father in heating and ventilating. Then I became a Baptist minister, and I and now the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

I hope you will write and tell me all you know about your ancestors and relatives. Was there a family Bible with family records? Is there some other relative who knows a great deal about the early days of your family in this country? Did anyone keep in touch with relatives in Germany?

Thank you for whatever information you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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Dr. Christoph Nemitz (b. 1967)

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[Dec. 26, 2000]

Subj: **Neujahrsgruesse**
Date: 12/26/00 3:05:13 PM Central Standard Time
From: Christoph.Nemitz@t-online.de (Christoph Nemitz) ← Dr. Christoph Nemitz (b. 1967)
To: vrkoterba@hotmail.com (Vicki Koterba), DedaG@QualityMaschine.com (Tim and Deda Greene), renemitz@worldnet.att.net (Rod and Susan Nemitz), Rainer.Nemitz@t-online.de (Rainer Nemitz), milliray@paclink.com (Millie Rea), linakalee@msn.com (Linda Lee), writerleann@aol.com (Le Ann Bench), Mjnemitz@aol.com (Jeff and Mascha Nemitz), HELOKUHL@juno.com (Herb and Lois Kuhlmann), Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de (Friedrich Nemitz), doug@clergy.net (Doug and Pam Nemitz), DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge), davesather@hotmail.com (Dave and Carlen Sather), DAVEAUDREYNEMITZ@cs.com (Dave and Audrey Nemitz), C-MNemitz@msn.com (Carl J. and Marlys Nemitz), bbabcock@imag.net (Brad Babcock), bev.babcock@telus.net (Bev Babcock), bbondo@conpoint.com (Beth Bonderson), NemitzJohn@aol.com (John Nemitz)

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Dear Cousins and families,

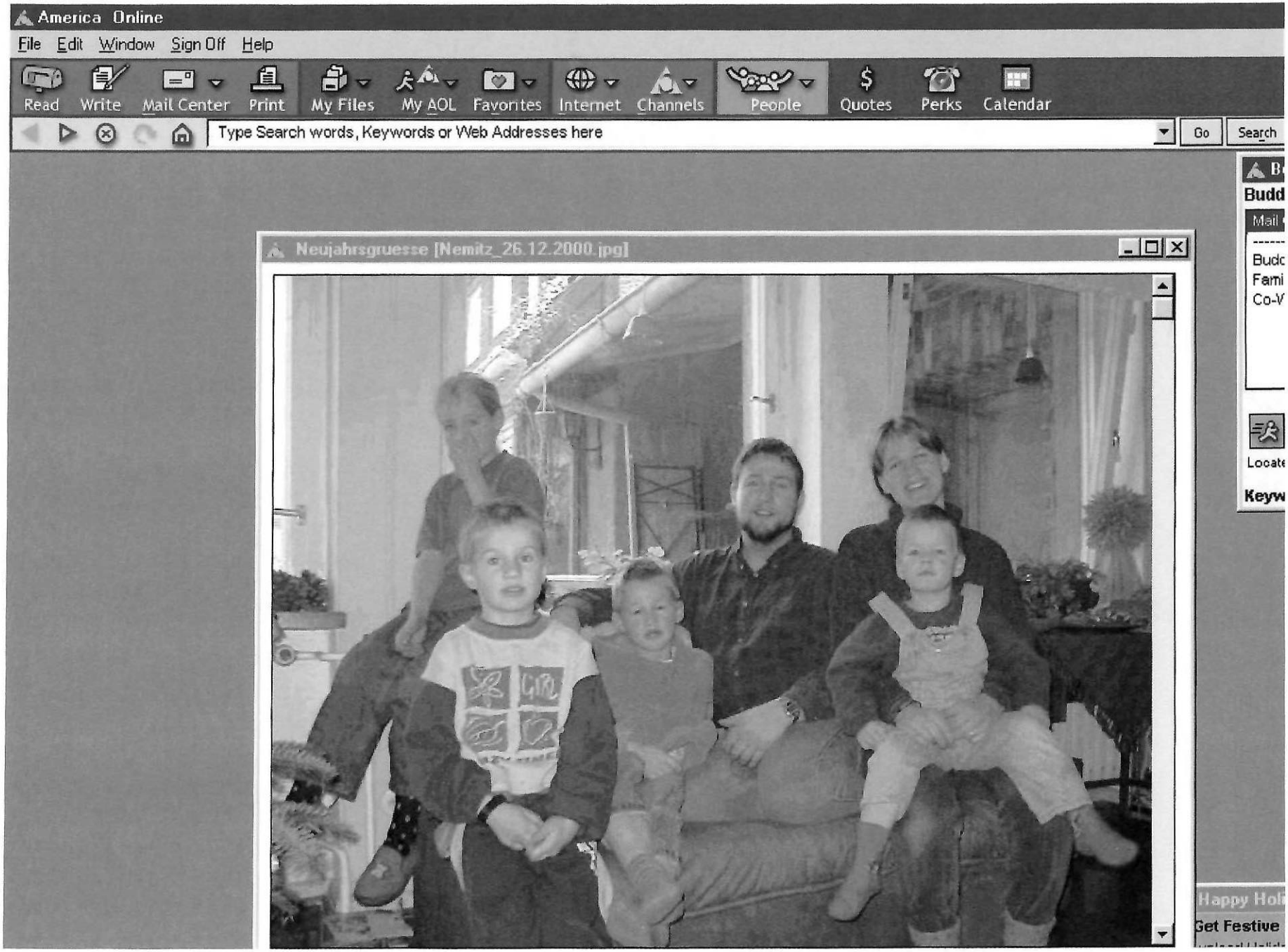
thank you all for the Christmas cards and wishes which reached us this year. We wish everyone a happy new year as well. We are very thankful for the family reunion in Seattle and enjoyed meeting relatives far over the ocean with the same family name. Thank you to everyone who made this happen. ← Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000

Attached is a family picture of the 26th of December with my wife Ellen and our four children Anna (9), Paul Friedrich (6), Johannes (8), and Christopher (4).

Should anyone of you plan to visit Germany we would like to welcome you in our house.

Take care and God bless,

Your German Cousin Christoph and family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Get Festive

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To: Christoph.Nemitz@t-online.de

Hi, Chriistoph,

Thank you for your message and especially for the lovely picture. Very glad to have them.

David

David and Janice Nemitz

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[Oct. 12, 1987]

N134
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Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I'm writing to you in regards to the Nemitz family history. My husband's great grandfather was Ernest Nemitz, a brother to William Nemitz, who I believe is (or was) your grandfather.

I got this information, and your name from my husband's (Dave) aunt, Amelia (Mrs. Adolf) Nemitz. I had started collecting what information I could since we were married in 1977. I guess I'm always interested in family records.

I had Dave's Great Grandparents listed as Ernest Nemitz & wife Minnie. Do you know who Ernest & William's parents are? (where from, dates, etc.) Also Minnie's maiden name was Knuth } + her parents information?

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)
Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

Amelia Emma Bockelmann (b. 1900)
Adolph Johann Otto Nemitz (b. 1899)

Wilhelmina/Wilhelmine Knuth (b. 1841)

My husband's (Dave) parents are both deceased. Dave's Dad was Fred C. Nemitz son of Fred W. Nemitz. Dave is the youngest of 8. 7 of which live right around Denison, Iowa.

We have 3 children. Dave works on the street department for the city. He was born in 1956.

We would really appreciate a reply from you. We're hoping this address will get to you. Thank you for any information, and let us know about yourself too.

Sincerely,
Janice (Mrs. David Nemitz)

1016 3rd Ave S.
Denison, Iowa 51442

"Fred C." = Friedrich Carl August Nemitz (b. 1913)

"Fred W." = Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst Nemitz (b. 1874)

Janice Carstensen (b. 1953)

N135
Log 1028

[Oct. 17, 1987]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
October 17, 1987

N135
Log 1028

Dear Janice, (Mrs. David Nemitz)

I was delighted to get your recent letter, and I'm writing to let you know it arrived safely. However, I can't take time right now to answer as I should, because I am so heavily involved in some other things.

Yes, I do have a great deal of information about your husband's family, and I'll send you some of it as soon as I can, so you can compare it with your information. Right now I shall merely tell you the most exciting news of all. Just this year I did get the names of your husband's great-great-grandparents. They were Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz. All I can say now is that Henriette came to this country, and I saw

Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz (b. 1810)
Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

her grave this summer near Bay City, Michigan. More about that later.

Thank you for writing. I'm always happy to find others in the family who are interested in family history. Give my greetings also to your husband.

Sincerely,

David Witheridge

N139
Log 1032

[Nov. 16, 1987]

Nov. 16, '87

N139
Log 1032

Dear David,

I'm so sorry that it took so long to return a letter to you. I was so tickled when I got your letter, and that I knew my letter had reached you. Thank you for answering so quickly.

Dave & I would like to know about you & your family also. There is no hurry with the Nemitz family history, at least now I know someone who I can get some information from. With the holiday seasons coming everyone is busy.

I was excited too to find out the names of Dave's great-great-grandparents. How wonderful! And then to find the grave too.

I wanted to write to thank you for your letter, but also to tell about ~~mine~~ my family. Dave & I were married 10 years on Nov. 12. We've lived in Denison the whole time. We have three kids - Alan 9, Kelly almost 7, and Leann 4. They go to Zion Lutheran School here in Denison. There are about 100 students in the school, K-8th grade. Alan & Kelly really

like it. I like a smaller school and the Christian learning sure can't hurt a person. I volunteer once a week to work in the school library. Our congregation is working on a new school. We hope it will go through.

I've started teaching Sunday School this fall. It is definitely a new experience, but I feel like I'm getting along fine with it. I have a great bunch of kids - 1st graders.

Esther Dethlefs (b. 1912)

Dave's family has been busy this summer. After loosing Dave's Mom in July, they needed to sort through & divide up her things. They did get her house sold & finalized. Seems it makes things so final. Mom had cancer of the liver, so she did her share of suffering. It was a blessing the Lord took her.

Dave is the youngest of his family. Dave is 31, born Feb. 27, 1956. And then they range up to Dorothy who is 52.

Well I better close. Thank you again for your letter. It sure made my day!

Hoping you & your family a Happy Thanksgiving - Janice

[Mar. 16, 1990]

1804 2nd Ave. S., Denison, IA 51442

March 16, 1990

Dear Janice + David, Nemitz

You will be surprised to receive this letter from me after over two years of silence. When you see the material I am sending, you will understand why I kept putting it off in favor of some more pressing business. I'm glad that I can finally send this to you.

I'll start by telling a little about our family. My father was William A. Witheridge and my mother was Edith S. Nemitz, the daughter of William (Wilhelm) Nemitz, a brother of David's great-grandfather Ernst. Thus, I am a second cousin of David's father, David is third cousin of our sons, and your children are fourth cousins of our granddaughter.

Emerson School, Saginaw, Michigan

My wife Elizabeth (Plumb) and I grew up in the same Baptist church in Saginaw, Mich., though I had been born in Bay City (Aug. 15, 1914). She became a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw (in the same school we both had attended), and I became a heating and ventilating engineer working with my father, a manufacturer's representative in Saginaw. After four years of engineering, I decided to enter the ministry and attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Just before my senior year there, Elizabeth and I were married (Sept. 5, 1941), and she joined me at the seminary, taking several Old and New Testament courses during that year.

Then we spent six years in Chicago where I was assistant minister of Hyde Park Baptist Church while working on a graduate degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After 2½ years as pastor of a Baptist Church in Morango, Ill., I was called to be the executive director of the Twin Cities Minneapolis Council of Churches, where I stayed for 29 years until my retirement at the end of 1979.

We have two sons. Jim (43) is not married, and he lives not far from us in Minneapolis, so we see him frequently.

Tom (42) lives in Chicago, and he and his wife Virginia have a most charming little daughter Rebecca, 1½ years old. We'll be going down to see them over the weekend of April 1st. I've enclosed a picture of Elizabeth and me, and we'd love to have you send one or more of your family when you can. There is also a picture of Henriette Nemitz's gravestone, but you may need a magnifying glass to read it!

I'm delighted to know that you're interested in family history, Janice, and I'll be glad to help in any way I can, though I may be slow in responding from time to time! The enclosed sheets should help you in the process, and I'd suggest that you get a few books on genealogy through your public library. By studying my records you'll see that I'm a stickler for keeping accurate information about the source of every item. I didn't do this at first, and I was very sorry later.

You will notice that I make a family record sheet for every married couple and their children. I'm enclosing those for David and all his ancestors in the line back to Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz. I hope you will go through these as you have the time and make any additions and corrections you know about (keeping track of your sources of information). You will especially know full names, dates, and places for your own close relatives. Then some day in the future you can send me photocopies of your corrected sheets for my records.

I'm also enclosing two ancestral charts for you to fill in — one for each of you. Together they will represent the ancestry of your children as far as you know it. Your children and grandchildren will be very grateful to you for compiling this information.

Now I will close and wish you the best of luck in your further searching. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Yours very sincerely,

David

[This chart was made by DEW.] [Mar. 16, 1990]

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. _____

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl. - place

2 Friedrich Carl August NEMITZ
b. July 12, 1913
pl. Hanover Twp, Crawford Co, Iowa
m. Nov. __, 1934
pl. Elk Point, So. Dak.
d. Nov. 18, 1975
pl. Denison, Iowa

ANCESTORS OF

1 David NEMITZ
b. Feb. 27, 1956
pl.
m. Nov. 12, 1977
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse:
Janice _____

3 Esther DETHLEFS
b.
pl.
d. July __, 1987
pl.

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No.____ on Chart No._____

Print or type all information.
Use reverse side for sources and additional data. 8/63

4 Friedrich Wilhelm E. NEMITZ
b. Mar. 27, 1874
pl. Chicago, Ill.
m. Oct. 13, 1897
pl. Hanover Twp.
d. Nov. 21, 1945
pl. Sioux City, Iowa

5 Emma HUEBNER
b. Nov. 3, 1877
pl. Hanover Twp.
d. Sept. 7, 1965
pl. Denison

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b.
pl.
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pl.
d.
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7
b.
pl.
d.
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8 Ernst NEMITZ
b. Dec. 1, 1848
pl. Germany
m.
pl.
d. Apr. 20, 1901 pl. Hanover Twp.

9 Wilhelmina KNUTH
b. Dec. 26, 1841
pl. Germany
d. Nov. 17, 1899
pl. Hanover Twp.

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pl. pl.

16 Heinrich NEMITZ
b. pl. Germany
m. d.

17 Henriette _____
b. Nov. 22, 1888 d. Beaver Twp, Bay Co, Mich.
pl.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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Dear David & Elizabeth,

I want to "thank you" first off for your nice letter and all the family information. I can see by your records, David, that you really are "into" this and have great facts! I really appreciated getting it and also I'm sorry that I'm so slow to answer, I always wanted to fill out the sheets and before I know it the summer is almost over. So enclosed is photo-copies of what I knew to help your records. Also a picture of Dave & myself, and our three children.

IOWA • IOWA • IOWA

Your letter was very interesting. I'll try to write about our family for you to enjoy also.

Dave's (as I call David) family are all around Denison, except for his one brother Robert who lives in Nebr. Fred and Donald both work for the utility Dept. here in Denison. And Dave is going on 14 yrs. of working for the Street Dept.

I was raised on a farm, and so guess I'm still a ~~[illegible]~~ country person at heart. After high school I worked at an insurance office in Schlesing, and worked there until our 1st born came into our lives, then I became full-time mom. This fall I will be starting my 3rd year as an aide at our school. So I can still be with

the kids after school & vacation times. Really love my job.

Our kids go to Zion Lutheran School here in Denison, which is where I work also. We are in the process of building a new school, and it is very exciting! They are thinking of Sept. or Oct. as when we can move in. Our school goes up through the 8th grade. Alan will be in 6th, Kelly will be in 4th, and Leann in 1st.

My mom & Dad are still both living. My Dad was 81 just in July, he was born in Germany & came over with his family as a young boy. My mom was raised around Schleswig. They still live on a farm north of Schleswig, but Ida Grove address. And they are in pretty good health. They rent their land

land

out, but still have chickens, turkeys & geese. So our kids & us enjoy going out to the farm whenever we can.

We moved to a different house Dec. 1987. It's a big, two story older home, but we love it. Dave painted & caulked windows the first year. Last year he shingled. This year he is doing all these little odd jobs that need fixing. Our new address is: 1804 2nd Ave S. Denison, IA 51442

This summer we went on a family vacation to the Black Hills. We all really enjoyed it.

I filled in the genealogic charts for Dave & myself. I got pretty far as I knew some of the names of great, great grandparents. So it will be a quick reference sheet.

Thank-you so much for sending them.

It was so funny when I started calling Dave's family as where they were born. I figured all in Denison, but no— Dorothy + Fred weren't. Then came the marriages and where. A person learns alot when they ask questions! HA! As you can see Fred's wife was married before and Fred ~~are~~ is her 4th marriage. So far they have a good marriage, and she is a good person.

Guess sometimes it just takes time to find the right one. (Not that I'm for divorce), but like we say as long as she is a good person now & her & Fred can be happy.

Amelia Nemitz celebrated her 90th birthday this year with an open house. It was real nice. She is such a sweet person. I just love visiting with her as she knows so much family - names & dates, and who belongs to who.

Dave don't know alot of his cousins, but at Amelia's birthday he was talking to the ones she knew. They would like to get a family picnic going once on the Nemitz side, but didn't know if it could be arranged this year anymore.

There was estate problems with Dave's Dad & his brothers, but Dave says why should us kids carry a grudge with their kids. He'd really like to get to know them. It's too bad when those little things happen & they keep getting bigger & bigger, and so many families are that way. I think there is too much jealousy in the world.

My cousin is coming in Sept. from Germany. My Dad's sister came to America but went back to Germany to live, so her son is now coming for his 3rd visit. We are all looking forward to his & his wife's visit. I can understand German & talk some low German, so always hope I can talk with them, but seems my words just

don't come out right always! HA!
My family talks low German alot yet.
Dave's catching on to some, so we
always kid him that we can't
talk about him anymore! HA! HA!

Well, I better close. Thank-you
again so much for all your help
& all the copies. I'm sending copies
of any of the ones where I've added
things to.

Maybe someday we can
talk in person, but until that
time - please keep in touch.

God's Blessings to you
& your family -

Janice
& Dave

David Alan Nemitz
& wife Janice (Carstensen)

David is the son of
Fred & Esther Nemitz

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Alan - Aug. 30, 1978

Kelly - Nov. 23, 1980

Leann - June 30, 1983

Children of
David & Janice
Nemitz

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OVER CRAWFORD COUNTY

BULLETIN SCRIBES PICK UP ALL THE NEWS IN THE COUNTY.

CHARTER OAK.

Mrs. Jo. Mills and daughter came over from Denison Tuesday.

Landlord Hinrichsen is fixing up his hotel with paper and paint.

F. W. Loomis went to Chicago last Saturday on a goods buying trip.

The Bulletin editor was in Charter Oak Tuesday gathering news for this issue.

Dr. MacWilliams went to Chicago Sunday for the purpose of studying up the latest methods in surgery, etc.

A canvasser for the Grand Army Advocate was here Saturday interviewing our old soldiers, of whom we have but seven left.

Fred Roberts moved into the property he bought of E. Glas Tuesday. W. R. Johns, the barber, moved into the Pete Thompson property which Roberts vacated.

The county bridge builder, Herman Grill, and Supervisor Wm. Flaherty were in Charter Oak Tuesday, after a trip through the country near here looking after bridges.

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The Charter Oak Gun Club is a new organization which promises to make lots of sport and recreation for its members this summer. C. E. Hiett is president, W. F. Miller, secretary, and the following members: L. J. Cooper, H. F. Arff, W. W. Topf, W. T. Mains, M. Copps, J. J. McWilliams, Dr. Waterhouse, P. D. McMahon, Emil Schurke, D. Bornholdt, A. F. Kadoch, R. Vollertsen, H. Hoeffer, H. C. Hinrichsen, Franz Bietz, Ed. Wood. The club will shoot every wednesday afternoon on the grounds west of town, which will be fitted for the convenience of the club.

The Bulletin has arranged with Mr. Edw. Glas of Charter Oak to represent the paper as its regular correspondent. He will try to dish up a good mess of news each week for our readers, and so that Charter Oak as a town is well placed before the public through the columns of The Bulletin. There are now several hundred readers of The Bulletin in and near Charter Oak, and they deserve the best service possible, and that it is intended they shall have at all times. It is requested that all friends of the paper make it a point to give Mr. Glas the news they know, and thus help to have the town creditably represented. Nobody can give the news if they do not know it, and Mr. Glas will be glad to note what you tell him.

People in the community six miles northwest of Charter Oak were grieved [illegible] of the death of Mr.

BUCK GROVE.

Edna Kellogg of Logan is visiting with her friend, Ethel Williams.

Mr. Conver has returned from his visit home.

The Misses Kellogg and Williams visited in Denison and Defiance several days the past week.

Mr. McBride, residing south of town, lost a child about four years old in a very distressing manner last Friday. The little one was playing on a straw stack and is getting down its clothing caught on a nail in such a way that it hung itself and was dead when found by the grief-stricken parents. The funeral was held at Defiance last Sunday. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The Buck Grove school commenced Monday with Ethel Williams as teacher.

E. Tranter has been quite sick with tonsilitis.

Mrs. Green visited Denison on Saturday, she had a pleasant visit with the dentist, getting teeth pulled.

The League at the M. E. church Sunday evenings has been discontinued for the present.

Don't forget that you can now buy wall paper in your own town. Go to Bonney's and look at it anyway before buying elsewhere. It is pretty and cheap, too.

Mrs. O'Meara, who has been visiting her son James for several weeks, returned to her home near Defiance Saturday.

Mrs. Mellon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. O'Meara, for a few days.

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VAIL.

Hazel Mahan enjoyed a visit last week from her friends, the Misses Beeste and Regina Doherty, of Dunlap.

Mrs. Dr. Wright of Denison visited Vail friends last Friday.

Joe Cranny of Manilla visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Williamson returned Tuesday from an extended stay with her daughters in Montana.

E. T. Kvan is in Chicago this week buying goods.

Jim Epperson of Carroll was a Vailite Tuesday.

Thirteen car loads of stock was the Sunday shipment from Vail.

The bazaar Friday night in the opera house, given by the ladies of the Episcopal church, was a success in every respect.

May 1st and 2nd are the dates for the home talent play—Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde—for the benefit of the M. W. A. and Royal Neighbors. The seats have been selling quite rapidly and the house should be a good one. Every one should attend.

"Have you any doubts remaining?" said Mrs. Jones. "No Martha, I have not. I took Rock's Mountain Tea last [illegible]

THE DELOIT NEWS.

Dr. Walter Cook, Editor.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES AT DELOIT

C. & N.W. Railway.

GOING WEST.

No 41	1 18 p m
No 45	8 50 p m
No 49	5 05 p m

GOING EAST.

No 42	11 [illegible] a m
No 44	7 10 p m
No 48	[illegible]

Illinois Central Railway.

GOING EAST.

No 1 C. & M. St. P. Limited	9 [illegible] a m
No 5 Chicago Express	1 [illegible] a m
No 10 U. S. F. Chicago	2 [illegible] p m
No 12 St. Louis Accommodation	7 [illegible] p m
No 61 Local Freight	1 [illegible] p m

GOING WEST.

No 2 Omaha Limited	9 [illegible] a m
No 4 Omaha Express	1 [illegible] a m
No 6 St. P. Omaha Express	7 [illegible] p m
No 11 Council Bluffs Accommodation	8 [illegible] a m
No 63 Local Freight	1 [illegible] p m

DELOIT MARKETS.

Wheat	[illegible]
Corn	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]
Rye	[illegible]
Barley	[illegible]
Hogs	[illegible]

Sheriff Bell was in town Thursday.

Jess McAbee of Denison was in Deloit Saturday.

A. J. Mason made a trip to Sioux City the first of the week.

E. L. Johnson is in Denison on the grand jury this week.

N. L. Hunt and Frank Platt were up from Denison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller went to Lake City Monday evening.

Clara Johnson of near Kiron was in town Monday on her way to Denison.

Rev. S. C. Olds will give an elocutionary entertainment at Boyer Friday evening, May 3.

Mr. Gebert was in Deloit almost every day last week assisting in stocking up the new store.

Hugo Hartbun and Miss Barnhardt of Denison accompanied Miss Webster to Deloit Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Mike Copps and Tommy Copper of Charter Oak came last week for a few days' visit with their father, Thos. Hopper.

A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of C. J. Newcom last Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Newcom's birthday.

John Wieland of Denison was in Deloit last Thursday. He had been around to Boyer, Kiron and Schleswig advertising the new store recently opened up in Deloit.

Fred Cauron and family moved into the house formerly occupied by John Moor last Monday. He has also rented the blacksmith shop and is now ready for business in that line.

A surprise party was given at the home of S. C. Hagen last Saturday evening to celebrate Mr. Hagen's birthday. About a score of relatives and friends gathered there and had a very enjoyable time.

The M. E. young people in the vicinity of Elk and Boyer will give a supper at the store building at Elk Thursday evening, April [illegible]. The proceeds will be used to purchase a bell for the church at Boyer.

Grace Gertrude Webster gave an other recital at the L. D. S. church Wednesday evening. A fair sized audience was present. The selections were well chosen and were rendered with the skill of a master. All present were highly pleased with the entertainment.

Farm work is progressing rapidly the last few days. Most of the small grain is in and the farmers are now getting the corn ground ready. Everything is considerably behind the average for this time of year, but the past few days have been ideal ones for spring work and the farmers are making the best of it.

A. W. Lanningham of Red Oak made an address at each of the churches in Deloit Sunday morning and at the Boyer church in the afternoon. He preached at the regular services at Boyer in the evening. Mr. Lanningham is working in the interest of the Iowa Children's Home Finding association, having several counties in Western Iowa as his district.

The W. C. T. U. of Deloit will give a box supper in Hunt's hall next Tuesday evening as noted in these columns last week. The following program has also been prepared for the occasion:

Instrumental music—Mrs. Phillips
Song—"A Home in Heaven"
Recitation—Mary Chaney
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Song—"White Ribbon Greetings"
Journal Greetings—Mrs. Dorland
Select Reading—Mrs. J. E. Phillips
Song—"A Place in the Ranks for Me"
Press Notes—Mrs. Alma Prentice
Recitation—Bessie Crouch
Song—"Speak a Kind Word"
Recitation—Eleanor Campbell
Solo—"Launch the Life Boat"—Mrs. C. Phillips
Recitation—Mary Chaney
Recitation—Mary Chaney
Song—"Carrie Nation's Song"
Recitation—Rev. S. C. Olds
Song—"Iowa"

[illegible] handle all kinds of building material, wire fencing, coal, etc. [illegible]

Nye & Schneider Co. handles Fall Goods for exchange and sale, which is giving universal satisfaction.

Northern Wisconsin Railway Farm Lands For Sale.

The North Western Line has for sale in northern Wisconsin at low prices and easy terms of payment, about thirty acres of choice farm lands.

Early buyers will secure the advantage of locations on the many beautiful streams and lakes, which abound with fish and furnish a never ending and inexpensive water supply, both for family use and for stock.

Land is generally well timbered, the soil fertile and easy of cultivation, and this is rapidly becoming the range of the greatest dairy and creamery region in the Northwest.

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior, Ashland and other points on the North Western Lines furnish good markets for crops and farm products. For further particulars address [illegible] Land Agent, Chicago & North Western R'y, St. Paul, Minn. [illegible]

CHAS. FLINT.

HAIL and DWELLING INSURANCE

REAL ESTATE.

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname Nemitz Family No. JPW20-51

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Friedrich (a) Wilhelm (c) E. [Ernst?] (h) Nemitz (c)

Father's Name: Ernst Nemitz (e)

Mother's Maiden Name: Wilhelmina Knuth (a)(b)

	Date	Place
Birth	Mar. 27, 1874	Chicago, Ill. (c)2
Marriage	Oct. 13, 1897	Hanover Twp. (a)
Death	Nov. 21, 1945 (c)	Sioux City, Iowa (h)

Other Places of Residence: Soldier Twp, Iowa, 1897-99 (c)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Emma Huebner (a)'

Father's Name: Dan Huebner (g)

Mother's Maiden Name: Maria Ketter (g)

	Date	Place
Birth	Nov. 3, 1877	Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa (g)
Death	Sept. 7, 1965	Denison, Iowa (i)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Otto Ernst August (d)	Birth July 21, 1898 (d)	Hanover Twp. (e)
	Married to Lillie Johanna Pirwitz (f)	Marriage Aug. 5, 1923	Charter Oak, Iowa (k)
		Death Dec. 24, 1983 (K)	
2	Adolph Johann Otto (d)	Birth Nov. 21, 1899 (d)	Hanover Twp. (e)
	Married to Amelia Emma Bockelmann (j)	Marriage Mar. 18, 1928	Charter Oak, Iowa (j)
		Death 1978 (K)	
3	August Heinrich Daniel (d)	Birth July 1, 1902 (d)	Hanover Twp. (e)
	Married to Edna Neddermeyer (j)	Marriage Mar. 25, 1928	Charter Oak (d)
		Death May 1, 1989	Denison, Crawford Hts, Iowa (K)
4	Edward Friedrich Wilhelm (d)	Birth May 3, 1907 (d)	Hanover Twp. (e)
	Married to ———	Marriage ———	
		Death Nov. 21, 1924	Hanover Twp. (d)
5	Friedrich Carl August (d)	Birth July 12, 1913 (d)	Hanover Twp. (e)
	Married to Esther Dethlefs (j)	Marriage Nov. 1934	Elk Point, So. Dak. (j)
		Death Nov. 18, 1975	Denison, Iowa (K) Crawford Hts Cemetary
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	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
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8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
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	Married to	Marriage	
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10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	

(a) "St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa, 1877-1947"

(b) Obit. of Emma Rothe, Denison (Iowa) Bulletin, 1953

(c) Obit. of Fredrick William Nemitz in Denison paper

(d) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp.

(e) Inf. from Amanda Rabe

(f) Obit. of Lillie Nemitz in Denison paper

(g) Article on Emma Huebner Nemitz in Denison Review, Nov. 1, 1960

(h) Mem. folder of Fredrich W.E. Nemitz

(i) Mem. folder of Mrs. Emma Nemitz

(j) Inf. from Amelia Nemitz

(k) Inf. from Janice Nemitz

1 - Not related to three Huebner sisters who married Schultzes (k)

2 - Baptised in Luth. church by Rev. Wunder of Chicago (c)

[This record is by DEW, as amended in 1990 by Janice Carstensen.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname Nemitz Family No. JPW20-515

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Friedrich Carl August Nemitz (a)

Father's Name: Friedrich (a) Wilhelm (d) E. (e) Nemitz (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Emma Huebner (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	July 12, 1913 (a)	Hanover Twp, Crawford Co, Iowa (c)
Marriage	Nov. 1934	Elk Point, So. Dak. (b)
Death	Nov. 18, 1975	Denison, Iowa (f)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives: None

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Esther Dethlefs (b)

Father's Name: Henry Dethlefs (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Waderich (b)

	Date	Place
Birth	January 28, 1912 (h)	
Death	July 8, 1987 (g)	Denison, IA (h)

Other Places of Residence: Castana, Iowa (f)

Other Husbands: None

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Dorothy (b)	Birth c. 1935 (g)	Soldier, Iowa (h)
	Married to Earl Dozler (b)	Marriage Febr. 1, 1954 (h)	Denison, Crawford IA (h)
		Death	
2	Frederick (b)	Birth July 31, 1936 (h)	Ute, Iowa
	Married to Elsie Lininger (b) (2)	Marriage July 10, 1959	2nd marriage - Geraldine Suntken (3) January 5, 1980 (h)
		Death	
3	Carolyn (b)	Birth Dec. 20, 1938 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
	Married to Richard Lorenzen (b)	Marriage Nov. 10, 1957 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
		Death	
4	Robert (b)	Birth July 7, 1942 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
	Married to Ruby Aschinger (b)	Marriage Aug. 4, 1965 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
		Death	
5	Donald (b)	Birth Dec. 21, 1946 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
	Married to Sandra Younie	Marriage Nov. 26, 1969 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
		Death	
6	Barbara (b)	Birth Aug. 22, 1950 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
	Married to Donald Kahl (h)	Marriage March 4, 1969 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
		Death	
7	Mary Ann (b)	Birth August 17, 1948 (h)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
	Married to Ronald N. Zeimen (b)	Marriage Oct. 4, 1969 (b)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
		Death	
8	David (b)	Birth Feb. 27, 1956 (g)	Denison, Crawford, Iowa (h)
	Married to Janice Carstensen (g)	Marriage Nov. 12, 1977 (g)	Schleswig, Iowa (h)
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

See notes on next page →

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(a) Church Record Bk., St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa

(b) Inf. from Amelia Nemitz

(c) Inf. from Amanda Rabe

(d) Obit. of Fredrich William Nemitz in Denison paper

(e) Mem. folder of Fredrich W. E. Nemitz

(f) Newspaper clipping

(g) Inf. from Janice Nemitz; Doc. N134-Log 1027; Doc. N139-Log 1032

(h) Inf. from Janice Nemitz; Aug. 1990

Added by Janice Carstensen

1- Employed by city street department, Denison, Iowa, 1987 (g)

2- Elsie died Oct. 22, 1975

3- Geraldine Suntken (Rosenow) (Blair) ~~[illegible]~~ (Young) Nemitz
Her 4th marriage was to Fred Nemitz

[This record is by DEW, as amended in 1990 by Janice Carstensen.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. JPW20-5158

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

David NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name: Friedrich Carl August NEMITZ (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Esther DETHLEFS (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	Feb. 27, 1956 (c)	Denison, Crawford, IA. (d)
Marriage	Nov. 12, 1977 (c)	
Death		

Other Places of Residence: Denison, Iowa (c)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Janice Carstensen (c) (d)

Father's Name: Friedrich Broder Carstensen (d)

Mother's Maiden Name: Elsie Irine Petersen (d)

	Date	Place
Birth	Oct. 18, 1953	Ida Grove, Ida Co, Iowa (d)
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Alan (c)	Aug. 30, 1978	
	Married to	Birth c. 1978 (c)	Denison, Crawford, IA. (d)
		Marriage	
		Death	
2	Kelly (c)	Nov. 23, 1980	
	Married to	Birth c. 1980 (c)	Denison, Crawford, IA. (d)
		Marriage	
		Death	
3	Leann (c)	June 30, 1983	
	Married to	Birth c. 1983 (c)	Denison, Crawford, IA (d)
		Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	See notes on next page →
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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(a) Inf. from Amelia Nemitz
(b) Church Record Book, St. Paul's Luth. Ch., Hanover Twp., Crawford Co., Iowa
(c) Inf. from Janice Nemitz; Doc. N134-Log 1027; Doc. N139-Log 1032
(d) Inf. from Janice Nemitz. Aug. 1990

[Feb. 4, 1991]

February 4, 1991

Dear Janice & Dave,

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosures that came last August. We especially loved the pictures of you two and your children. It came at a time when we were getting ready for a visit by our Chicago family — Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca. And then I wanted to wait until I had gone through all the material to integrate it into my records, but I never got around to doing that until a few days ago.

We were glad to read all about your family and your interesting backgrounds and current activities. It's good that you're getting the records of your family history and Dave's written down.

It must have been fun to have your cousin come from Germany in September and to be able to talk about all the changes taking place there. How I would love to be in touch with some of the Nowitz relatives in Germany. The part of Germany they lived in was taken over by Poland after the war, and for several years I tried to find out what happened to them but with no success. Maybe now that the Cold War has warmed up, we'll be able to find the old records and have access to them.

See next document

* I don't know if Amelia is well and alert, but if so, perhaps the next time you see her you might ask if she remembers whether any of her husband's relatives ever wrote to anyone in Germany or visited Germany or had visitors from there. One of my mother's cousins in Bay City, Michigan, visited cousins in Stolp just before World War I, but lost contact after that. She was an unmarried lady, and nobody knows what happened to her papers after she died.

Have a good year!

Love,

David & Elizabeth

* Amelia Emma Bockelmann (b. 1900)

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [Apr. 11, 1997]

(712) 263-6250

Telephone call to David & Janice Namitz - 4/11/97

Hope everyone well in your family.

Some amazing news. Have found a cousin of ours in Germany, & he is coming over here in June. Will be in Milwaukee & I'm going to meet him. I'm trying to find someone in Zona Namitz family who will go, too.

Have seven other relatives from Michigan and Wisconsin who are going, but nobody yet from the Iowa branch. I'd like your help in trying to find someone.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b.1934)

His name is Dr. Friedrich Namitz & he's a dentist. David is his third cousin. Your great-grandfather and his great-grandfather were brothers, Etc.

He gets to Milwaukee on Thursday, June 26, and flies back to Germany on Monday, June 30. I'm trying to get people to be there, especially on Saturday, June 28, so we'll have time to talk to him and to other Namitz relatives, many of whom we haven't met before. It will be a sort of mini Namitz reunion.

Do you think you'd be interested in going?

Would you be willing to help me find others who might go?

Do you know any relatives who live in Wisconsin or Illinois?

I've already written to Le Roy & Elaine Namitz and talked to them on the phone.

I'm also going to call Eva Lee Kuhlmann to see if I can get her help.

DEW's conclusion

can't go that weekend because of a high school event their son Alan is involved in. He is a senior this year. David has been with the Street Dept. 20 years and is now Commissioner, the top job.

Dieter Nemitz

documents

[Aug. 9, 1998]

Dieter und Hilde Nemitz
Hochwalder Str. 67

47661 Issum
Germany

Issum, August the 9 th 1998

Dear David,

We wish you a happy 83rd birthday and many happy returns of the day with a full life in this world and God's benediction. Therefore we are gratefully looking back towards those wonderful days which we were able to spend together with thatconsiderable amount of relatives in Minneapolis. The exchange of our ideas could have been more intensive when the language communication had been even better. It was the first time we were so far away from our home. This journey caused our Horizon of beautiful perceptions to widen enormousby.

Dear David, you stood up so intensively for our arrangement and you took all the trouble. Many thanks for your selfless commitment for the 4 Germans and all the other relatives being rendy to join the meeting.

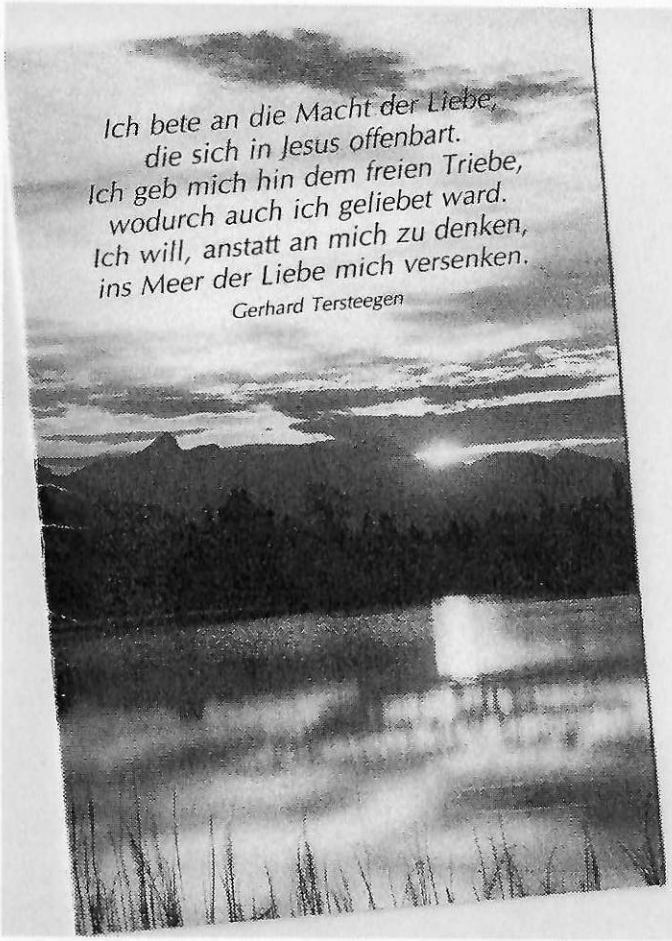
We were moved by your lovely welcome at the airport and your well organczed boarding at the Regency Plaza hotel. We were delighted by the remarkable sight seeing tours and especially by our common visit of the amusement park with the under Water world and the boat trip on the Missisippi. Moreover we enjoyed very much the meeting in your house having a marvellous dinner having been prepared by jour sons Thomas and James and your little granddaughter Rebecca. And we were also fancy about the well organized dinners in different restaurants. Moreover, we also thank you for your beautiful gifts which have got a fix place reminding us permanently of the nice days in Minneapolis. In addition to that we were deeply impressed by the beneficial church attendance in the Community Church. We were able to understand a lot of the text for the sermon since. We knew the Passages from the Bible quite well.The musik played by the Organ and the trompets and the lovely religious hymus and chants did us good, too.

Your preacher thanked us in writing for our church attendance. I myself had been a trumpeter for my Lord Jesus for several decades and I am still trying to play a part in our Bible study of the Protestant parish with the small power given to meby our Lord. For 8 jears I had also been a Presbyterian.
The addet card greetings with a thought of Gerhard Tersteegen is meant to encourage us also to stick to the Gospel up to the end. Our Lord might give us as a present to meet our relatives again quite soon.
My dear cousin Friedrich Nemitz suggested a further meeting near his home in Greifswald/Vorpommern. I would do my very best to support him durung the preparations.
Please, give our best regards to our brothers in faith and to our relatives. Very affectionately, Dieter u. Hilde

Peter Nemitz

This letter was translated by Peter Nemitz who is the jonugest son of Dieter and Hilde. Due to the lack of praktical application of the English language we ask you to excuse our language mistakes and stilted phrases. Hopefully you feel able to cutch the gist of this letter.

Familie
Hans-Dieter Nemitz
Hochwalder Str. 67
47661 Issum
Germany



[The Aug. 9 letter (above) was enclosed in this card.]

Herzlichen Glückwunsch
und Gottes Segen
zum Geburtstag

I pray to the power of love,
revealing by the Lord Jesus,
I give myself to the free desire
by which I also had been loved,
I wish, instead of thinking about
myself, to sink myself into the
sea of love.

Gerhard Tersteegen

[Sept. 23, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
September 23, 1998

Herr Dieter u. Frau Hilde Nemitz
Hochwalderstr. 67
47661 Issum
Germany

Dear Dieter and Hilde,

Peter as translator

Thank you very much for your lovely birthday card and for your kind letter. I was greatly impressed by Peter's translation. It was very good English. I am not translating this into German, because I know he will do that very well.

I, too, look back on the days of your visit here with great pleasure. It was wonderful to meet you two and Renate and to see Friedrich again. It's good to know I have such fine relatives in Germany and to find them after such a long separation of our families. I especially appreciate the fact that you are all deeply involved in the church.

It was also a pleasure to bring together at the same time so many other American descendants of the Nemitz family, many of whom had never met before. We all had a very good time.

Friedrich told me about his desire to bring together a number of relatives in Germany, perhaps next year. That is a good suggestion, and I hope a few of the relatives in America will be able to go, but the cost and time involved will be a problem. I know I will not be going, because at my age (84) for many reasons I no longer want to travel.

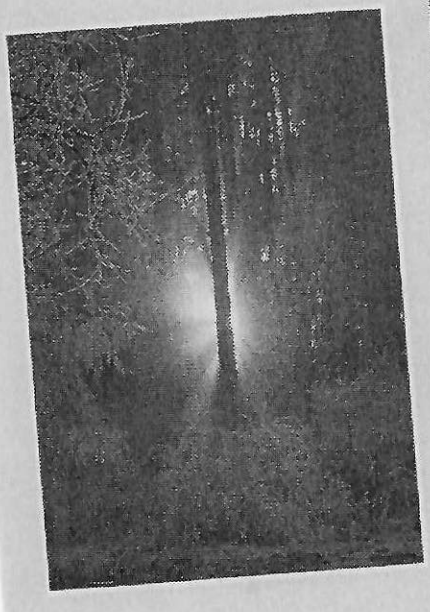
I am enclosing a number of pictures to remind you of some of the good times you had in Minneapolis. Thank you for coming. I hope you are both continuing in good health.

Very affectionately,

David

Dieter 092398

[Dec. 7, 1998]



Die Gnade Gottes
wurde durch das Erscheinen
unseres Retters Christus Jesus
offenbart.
2 Tim 1,9–10

Dear David and family,

Frohe Weihnachten
und alles Gute im neuen Jahr

Christmas Greetings
and best wishes for the
coming year.
Our kindest regard to you
from the both Germans
of Essen

Dieter and Hilde

[Dec. 7, 1998]

Essen, December 7. 1998

Dear David,

We thank you very much for your kind letter from September 98. we know ourselves deeply connected by this meeting with nice relatives of the same origin and we are still living on the joy of these encounters.

The enclosed tablecloth is a thank and to remind you of us for your care during our meeting in Minneapolis.
My dear Hilde has embroidered it by herself. She has been busy for a woman circle in our Protestant Church working for charity pourposes.

We are all living in a period which is full of turbulences getting us down. We are grateful to know that we feel safe in the Lord.
Friedrich, Renate, Hilde and Dieter, we are not alone Cousins, We are also brothers in our Lord Christus Jesus.

Now we hope you are continuing in good health.

Dieter and Hilde

[Jan. 19, 1999]

January 19, 1999

Dear Dieter and Hilde,

As we say in America, "It's a small world." Just before Christmas I got the enclosed letter from a neighbor who lives on the other side of Lake of the Isles. It was a great surprise and joy to receive a copy of the article Friedrich had sent to die Pommersche Zeitung. At first I thought I would have to translate it, but then I remembered that he had sent me a copy of the article in both English and German. I did not know then that he had sent this to be published in die Pommersche Zeitung.

Jane Pejsa

How fortunate it is that my neighbor, Jane Pejsa, knows the publisher of that newspaper. I remember Jane's parents very well. Her mother was active in Church Women United, an ecumenical group of women, which was a part of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Jane's father sometimes came with her mother to meetings, so I knew him, too. He was the German Consul for this area. I met Jane a few years ago at a Christmas carol sing, which is held every year at the home of another neighbor in our area.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Pomerania

I telephoned Jane and asked her to send me a copy of her book. I didn't have time to read it until after Christmas, but when I started, I couldn't put it down, because it was so fascinating (Bezauberung). I knew about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, of course, but I didn't know the story as she tells it, and I didn't know his relationship to Pomerania or to all these people in the book

When Jane told me the book had also been published in German, I decided that I must send you a copy. Because you know the history of this period and of Pomerania, this story will have an even greater meaning to you than to me. The book is published in Germany by Brendow Verlag, but I got a copy here from Jane, and I'm sending it to you as a gift, so you won't have to hunt for it. I hope it gives you as great a thrill as it gave me.

Things are going well with me, and I hope this is true for you, too. We had two weeks of very cold weather and much snow, then a few days above freezing, but now it's cold again.

Love and best wishes,

Dieter 011999

[Aug. 19, 1999]

August 19, 1999

DEW's attempted transcription of the phone message

Dear Dieter and Hilde,

I was surprised when I got home the other day and found that the message on my phone was a birthday greeting from you. Thank you very much for remembering my birthday. I'm sorry I was not here so we could have talked together. However, we probably would have had a hard time understanding each other, because I would have had to speak in English.

One thing I am not sure of. I think you asked me, "Did you get the next date of . . . ?" But I couldn't understand the last part of that sentence, so I don't know what date you were asking about.

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), Dieter's first cousin

I was sorry to hear about Friedrich's cancer operation, but I am glad he is recovering well. I hope both of you are in good health. I have had a good year, and my health continues to be good. I'm sorry my English is so complicated. You will have to ask Peter to help you translate it.

Love,

(Dieter 081999)

Message on phone answering machine in Berlin: Aug. 1999

Happy Birthday
(Dieter + Hilde?)

Hilde und Dieter

Did you get the next date ...?

"Hello, David" (Elphone operator?) then some speaking in German.

"Hello David,
We wish you a happy birthday
... Did you get the next date ...?
Hilde und Dieter ... (then closed with a greeting in German)

[Mar. 1999]

Dear David,

A prayer for God's blessings
when Easter is here
and may He watch over you
all trough the year.

Happy Easter

Dieter and Hilde

Two Dietrichs:
Bonhoeffer and
Marlene

Hilde u. H.-Dieter Nemitz
Hochwalder Str. 67
47661 Issum
Germany

LUFTPOST
PAR AVION
PRIORITY

Mr.
Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S
Minneapolis MN 55405-2543
U.S.A.

[Mar. 1999]

9 Mar. 1999

Dear David,

we thank you for the lovely Christmas greetings 1998 and the beautiful pictures you enclosed with your letter. Everything reminds us of the marvelous holiday dates together with many relatives in Minneapolis during the summer of last year.

Meanwhile some months have gone and have left their trails. We hope very much that you are still in a good shape despite of your great age. After summer 1998 was spoilt by rain and the winter was quite mild we had now also to suffer from some weeks with hot weather as you had to in the United States of America. We hope you have got well over it. I myself was in hospital for 12 days: they found out that I suffer from my weak heart muscle.

We wish you a happy 84th birthday and many happy returns of the year. Our lives and our welfare is only given by our Lord and our kind God.

We got great pleasure of the valuable book about the destiny of the Ruth von Kleist-Retzow family. We are grateful to you dear David for this present which you surprisingly sent us at the end of January. I directly studied it thoroughly and it stirred my inward feelings up. Once more again I want to thank you for the book.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Moreover I was deeply impressed by the author of this book. She lives near you. Your families knew each other and they were on good terms with each other. I come from Hinterpommern, too. I know most of the mentioned villages pretty well. The name Dietrich Bonhöffer is highly held in great respect in Germany especially among those who declare their faith in Christ. And this name is also an encouragement to keep faith to God until we will meet our death.

With love and closeness

sincerely yours

Hilde und Dieter

[Aug. 8, 2000]

Issum, August 8th 2000

Dear David,

[DEW actually turned 86 — see next page.]

We wish You a happy 85. birthday and many happy returns of the day with a full life and Gods benediction. We gratefully looking lowards the wonderful days in Minneapolis. I myself cannot come to Seattle. My illness became more worse.

Enclosed You will find a little gift from Hilde.

I'll hope you are well.

Love

Dieter and Hilde.

[Seattle reunion 2000]

Lieber David

Herzliche Geburtstags-

Grüße auch von

Hilde

[Oct. 6, 2000]

October 6, 2000

[Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000]

Dear Dieter and Hilde,

Thank you very much for your birthday card and also for the lovely table cover that Hilde so skillfully made. I will cherish it as a reminder of our happy days together.

I am sorry, Dieter, that your health was not good enough so that you could travel to Seattle, but I hope you are getting along all right at home.

Rainer Nemitz (son)

I was glad to see that Hilde and your son were able to go, and I enjoyed the card from the group that they signed. It was a great disappointment to me that I was not able to go. From the report I got from Jeff and Marsha I know it was a great success. I'm sure I saw Hilde in the front row of the picture they sent me.

[See last document in folder 2.15.]

My health is generally good, but I just don't like to travel at my age. (I'm 86 this year.) So many things can go wrong, and I'm not as resilient (beweglich) as I used to be.

I think of you often. Love,

David

(Dieter 100600)

[Feb. 8, 2001]

Issum, February 8th, 2001

Dear David,

thank you very much for your nice Christmas greetings.
We are pleased to hear that you are in good health.
We also had a nice Christmas with a lot of good music in the Bach year. That gave much joy to all the audience in the completely filled church.
Whenever we take part in a service we pray for the vicar and his
his team and beg for God's blessing for all the people who are in the church. We spend the Christmas days with our families.
The days from the Christmas to the turn of the year is a beneficent time for us. Most of the people in Germany work then.
The weather in this area is endurable this year. The temperature is about +8°C during the day and sometimes up ~~to~~ To 8°C during the night.

Nemitz reunions in Seattle (2000) and Iowa (2002)

Last autumn I was not able to come to Seattle because I had difficulty in walking. But I hope I can come to the Familie Hüchlmann next year. I practise very hard.

See Nemitz reunion in Denison, Iowa, 2002

Hilde and Rainer

My dear wife Hilde and our Son Rainer had very good experiences in Seattle and came Back very pleased. Since then we are in correspondence with some dear relatives from the USA and from Canada.

Dear David, we hope you'll be in good health for a long time. Many thanks to you and family in Minneapolis.

Love,

Dietrand Hilde.

[Dec. 13, 2001]

12/13/01

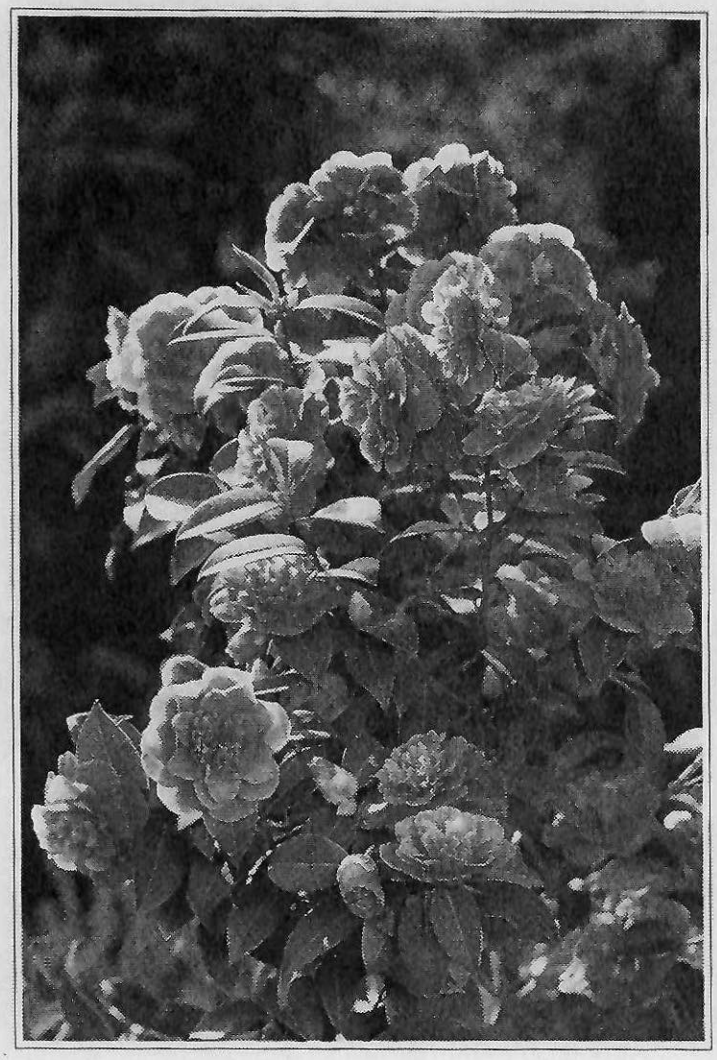
Dear Dieter and Hilde,

I am well, and I hope both of you are, too. Although I don't travel now, I will certainly try to go to the reunion next year with the Kuhlmanns in Iowa if you two and Friedrich and Renate are able to come.

Love and Best Wishes,

David

[2001]



Herzlichen Glückwunsch
zum Geburtstag

2001

sendet Hilde und
Dieter

Ich wäre gerne nach
Iowa gekommen, aber
alleine das schaff ich
nicht ich kann nur
ein paar Worte englisch

zum Geburtstag alles
Gute und liebe von
uns

Hilde und
Dieter

[2003]

Frohes
Osterfest
und erholsame
Tage

2003

wünscht
Dieter und Hilde

wir hoffen
das es Dir wieder
gut geht. Renate schrieb
du hättest ein Bein
gebrochen.

von Herzen
alles Gute
Hilde und
Dieter

[Mar. 18, 2004]

Subj:
Date: 3/18/04 3:13:59 AM Central Standard Time
From: Rainer.Nemitz@t-online.de (Rainer Nemitz)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dieter died
Mar. 12, 2004

Issum, 14 March 2004

Dear all,

After several years of permanently fading strength our loving husband and devoted father was taken to heaven by God the Father. Dieter passed peacefully away at about 6 p.m. on Friday, 12 March 2004.

We know him being in the kingdom of God and looking back at a satisfying life which was marked by his unshakeable trust in God.

We will ever have the most pleasant memories of him.

Love from us all
Hilde,
Winfried, Rainer, Peter, Anette

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[Mar. 18, 2004]

Subj: **Re:Dieter**
Date: 3/18/04 10:52:45 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Rainer.Nemitz@t-online.de

Dear Rainer and Family:

I was very sorry to hear about Dieter's death. I'm glad I was able to meet him when he came to Minneapolis a few years ago. He was a wonderful person, and he lived a long and useful life.

You have good memories of him, and li know God will be with you in these difficult days.

Love, David

[Mar. 31, 2004]

Subj: **Thanks**
Date: 3/31/04 11:14:10 AM Central Standard Time
From: Rainer.Nemitz@t-online.de (Rainer Nemitz)
To: helokuhl@IowaTelecom.net (Lois Kuhlmann), c-mnemitz@msn.com, bev.babcock@telus.ca, vrkotervba@hotmail.com, doug@clergy.net, davesather@hotmail.com, linakalee@msn.com, nemitzjohn@aol.com (John Nemitz), DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridg), mjnemitz@aol.com (Jeff Nemitz), daveaudreynemitz@cs.com, milliray@paclink.com, Mewriter@aol.com (Le Ann Bench), bbabcock@imag.net, dedag@qualitymachine.com (Deda Greene), bbondo@conpoint.com (Beth Bonderson)

Dear all,

many thanks for your sincere condolences and sympathy. Dieter went home silently and peacefully. In accordance with the way he lived he was buried on one of the sunniest days (since 43 years in Germany) on Wednesday, 17th of March. Dieter is surrounded by the glory of heaven right now and will rise again on Judgement Day. Many thanks to you all for being close in thought and prayer. You all gave us strength in these difficult days.

God's blessings and love to all of you.
Hilde, Winfried, Rainer, Peter, Anette and families

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Sei getreu bis in den Tod,
so will ich Dir die Krone
des Lebens geben.

Off. Joh. 2,10

Herzlichen Dank sagen wir allen, die mit uns Abschied nahmen und die auf vielfältige Weise ihre mitfühlende Anteilnahme zum Ausdruck brachten.

Ebenso herzlich möchten wir uns für die Blumen, Kränze und Geldspenden für die Grabpflege bedanken.

Im Namen aller Angehörigen

Hilde Nemitz geb. Baumgärtner
und Kinder

Hans-Dieter Nemitz

* 11. Oktober 1928

† 12. März 2004

Issum, im April 2004

Frau Hilde Nemitz
Hochwalder Straße 67
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Rev. David E. Whiteridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
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Ja, Gott ist meine Rettung;
ihm will ich vertrauen
und niemals verzagen.

Jesaja 12,2

Der Herr über Leben und Tod nahm heute nach langer Krankheit, jedoch plötzlich und unerwartet, meinen lieben Mann, unseren treusorgenden Vater, Schwiegervater und Opa

Hans-Dieter Nemitz

* 11. Oktober 1928 † 12. März 2004

zu sich in sein Reich.

In stiller Trauer nehmen wir Abschied:

Hilde Nemitz geb. Baumgärtner

Winfried und Rita
mit Michael, Isabel und Judith

Rainer und Doris
mit Pascal, Chantal und Etienne

Peter und Bernadette
mit Matthias und Markus

Anette und Klaus
mit Jeanette und Michelle

und Verwandte

47661 Issum, Hochwalder Straße 67

Die Beerdigung ist am Mittwoch, dem 17. März 2004, um 11.00 Uhr von der Friedhofskapelle aus; anschließend ist Gottesdienst in der evangelischen Kirche.

Danach bitten wir zum Kaffee in das evangelische Gemeindehaus.

Edith Sophia Nemitz

documents

Edith Sophia Nemitz in Peotone, IL (date unknown)

Editor's Note

The remainder of this folder consists of a brief autobiographical sketch written by my grandmother, Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883), at the age of 63. (It's document N14 in Dad's document calendar 145.) Dad apparently received his copy of it from his younger brother, John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922).

The manuscript is very short — just 11 pages — and it ends abruptly. I don't know if this is because Grandma never got around to finishing it, or if the remainder was somehow lost.

Some of the pages needed transcribing, because of blurry patches that made them hard to read. Also, I have pointed out a couple of factual errors in an editor's note at page 4.

You are sure to notice two major themes in the piece:

- Edith renders in some detail a family tale she received from her older sister, Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866), with regard to their mother's Jewish ancestry. Her choices of the terms "rich Jewish Lord" and "illegal birth" make me cringe, but otherwise I present her words here without critique. After all, she was my Grandma, and she lived two generations ago, when such hurtful stereotypes were more openly shared than they are today (at least in my part of the political planet). I do remember having a discussion with her on this very topic when I was in later grade school or perhaps junior high, and she appeared at the time to be very proud of our Jewish heritage. So I don't think she was an antisemite — just a product of her time and her formal educational opportunities, which were minimal.

- She goes on and on about her father's (Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz [b. 1835]) binge drinking, another story passed on to her by sister Bertha. In fact, it takes up almost half of Edith's sketch, so obviously it made a big impression on her. She is very clear about her theory (actually Bertha's theory, adopted by Edith) about the culprit who caused Wilhelm's problem. That culprit was Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?), Edith's paternal grandmother, who — she alleges — introduced young Wilhelm to a substance abuse problem he was unable to control. Of course, we'll never hear Henriette's side of the story.

Tom Witheridge
April 12, 2023

[Edith's autobiography, ca. 1946]

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Edith Sophia Henry Witheridge -

When I was 12 years old some of my schoolmates said to me - "Why don't you write a book about your life." Then - at the age of 54 - I was again told, I ought to write about some of the things I did when a child. So, now - when 63 years old, and before I become, too doddering, I have decided to write what can still be remembered - together with a few things told to me, by my older sisters;

the first of which will be, a brief account of my parents. —

Theresa Jacobs (b. 1843)

My Mother was one of those unhappy persons — who was "burdened all her life, with the knowledge

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

(and (This is what she told Bertha - my 1st wife)

stigma, of an illegal birth. It was the age old story: A young German girl - who was afraid to deny advances of the rich Jewish Lord - because she was a servant in his household; and then - My Mother, the helpless victim of it all! Ere long - her

Mr. Jacobs

Mother married a Mr. Jacobs

Transcription by the editor (on April 10, 2023) of a portion of page 2:

... who was "burdened all her life, with the knowledge and stigma, of an illegal birth. (This is what she told Bertha — my oldest sister.) It was the age old story: A young German girl — who was afraid to deny advances of the rich Jewish Lord — because she was a servant in his house hold; and then — My Mother, the hapless victim of it all! Ere-long, her Mother married a Mr. Jacobs ...

and my Mother was given a name as a good home; for Mr. Jacobs was a fine man and was very good to her. And so she became known as Theresa Jacobs. - When she became grown up, her Mother told her of this unlucky incident; and when my Father proposed marriage to her, she said, "No; she couldn't, "marry and bring disgrace upon him and all his children." He told her that she was not to blame for at this, and so - after much persuasion, she finally

converted to mining lines.
When my oldest sister was
grown up, my Mother told
this to her - but she (Bertha)
did not tell me until after
I was married. I was told
by women outside of our family
that my Mother was a very
poor ~~[illegible]~~ man. (As I write
the story of my own life -
I shall again mention my
Mother, as the occasion arises.)

My Father - Wilhelm
Johann Moritz, was born
Aug. 3, 1835, at Dammer,
Germany. He married, at
the age of 21 yrs. (1856)

Transcription by the editor (on April 10, 2023) of the entirety of page 4:

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My Father. Wilhelm Johann Nemitz, was born Aug. 3, 1835, at Dammer, Germany. He married, at the age of 21 yrs. (1856)

Editor's note:

DEW eventually concluded that the name of his grandfather — Edith's father — was actually Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz. Also, Edith gives an incorrect name for Wilhelm's place of birth; it was Dammen, not Dammer. See the index entry for Dammer, Germany (now Poland).

TFW, Apr. 10, 2023

After ten years of married life in Germany - my Father and Mother and two children (Bertha and Emma) - came to America and located in Chicago ← Ill.

In 1870 - my Father left the City - to work for Mr. John T. Parker who owned a large farm, five miles east of Mantano, Ill. - He worked for Mr. Parker until 1874 - when he rented a farm between Mantano and Peotone, Ill. (not far from the Parker farm

John T. Parker

It was on this farm that I was born - Oct. 16 - 1883. And my Father told Mary - 9 yrs. of age - and Louise 7

Births of Edith and her siblings Mary, Louise, and William

- and "Willie" - 3, that "a colored man had brought them a baby sister."
(Spoken in the German language.)
This remark was not unusual, my oldest sister, Bertha, said - for in those days that was one of the most common modes of announcing the arrival of a new-born baby, especially among the poorer class of farmers.
Not many months after my birth my Mother's health failed, rapidly - so Bertha who was 20 years of age took over the greatest share of the responsibility

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Not many months after my birth my Mother's health failed, rapidly — and Bertha who was 20 years of age took over the greatest share of the responsibility

of managing the House-hold.
As for me; Mary, age 9 &
Louise 7, were supposed to
"take care of" - me. Mary, being
the older, was usually
assigned to this unpleasant
task, first; but when she
grew tired of it - she
would pinch me, to make
me cry, & then Louise
would take over & I
would stop crying - (so
Louise said.)

One reason for my
Mother's poor health, Bertha
said, was due to the
fact that my father

had the bad habit of drinking; for which he mother was at fault. The old line Wenig family was fine people, & all of my father's brothers also came to America & settled in Iowa. All, have acquired large farms & become prosperous. My father's mother, liked her sip of liquor, & she occasionally gave a sip to my father being her favorite & youngest child. & thereby he got the habit. He was the only child - or rather, the only

Transcription by the editor (on April 10, 2023) of the entirety of page 8:

had the bad habit of drinking; for which his mother was at fault. The old line Nemitz family were fine people, and all of my father's brothers also came to America and settled in Iowa. All have acquired large farms and become prosperous. My father's mother, liked "her sip of liquor," and she occasionally gave a sip to — my father being her favorite and youngest child — so thereby he got the habit. He was the only child — or rather, the only

one in his family who drank (except his mother!) (Having told how he came to have the "drink" habit - I shall go back to pick up the sequence of my story.)

Whenever my father went to Peatone, or Mattero with a load of grain; having sold it & received his pay for it, he would buy supplies for the home, but before going home, he always went to a saloon, first. It took only two drinks to throw his reason off

balance, & then the pattern was always the same; playing pool until those who were already doing so; spending his hard earned money, freely treating those playing the game; and wife, children and home, not at all on his mind until night fall. And then for the most part it was up to his sober, faithful horses to take him safely home - which they always did. Then, after one of those "sprees"

Transcription by the editor (on April 10, 2023) of the entirety of page 10:

balance, and then the pattern was always the same; playing pedro with those who were already doing so; spending his hard earned money, freely treating those playing the game; and wife, children and home not at all on his mind until night fall. And then — for the most part, it was up to his sober, faithful horses to take him safely home — which they always did. Then, after one of those "sprees"

he would settle down
his farm work for a month
or more. He was a hard
worker and an excellent
farmer, and "as honest
as the day is long". So we
were told by everyone with
whom he came in contact.
More about him as I go along.
And now I shall pick up the
story of my own life.

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Dr. Friedrich Nemitz

documents

Editor's Note

This folder consists entirely of documents pertaining to Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), Dad's second cousin once removed. When Friedrich reached out to him from Loitz, Germany, on October 30, 1996, Dad was overjoyed and simply couldn't believe his good fortune. His work on the Nemitz line and its allies was basically at a dead end. Now here — turning up out of the blue — was a living cousin in Germany who was actually interested in Nemitz family history and eager to come to the United States for an in-person visit.

Some of Friedrich's documents have already been indexed and scanned, and a few of the documents presented here are redundant. No matter — electrons are cheap!

I have decided to present the documents in the following order:

- **Dad's article, "Miracle after 125 Years,"** published in the *Germanic Genealogy Journal* (Fall 1999), which occupies the first 8 pages of the folder (including Dad's typed manuscript for the article and a related 1991 letter to Myron Gruenwald).

- **Friedrich's autobiography** — extremely well written and often gripping, with its accounts of Nazi and Soviet bombing and other transgressions that caused uprooting and suffering among the Nemitz family. This takes another 13 pages.

- **Friedrich's handout — "The/Der Nemitz-Clan" — for the Nemitz reunion in Seattle**, which he attended all the way from Germany with his wife, Renate, and their son, Dr. Christophe Nemitz (b. 1967), along with Hilde Nemitz, the wife of Friedrich's first cousin, Hans-Dieter Nemitz (b. 1928); the latter, unfortunately, was too ill to travel (see the index entry, Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000). The handout includes Friedrich's previously published article for *Die Pommersche Zeitung* (The Pomeranian Newspaper) in Germany, describing his earlier trip to Minneapolis in 1998 (see the index entry, Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998). Together these items take about 20 pages.

- **"Snail mail" correspondence between Friedrich and Dad** from October 30, 1996, to October 22, 1997. I'm not sure why the letters in Dad's "Friedrich Nemitz" file stopped there, because I'm sure they kept on communicating after that date (although I do know that by at least mid-1999 Friedrich was using the Internet, so possibly Dad stopped filing printed copies of their correspondence). Perhaps I'll run across another tranche somewhere else in his files.

Tom Witheridge
April 16, 2023

[This is DEW's typed manuscript.]

MIRACLE AFTER 125 YEARS

By David E. Witheridge

As I looked through my mail, there was an airmail envelope from Germany with the return address of Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, Zahnarzt (Dentist). I quickly tore it open and found a short letter in German, which I could skim through and understand. He had received my address from Martha Riggle of Wichita, Kansas, and he was looking for relatives in the U.S.A. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother, Henriette, had emigrated from Kreis Stolp in Pomerania to Milwaukee about 1870. Ferdinand had lived in the town of Criewan, but had been married in Dammen, near the city of Stolp. Could I give him any information about the three brothers?

Martha Riggle

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)
Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

I immediately figured we must be related somehow, because my grandfather, William Nemitz, was born in Dammen and came to this country in 1872. However, there were not three brothers, only two. William and his brother Ernst came to Chicago, not Milwaukee; and their mother didn't come with them, though she did come later to be with their two sisters, who had come to Bay County, Michigan. Ernst soon went to a farm in Iowa, and my grandfather went first to a farm in Illinois and then to Bay City, Michigan. None of this seemed to fit the details outlined by Dr. Nemitz. As I thought about it, however, and looked up my records, I realized that Grandfather did have a brother Ferdinand who stayed in Germany, and his mother's name was Henriette. Maybe the story passed down through the family from Friedrich's great-grandfather was just a little inaccurate.

I decided to telephone Martha Riggle in Wichita and find out how she found my address. I discovered that she had grown up in Germany and, after having lived for awhile in England, had been living a long time in America. From time to time she writes articles for a weekly paper in Germany—Die Pommersche Zeitung. This paper is for people with ancestry and roots in Pomerania. In one article she had said she would be glad to help descendants of Pomeranians find their relatives in America. Friedrich Nemitz had read that article and had sent her the information about his great-grandfather and his three brothers in hopes that she could help.

Myron Gruenwald (of Oskosh, WI)

Many years ago I had subscribed to Myron Gruenwald's publication, "Die Pommerschen Leute," and had sent him all the information I knew about my grandfather's origin in Dammen near Stolp, including his parents' names, Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz. Of course, as we always do, I forgot about it and never expected to hear any more from it again. But, no. That's exactly where Martha Riggle had discovered it, and she sent my name to Friedrich, thinking there must be some connection. I told her I thought so, too, and asked if she would translate my reply to Friedrich into German. This she agreed to do.

In my letter I told Friedrich I thought we were second cousins once removed, and I told about my grandfather and his brother and two sisters and their mother. Fortunately, I had

a way of proving whether or not we actually were related. Years earlier, after my mother had died and I was just getting started tracing her Nemitz ancestry, I talked to one of my mother's first cousins in Bay City. She told me that her sister had made a trip to Germany just before the First World War and had visited the family in Stolp. She said that her uncle who had stayed in Germany was a mail carrier and that he had a daughter Eda (Ida in German), who was a nurse. So I asked Friedrich if he knew whether or not this was true of his great-grandfather, Ferdinand.

In his reply Friedrich was ecstatic. He said without a doubt we are related, and he told me quite a bit about his ancestors and family. But the words I was waiting to see were these: "Yes, my great-grandfather was a mail carrier, and he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse!" I nearly cried when I realized that my long search for my family in Germany was over. Almost as if by a miracle, the descendants of two brothers, Ferdinand and William Nemitz, separated by the ocean and out of contact for 125 years, had finally found each other.

But that is not all. Martha Riggle had told me that Friedrich was planning to come to Milwaukee the next June (1997) for the Pommerntag, the annual gathering of people of Pomeranian origin, put on by the organization Pommerscher Verein Freistadt. Martha and her husband Leslie always attend, and Friedrich would be coming with a tour group from Germany. When I heard that, I naturally decided that I had to go, too, so that I could meet my newly found cousin. I began contacting other Nemitz relatives to see if we could get a large group to meet Friedrich in Milwaukee. I was surprised to find considerable indifference, or at least not enough interest on the part of most relatives to make the effort to take a trip to Milwaukee. However, in the end I was able to get five other enthusiastic Nemitz relatives to join me at the Pommerntag to meet Friedrich—three coming all the way from Montana. It was a great pleasure for all of us to be together as a reunited family.

Immediately Friedrich began planning to come again the following year to America and the Pommerntag. He was able to include a weeklong trip to Minneapolis, and he brought with him his wife and a first cousin and his cousin's wife. This inspired a much larger reunion, with a total of twenty-eight American Nemitz relatives from Minnesota, Iowa, Montana, and Washington State, many of whom had never met before. On Sunday many of the group, mostly Lutherans, went to the church I attend, Grace-Trinity Community Church, which is Presbyterian and American Baptist. I mention this because someone took a picture of our group standing by the door of the church.

When Friedrich got home, he wrote an article about their wonderful trip to Minneapolis in America to meet all these newly discovered relatives. Of course, he mentioned my name as the host. In the article he told about his ancestors, Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz, all of whose children had emigrated to America, except for his own great-grandfather, Ferdinand. He said that the mother, Henriette, had also gone with her two daughters. This article and the picture of our group by the church door were published in Die Pommersche Zeitung.

As we often say, "It's a small world." Not long after Friedrich's article appeared in Die Pommersche Zeitung, I got a letter from a neighbor of mine, Jane Pejsa, enclosing a clipping of the article, which had been sent to her by the editor of Die Pommersche Zeitung, because it mentioned Minneapolis and included my name. I had been a good friend of Jane's parents years ago, but had only met Jane a few times casually. She went on to tell me about the book she had written, and which many of you know, Matriarch of Conspiracy: Ruth von Kleist, 1867-1945. It's about a woman who had a close association with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and whose granddaughter had been engaged to him at the time he was executed for his involvement in a plot to kill Hitler. It was through Jane's experiences in writing this book that she had become well acquainted with the editor of Die Pommersche Zeitung. I got a copy of the book and was so impressed that I bought two copies of the German edition and sent them to Friedrich and his cousin, who were very grateful. They were amazed at how Friedrich's article had found its way all the way to me in Minneapolis.

There was one more interesting genealogical discovery that resulted from Friedrich's article in Die Pommersche Zeitung. Not long after it appeared, he got a telephone call from a woman in Germany, who said that she had read his article and that her maiden name was Nemitz. Her family had come from Pomerania near Stolp. Her mother had told her that she had had on aunt by the name of Henriette Nemitz who had moved with her daughters to America. She also said she has a sister-in-law who has information about the Nemitz family going back many generations. It sounds as though she is another relative of ours, but we won't know for sure until we get more information from this sister-in-law. We're still waiting!

Frederick (Fred) Peter Burke (b. 1925)

Fred Burke has subscribed to Die Pommersche Zeitung, and he plans to donate it to our Germanic Genealogy Society library at Concordia University in St. Paul. Who knows what further genealogical discoveries await us through its pages?

In addition, Martha Riggle has said she will be glad to assist people with Pomeranian origins in their search for relatives and roots. Her address is 231 So. Morningside, Wichita, Kansas, 67218-1813; her phone number is (316) 686-7759; and her e-mail address is mjkpom@juno.com. It was Martha's resourcefulness that resulted in the Nemitz miracle.

[See p. 1 of the previous document]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 25, 1991

Mr. Myron Gruenwald
1260 Westhaven Drive
Oshkosh, WI 54904

Dear Mr. Gruenwald:

I note in the recent issue of "Die Pommerschen Leute" that you have not published my ancestry in "Die Vorfahren." I remembered that I had sent it in, so I looked back in my file and found the enclosed copy of what I had sent in 1986. I probably looked for it in a few issues but then eventually forgot that I had not seen it. In the meantime I have discovered the names of my grandfather's parents, so I have revised the data as given below.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

For "Die Vorfahren"

DEW-367 Wilhelm Frederick NEMITZ (3/8/1835, Dammen, Stolp, Pommern - 3/1/1921, Beecher, IL) son of Heinrich (d. in Germany) and Henriette -------- (23/2/1800, Germany - 22/11/1888, Beaver Twp., Bay Co., MI). Married Theresa JACOBS (20/7/1843, Dammer, Stolp, Pommern - 24/12/1885, Manteno, IL);; Arrived 1873 in Chicago; 1875 to Manteno, IL; 1888 to Bay City, MI; 1905 to Saskatchewan, Canada.

Children: Bertha (TOMKE) (1866, Stolp - 1951, Wolsey, Sask.); Emma (SCHROEDER) (1869, Stolp - 1901, Kankakee, IL); Mary (REID) (1875, Peotone, IL - 1921, Rochester, MN,,bur. Colgate, Sask.); Louise (STORCH) (1877, Manteno, IL - 1959, Joliet, IL); William (1880, Manteno, IL - 1959, Chicago, IL); Edith (WITHERIDGE) (1883, Peotone, IL - 1961, Saginaw, MI).

Siblings of Wilhelm Frederick: Johanna (TOMKE) (9/8/1833, Germany - 30/8/1894, Bay Co., MI); Ernst (1/12/1848, Germany - 20/4/1901, Crawford Co., Ia); Wilhelmina (SCHROEDER) (17/3/1851, Stolp, Pommern - 2/7/1925, Bay City, MI); two brothers stayed in Germany.

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 13, 1986

Mr. Byron Gruenwald
[illegible]
Oshkosh, WI 54904 ← Oshkosh, WI

Dear Mr. Gruenwald:

I have neglected taking the time until now to compile my ancestral information for the "The Forfahren" section. I hope this will provide the proper information without requiring too much editing.

Yours truly,

David J. Mitchridge

For "The Forfahren"

DFW-367 Wilhelm Frederick Hemitz (8/3/1835 - 1/3/1921) born in Damer (?). Married Theresa Jacobs (7/28/1843 - 12/20/1885) also born in Damer (?). Arrived U.S. 1873 to Chicago; 1875 to Manteno, IL; 1888 to Bay City, MI; 1902 to Saskatchewan, Canada. Both died in Manitoba. Children: Bertha (Tonke) (1860, Stolp - 1951), Anna (Schroeder) (1869, Stolp - 1951), Mary (Field) (1873 - 1921), Louise (Kusch) (1877 - 1959), William (1880 - 1959), Edith (Mitchridge) (1883 - 1941). Siblings of Wilhelm Frederick: Johanna (Ferne), d. in Bay City, MI; Ernst (1846 - 1901), d. in Crawford Co., IA; Wilhelmina (Schroeder) (1851, Stolp - 1925), d. in Bay City, MI; two brothers stayed in Germany.

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- Fred and Annemarie Arends for their family sheets of the **Arends** family from Beyersdorf and the **Warsitz** family from Schlesien. These will be added to our file of family sheets.

Please call Delphine Thomas at (651) 257-4976 or E-mail: msmedia@gte.net if you would like to have GGS purchase a particular book—or if you would like to donate a book or other genealogy materials. ❦

Miracle after 125 Years

by David E. Witheridge

As I looked through my mail, there was an airmail envelope from Germany with the return address of Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, *Zahnarzt* (dentist). I quickly tore it open and found a short letter in German, which I could skim through and understand. He had received my address from Martha Riggle of Wichita, Kansas, and he was looking for relatives in the United States. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother, Henriette, had emigrated from *Kreis* Stolp in Pomerania to Milwaukee about 1870. Ferdinand had lived in the town of Criewan, but had been married in Dammen, near the city of Stolp. Could I give him any information about the three brothers?

I immediately figured we must be related somehow, because my grandfather, William Nemitz, was born in Dammen and came to this country in 1872. However, there were not three brothers, only two. William and his brother Ernst came to Chicago, not Milwaukee. Their mother didn't come with them, though she came later to be with their two sisters, who had come to Bay County, Michigan. Ernst soon went to a farm in Iowa, and my grandfather went first to a farm in Illinois and then to Bay City, Michigan. None of this seemed to fit the details outlined by Dr. Nemitz. As I thought about it, however, and looked up my records, I realized Grandfather did have a brother Ferdinand who stayed in Germany, and his mother's name was Henriette. Maybe the story passed down through the family from Friedrich's great-grandfather was just a little inaccurate.

I decided to telephone Martha Riggle in Wichita and find out how she got my address. I discovered she had grown up in Germany and, after residing for awhile in England, had been living a long time in America. From time to time, she writes articles for a weekly paper in Germany—*Die Pommersche Zeitung*. This paper is for people with ancestry and roots in Pomerania. In one article, she had said she would be glad to help descendants of Pomeranians find their American relatives. Friedrich Nemitz had read that article

and had sent her the information about his great-grandfather and his three brothers.

Many years ago, I had subscribed to Myron Gruenwald's newsletter, *Die Pommerschen Leute*, and sent him all I knew about my grandfather's origin in Dammen near Stolp, including his parents' names, Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz. Of course, as we always do, I forgot about it and never expected to hear about it again. But, no. That's exactly where Martha Riggle discovered it, and she sent my name to Friedrich, thinking there must be some connection. I told her I thought so too, and asked if she would translate my reply to Friedrich into German. This she agreed to do.

In my letter I told Friedrich I thought we were second cousins once removed, and told about my grandfather, his brother and two sisters, and their mother. Fortunately, I had a way of proving whether we actually were related. Years earlier, after my mother had died and I began to trace her Nemitz ancestry, I talked to one of my mother's first cousins in Bay City. She told me her sister had made a trip to Germany just before World War I and had visited the family in Stolp. She said her uncle who had stayed in Germany was a mail carrier and he had a daughter Eda (Ida in German), who was a nurse. So I asked Friedrich if this was true of his great-grandfather, Ferdinand.

In his reply Friedrich was ecstatic. He said without a doubt we are related, and he told me a lot about his ancestors and family. But the words I was waiting to see were: "Yes, my great-grandfather was a mail carrier, and he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse!" I nearly cried when I realized my long search for my family in Germany was over. Almost as if by a miracle, the descendants of two brothers, Ferdinand and William Nemitz, separated by an ocean and out of contact for 125 years, finally found each other.

But that is not all. Martha Riggle had told me that Friedrich was planning to come to Milwaukee the next June (1997) for *Pommerntag*, the annual gathering of people of Pomeranian origin, put on by *Pommerscher Verein Freistadt*. Martha and her husband Leslie always attend, and Friedrich would be coming with a tour group from Germany. When I heard that, I naturally decided I had to go too, so I could meet my newly found cousin. I contacted other Nemitz relatives to see if we could get a large group to meet Friedrich in Milwaukee. I was surprised to find considerable indifference, or at least not enough interest on the part of most relatives to make the effort to take a trip to Milwaukee. However, in the end I was able to get five other enthusiastic Nemitz relatives to join me at *Pommerntag* to meet Friedrich—three coming all the way from Montana. It was a great pleasure for all of us to be together as a reunited family.

Immediately, Friedrich began planning to come again the following year to America and *Pommerntag*. He was able to include a weeklong trip to Minneapolis, and he brought his wife, a first cousin, and his cousin's wife. This inspired a much larger reunion, with a total of twenty-eight American Nemitz relatives from Minnesota, Iowa, Montana, and Washington (state), many of whom had never met before. On Sunday many of the group, mostly Lutherans, went to the church I attend, Grace-Trinity Community Church, which is Presbyterian and American Baptist. I mention this because someone took a picture of our group standing by the door of the church.

When Friedrich got home, he wrote an article about their wonderful trip to Minneapolis in America to meet all these newly discovered relatives. Of course, he mentioned my name as the host. In the article he told about his ancestors, Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz, all of whose children had emigrated to America, except for his own great-grandfather, Ferdinand. He said that the mother, Henriette, had also gone with her two daughters. This article and the picture of our group by the church door were published in *Die Pommersche Zeitung*.

As we often say, "It's a small world." Not long after Friedrich's article appeared in *Die Pommersche Zeitung*, I got a letter from my neighbor, Jane Pejsa, enclosing a clipping of the article, which had been sent to her by the editor of *Die Pommersche Zeitung*, because it mentioned Minne-

apolis and included my name. I had been a good friend of Jane's parents years ago, but had only met Jane a few times casually. She also told me about the book she had written, which many of you know, *Matriarch of Conspiracy: Ruth von Kleist, 1867–1945*. It's about a woman who had a close association with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and whose granddaughter had been engaged to him at the time he was executed for his involvement in a plot to kill Hitler. It was through Jane's experiences in writing this book that she had become well acquainted with the editor of *Die Pommersche Zeitung*. I got a copy of the book and was so impressed that I bought two copies of the German edition and sent them to Friedrich and his cousin, who were very grateful. They were amazed at how Friedrich's article had found its way all the way to me in Minneapolis.

There was one more interesting genealogical discovery that resulted from Friedrich's article in *Die Pommersche Zeitung*. Not long after it appeared, he got a telephone call from a woman in Germany, who said she had read his article and that her maiden name was Nemitz. Her family had come from Pomerania near Stolp. Her mother had told her that she had had an aunt by the name of Henriette Nemitz who had moved with her daughters to America. She also said she has a sister-in-law who has information about the Nemitz family going back many generations. It sounds as though she is another relative, but we won't know for sure until we get more information from this sister-in-law. We're still waiting!

Fred Burke has subscribed to *Die Pommersche Zeitung*, and plans to donate it to our GGS Library. Who knows what further genealogical discoveries await us through its pages?

In addition, Martha Riggle has said she will be glad to assist people with Pomeranian origins in their search for relatives and roots. You can contact her at 231 South Morningside, Wichita, Kansas 67218-1813, (316) 686-7759, E-mail: mjkpom@juno.com. It was Martha's resourcefulness that resulted in the Nemitz miracle. ❦

Genealogy Research Tips

by Vern Kading

If you have roots in Brunswick (Braunschweig) or the Welf-ruled areas of Hannover, a new book, *A History of Brunswick: Life in a German Duchy from Roman Times through 1990*, by Dan C. Heinemeier, may be of interest. It is published by the author, a GGS member. You can contact him at 3166 Key Blvd, Arlington VA 22201-5037, m-dh@erols.com for a free excerpt.

Information on about 40,000 emigrants from Brandenburg is available on FHL fiche 6,109,219–20. The information is arranged alphabetically by the head of family in a card index. The cards contain such information as name of head of family, age (or date of birth), occupation, residence (or birthplace), destination, emigration consent date, archive number, maiden name of spouse, age of spouse (or date of birth), and names and ages of children (or dates of birth). A cross-reference index is not available for the maiden names of the spouses. I found my **Kading** emigrants in this source and ordered the fiche for the Family History Center in Crystal, Minnesota.

Those who have ancestors near Zempelburg and Vandsburg in West Prussia may be interested in *Die deutsche Bevölkerung in den Herrschaften Zempelburg and Vandsburg 1750–1812*, by Gunter Bleck (FHL film 1,183,661). I found my **Rux** ancestors back to about 1750 by using this book and microfilmed church records for the area.

The reference *Germans to America* is now available on CD-ROM. This fully-searchable version (manufactured by Broderbund) contains information on about 1.5 million immigrants who arrived in the United States between 1875 and 1888 (Volumes 32 through 56 of the series). At this time, the only genealogy bookstore for which we have received information as a source is Appleton's Books at Tower Place Mall, 8700 Pineville-Matthews Rd #610, Charlotte NC 28226, 800-777-3601, http://www.appletons.com. ❦

[Friedrich's autobiography] [Aug. 7, 1999]

Editor's note: Friedrich had cancer surgery in June 1999. See DEW's notes for a phone call dated June 29, 1999, in Marjorie Lackmann's section of folder 2.12. —TFW, Apr. 17, 2023.

Dear David, 17.8.1999

I have written my autobiography, before I was going in the hospital.
My cousin in Canada hade translated that.
We send you a duplicate.

Your Friedrich and Renate

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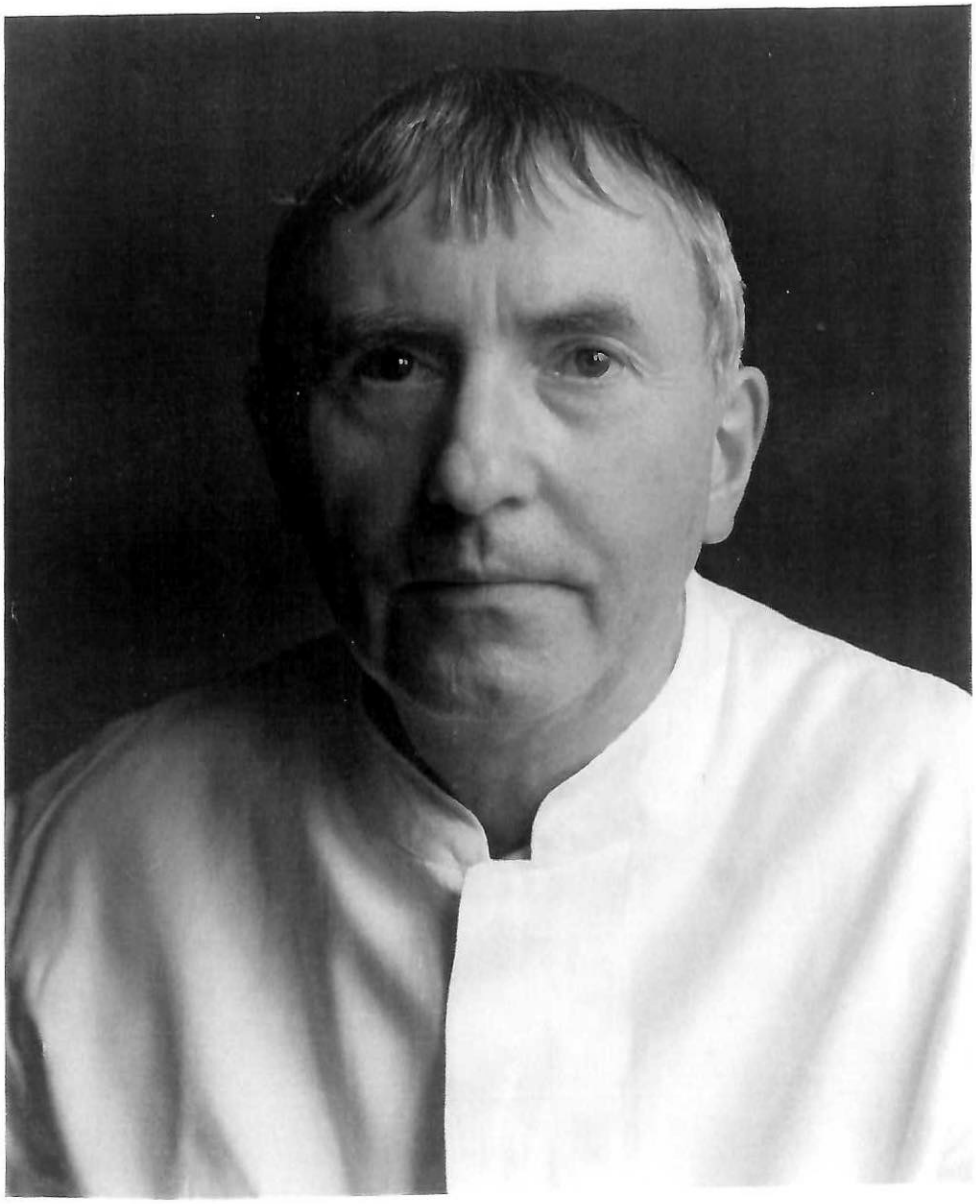


Dr. Friedrich Nemitz

Autobiography

For the first ten years of my life I lived in "Hoekendorf/Finkenwalde," close to Stettin. (Hoekendorf now belongs to Poland and is called "Kleskowo"). In 1939 the towns Hoekendorf/Finkenwalde were incorporated into greater Stettin. My parents lived in a corporation sponsored house of the Deaconry Motherhouse "Kinderheil", which is a branch of the church that sponsors mission work within Germany. The name of the house, a three family dwelling, was "Peace." There my father, who was a blacksmith by trade, worked as a staff craftsman. The first recollections of my life began at "Peace."

I was the only child in the family, so my mother showered me with love. My father was often very angry. But he was diligent, helpful, and knowledgeable about any vocation. I have inherited my mother's temperament.

Many of our relatives lived in Hoekendorf--Mother's brothers (Julius, with three children; Reinhold, with three children; Karl, with two children), Mother's sister (Else with three children), and sometimes Aunt Tilly and Aunt Friedel came to visit. I usually played with Uncle Julius's children because they lived in the same house with us.

All of our relatives belonged to the "Landeskirchliche Gemeinschaft," Evangelical Fellowship Deaconry. This is an association of Christians who are not a part of the official state church. If possible, we work together with the church, and when the pastor is a believer, it is a blessing for the whole community. I was very young when I started Sunday school at the Deaconry. In Sunday school I learned many songs and Bible stories.

Birthdays were important events, so the whole clan was invited, as well as the families Wiesenberg and Neumann who belonged to our circle of friends.

After I was born, my mother became very ill. Consequently, she couldn't have any more children, but she enjoyed children so much that she would often invite the children of her sister Natalie Naber who lived in Goeritz. Dieter, Natalie's son, was only one year older than I, and his sister Renate was three years younger.

Wartime—1941—I started school but at the beginning we didn't notice much of the war. The German "salute" was taught in the early grades, but my parents were not "Nationalsozialisten" and politics was not a popular subject. My father taught me to whom I should say "Heil Hitler," and to whom I could say "Guten Tag." I did not know the difference nor did I ask my father for an explanation. Even after the Russian Army was there, I often made the mistake of greeting them with "Heil Hitler."

The bombing of Stettin started in 1943. When the sirens started to howl at night, we raced to the cellar. From there we could hear the bombs exploding and the anti-aircraft guns firing. Sometimes the attacks came during school hours. Usually we sought shelter in the school's basement but sometimes we raced for home. Once I couldn't make it home and I found protection under a small highway bridge. From there I could see the airplanes bombing the city. After that, we received helmets to wear because of the falling debris from the "FLAK—Fliegerabwehrkanone"—anti-aircraft gun. The noise from these guns was deafening.

Soldiers had to live in our house. They had to protect the highway bridges. Every day four new soldiers came and relieved the previous four soldiers. Even my father, who was a soldier in Stettin, was a part of the bridge patrol groups. In this way he was able to be at home often.

Mother's sister, Tilly, married during the war. Because she didn't have a home, she also stayed with us.

For my tenth birthday in 1944 we had a big joyous party with all of our relatives. Presents were hard to come by but people were inventive. A ball made of cloth with sawdust inside was my present. We were happy, though. This is how the first ten years of my life passed.

The teacher at school asked the class, "Who would like to go to Grammar school, after the fourth grade?" I raised my hand and received permission to go, but the ending of the war changed everything.

We still celebrated Christmas 1944 in our home. A young widow with her five and seven year old children from Lithuania were also staying in our living quarters. My father's friend was an acquaintance of this lady. Because the widow was working somewhere, the children were always with us and I could play with them.

On January the 30th, 1945 I was invited to the home of a boy from the neighborhood for his tenth birthday party. During the party, the boy's father, a soldier in Stettin, came home.

"Tomorrow I'll get a military truck. Gather all of your belongings, we will flee to the West," he said.

In this way, we could get some bedding and other belongings away from the frontline.

Our house was close to the "Autobahn," an important link to the West, to freedom, away from the advancing Red Army. February 1945 was very cold. The Autobahn was full of fleeing "Treckwagen"—horse drawn covered wagons. Everyone wanted to get away from the Russians.

Right beside our house stood a restaurant called "Mittelmuehle," (Middle Mill.) Many soldiers were billeted there in February. The officers were lodged in private homes. We also had two German officers staying with us.

On the 7th of March, before Father, Mother, and I left our home, we knelt down once more and prayed for guidance and protection. Then we took our bicycles, heavily laden with packages, and drove to Stettin, which is on the west side of the Oder River. In Stettin we remained for ten days at a home owned by our Motherhouse. During our stay, Father went back several times to our house to feed his 70 "Sumpfbiber" (muskrats.) The last time, he opened the gate and let the creatures out to freedom. After ten days we left Stettin and rode to Goeritz, which is in the district of Prenzlau. My mother's oldest sister, Natalie, lived on a small farm in Goeritz.

I still went to school in Goeritz for a short time until our escape resumed on April 24th, this time with a wagon pulled by two cows. Grandfather was the coachman. At a snail's pace we almost arrived at Neubrandenburg when the Red Army caught up to us. Two long westward moving columns of traffic steadily filled the streets. One was a fleeing military column and the other was the "Treckwagen." Suddenly we noticed my father in the military column. He quickly took off his uniform, put on his regular clothes and stayed with us, just a few hours before the Russians reached us. We raised a white flag when they arrived. The Russians took two girls away to the "Kommandantur," commander's office or local headquarters, but the girls ran away before the soldiers could harm them. My mother, 34 years old and a pretty woman, smeared axle grease onto her face, put on a kerchief, and changed into an old "Babuschka." Once a Russian soldier tried to take my mother away, but I held onto her and onto our little dog. The barking of

the dog was too much for that soldier, so he let go of her. On the way back to Goeritz we saw many dead German soldiers because hand to hand fighting was still occurring. I remember seeing a dead soldier along the wayside in whose arm someone had placed a dead dog. A bullet was in the soldier's mouth.

Goeritz was to be our home for the next while. The young teenage girls all went into hiding in the loft under the roof of the house. Even girls from the neighborhood sought protection at our farm. The younger children were outside all day watching for the Russians. When they were near by, the children would sing, "Kommt ein Vogel geflogen." (A bird is coming a-flying.) When the soldiers were there we sang, "Alle Voegel sind schon da." (All the birds are here.) When there was no danger, we would sing other songs. Because there were many children playing in the yard and the Russians were generally kind to children, we managed to get through this difficult time.

All of the milk cows and cattle were being driven away by the Russians to feed the Red Army. Our two cows were already in the yard and Aunt Natalie was milking one of them for the last time. My mother was praying in the room and the children were standing around the cow. The soldier was hollering, "Dawei, dawei." At last that Russian had a change of heart and he left one cow for us so that we could have some milk for our clan.

Many relatives, friends and returning prisoners of war came to our small farm in the second half of 1945. On the 5th of July, my 11th birthday, my father's relatives came from "Hinterpommern," my father's mother and four sisters with five children. Aunt Else Bloch with three children, Aunt Elli Arndt with two children, Aunt Friedel Hoeft with one child, and Aunt Meta Arndt with four children came later on. Uncle Julius and Uncle Karl were prisoners of war and came to the Goeritz farm at this time also. It still puzzles me today how Aunt Natalie could house and feed so many people. Trusting in God, His guidance and providence, as well as hard work was the only way.

My father worked for a while at Aunt Wanda Hase's place. After that he rode on his bicycle, using a garden hose as tires, for about 50 km to Poelitz, which is near Stettin, to demolish a large industrial complex. Once he brought home a large bag of salt. We were joyful. In the winter he came back home and found a job with the national railroad in Pasewalk.

Christmas 1945—We were all together around the "Tannenbaum," singing all of the glorious Christmas songs. We even had presents; I received a handkerchief. Slowly life became normal again.

Most of our relatives found jobs in Malchow, Dauer, and other villages near Goeritz. Some of our friends moved to West Germany. On July the 5th, 1945 my father's sister, Aunt Emilie, brought us a child six weeks old from Hinterpommern. My mother took it in, nursed it back to health and adopted it as her own.

1946—Because my father was working for the railroad, we obtained small official living quarters in Goeritz, near the train station. The room was spacious with kitchen facilities.

My father's mother died in January due to malnutrition and his sister, Ida, died of typhoid fever. Another sister, Emma, moved to Poelitz, and his other sister, Mila, wanted to move to Hannover to be with her husband. Just Aunt Bertha was still with us.

Unexpectedly, in the spring of 1946, Father's old friend, "Onkel Emil Bloedorn" showed up. He was also a blacksmith, a believer in Jesus Christ and a kindred spirit to

my father. Mr. Bloedorn came with his large family from Hinterpommern also. In Wilhelmshof, 25 km from Goeritz, Mr. Bloedorn had a "Neusiedlung," (a five hectare plot of land which had been taken away from the big landlords.) The people of Wilhelmshof were looking for a blacksmith, so we moved there on the 20th of July. The smithy was housed in a large building called a "Schnitterkaserne," (housing for seasonal workers, at harvest time.) The building was empty except for a horde of rats. We had enough room, but little furniture, and the house was old and cold. My mother cried often, but she was also the soul of the community. She played the guitar and sang many lovely songs with other girls.

Family Steup and Family Rosenau were farmers who lived in Wilhelmshof. "Gemeinschaftsstunden" (Fellowship hours) were started in the living room in Steup's house. Mr. Bloedorn usually preached, and the children had their "Kinderstunde," children's hour.

While living in Wilhelmshof, we had enough to eat. We harvested potatoes and sugar beets, then boiled the syrup from the sugar beets to make syrup to eat on our bread. Many friends and relatives came, helped, and took food home with them.

New Year's Eve was celebrated at the Steup's house. With singing and praying we entered into the New Year, 1947.

1947 to 1949—My father obtained an oil press to squeeze the oil out of linseed. We could then have fat on our potatoes. At that time, people were happy when they had anything to eat.

Father had so much work in his smithy that I often had to help. I even wanted to learn the blacksmith trade during the time I was preparing for my Confirmation.

My Confirmation was on the Sunday "Exaudi," 1949 in the church at Schapow. Exaudi means: "Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me." Psalm 27: 7 NIV. The whole village celebrated this occasion. I even received a tailor-made Confirmation suit, sewn out of scouring cloth. At this celebration, my father gave a long speech and all of the guests could eat their fill because my mother had baked many cakes. After the Confirmation, my teacher talked to my parents about sending me to high school. My parents agreed, and so I went to Prenzlau to write a placement test. Because I passed, I started high school on the first of September. For a short time I had a room in Prenzlau, but then I commuted daily from Wilhelmshof.

Both of my parents were serious Christians. We often prayed and sang at home. My father though, had a bad temper, and he quarreled about small or unimportant things. My mother had a rough time with him.

During the years of 1947 to 1949 we had evangelical meetings at school. Many people came and listened to the Word of God. The theme was "We People Need God," and I knew that meant me as well. I had to change my way of living. Youth retreats were held at Parmen, a village close by, as well as at Goeritz in November/December of 1949. In the morning I went to school in Prenzlau, and in the afternoon I would go to the retreat in Goeritz. Eight friends from Wilhelmshof and Horst came to the meetings. Erich and Leo Manke, Gerhard and Heinz Rosenau, Helmut Hoffmann, Walter Redwanz, Joachim Steup, and Gerhard Rabe came. On the first evening, Gerhard Rosenau told me that these eight boys had had a discussion with the retreat leader, Pastor Szusdziara, and had turned their lives over to Jesus. Gerhard encouraged me to take that step also, and I did. I'm still happy today that I had accepted Jesus during my youth.

1950 to 1953—I went to high school in Prenzlau. My marks were average. In Mathematics and Physics I did well. But in foreign languages and German grammar I was weak. I didn't keep my faith in Jesus Christ a secret. My classroom teacher, Mr. Bieck, respected my beliefs and he often protected me from the attacks of other pupils. Shortly before the revolt of June 17th, 1953, I wrote my "Abitur" (matriculation examinations.)

The superintendent, Mr. Schink, told my parents to let me study Theology but I wasn't sure if I wanted to do this. My father had already made up his mind that I should study dentistry. Therefore, I applied at the University of Greifswald to enter the Faculty of Dentistry. When I received the consent form, I went up to the attic and thanked God for this miracle. At this time we were living in the "Schnitterkaserne" on my father's small income, but we still had enough to help the needy.

1953 to 1959—University started at the beginning of October. I was dressed in an old green military jacket, dark blue naval pants and my father told me to wear a hat so that the other students would have something to smile about. For the first four weeks, all of the students were housed together in the large dance hall of a restaurant. After that we were moved into an old army barracks, where I lived for four years. In the beginning I was in a four-man bedroom, then a three- man bedroom, and finally a two-man bedroom which I shared with Heinrich Lampe.

I didn't have much money to spend. My father had his own business as a blacksmith and so we didn't belong to the "working class." Therefore I was not entitled to the basic Worker's Scholarship. I had to pay for room, board, and school books. The rent for the room was ten marks per month and the food in the "mensa" was inexpensive, too. Only the books were expensive, but they could be rented for a small fee. By eating thickly cut sandwiches and my mother's homemade cake, I was able to live quite cheaply.

Through Family Wiesenberg I got in contact with the "Landeskirchliche Gemeinschaft," Lutherhof. It became my second home. Every week we had youth meetings, choir practice, Sunday school, and trumpet band practice. I started to give my tithe to the Lord and I never felt threatened by the political situation.

In the spring of 1955 we heard rumors that our university was to become a medical military academy. Secret protests took place, but these were quickly stopped. Then on the 30th of March, 1955, we were invited into the "Aula," the auditorium. The doors were locked behind us, and we were all, about 260 students, transported off to a nearby jail by truck. I shared a one-man cell with 17 or 18 other students for one day and one night. Everyone was interrogated separately, and the next evening we were let go. When we came out, the Jacobi Church, just beside the jail, was burning. We were later told that the students had torched the church. After this jail "party," many of the students went to West Germany as political refugees. I remained in Greifswald, but I had to leave for the fall semester because I did not want to wear a uniform and study in the military academy. The students were given enticing offers. We would become officers in the army with a large salary, but most of the students would not accept this offer. Therefore, we had to leave.

After writing my pre-medicine exam in Greifswald, I went with a few friends to the University of Halle. There the world renowned Professor Reichenbach was teaching "Zahnheilkunde," dentistry. After a month in Halle we received an offer from Greifswald to return as civilian students because there were not enough military dental

students at the university. I went back to Greifswald because it was closer to home from where I could get more support to pay for university expenses.

Between the pre-medicine and the final state examinations, we only wrote a few tests. A group of eight students, four men and four women, took the state exam. Because our professors knew us well, we were known by our names and not just by a number. The small group of military medical students attended the lectures on human medicine and participated in the dental clinics with us as well. We had a good relationship with them.

During vacation in the summer of 1957, I wanted to go see the world. The border between East and West Berlin was still open until August 8th, 1961. I drove to Berlin and got a West German passport. Then, because I was a student, I was able to purchase an airplane ticket to Hannover for only a few marks. At the train station in Greifswald I bought a train ticket to Loerrach which is close to the Swiss border. By plane I flew to Hannover. From Hannover I took the train to Frankfurt. At a youth hostel in Frankfurt I purchased enough coupons which could be used at any youth hostel for food and lodging for three weeks. Next I took the train to Loerrach. From there I walked to St. Chrischona in Switzerland to visit with my cousin Dieter Naber for one day. He was studying at the Bible School in St. Chrischona. Then, I hitch hiked through Switzerland. At the youth hostels I slept and ate. The drive over the St. Gotthard Pass was unforgettable. The top of the pass was very cold, even in summer, but the south side of the mountain had a warm sub-tropical climate.

In Italy it was too risky to hitch hike so I took the train instead. It was inexpensive. I intended to take the train to Milan and to Venice. I had some extra money in my pocket. Did it come from Uncle Max Behlke, whom I had visited in Hannover? He had always been very kind to me.

Italy's hostels were in bad shape. In Como I stayed at the "Villa Olmo" but this building was anything but a villa. In a large room on the second floor of the house were many bunk beds. A variety of languages could be heard but no staircase could be found. People had to climb a ladder from the main floor and then enter the room through a window. The food was served in a different building. Older and younger people were assembled there. With a food coupon one would go to a type of window from which one could look into the kitchen. A cook was whistling a song while serving the food. I saw how he put his hand into a large bowl and took out tomato chunks. He sprinkled what looked like a type of clover to me over the tomatoes and served them with a little piece of meat. Every one had enough to eat. I didn't stay there long but took the train from Como to Milan. In Milan I looked at the cathedral and then boarded the train again for Venice. All at once I was homesick. I was in a strange country without any destination; I wanted to go back home. So I took the train from Verona to Insbruck, Austria and never made it to Venice. In Insbruck I stayed overnight at a youth hostel which was better than the one at Como. The youth hostel's dining hall had a large crucifix on one wall. Small wreaths hung on the arms. I was puzzled about this, so I asked the lady in charge what this could mean. She replied that it was a sign of thanksgiving to God.

From Insbruck I took the train in a westward direction through the Alps to Bregenz on the "Bodensee." (Lake Constance.) A little ways behind Bregenz lies the German boundary. Lindau im See, which is an island in Lake Constance, is the border city. At Lindau I bought a ticket to board a ship that went from Lindau to Konstanz. From Konstanz I hiked to the Mainau Island, a beautiful sub-tropical park. After that pleasant

experience I hitch hiked along the national highway system to the Black Forest region of southern Germany.

My next destination was Freiburg. The Freiburger Muenster was a glorious church. At this time the Naber family lived in Emmendingen, north of Freiburg. I stayed and rested at their place for a few days. Then I used my return trip ticket, which I had purchased at the Greifswald train station, to go to Hannover. I stopped off in Kassel to visit my cousin, Rudi Staege. Rudi bought my good quality single lens reflex camera so that I could buy some clothing. In Hannover I boarded an old English military airplane and flew to the Tempelhof airport in West Berlin. From there I arrived safely in Wilhelmshof. My parents didn't know any thing about my adventurous journey but they were glad to have me at home again. While showing many slides, I talked about my trip. But then my last year of study was about to begin.

The state examination for dentistry began June 1958 and ended October 4th, 1958. These were the most difficult months of my life! I had to write four examinations for dentistry and then another ten examinations for medicine. They included internal medicine, the eyes, pharmacy, dermatology, hygiene, social hygiene, and pathology. Some of the subjects were manageable but others were extremely difficult. The other three men in my group and I rejoiced on October the 4th when we had passed the last examination. It is difficult to describe how the tremendous physical pressure that had been carried over from one test to the next was suddenly gone. In Lutherhof in Greifswald a youth worker's retreat was taking place. I was so overjoyed about passing my tests that I invited everyone out for an ice cream. Among those in the group was Renate Wurl from Stralsund.

On November the first, 1958, I started my profession as an assistant dentist to Professor Ploetz at the University Clinic in Greifswald. I had a modest room on Kapaunen Street. Life became easier and I earned my first salary—about 600 marks a month. Each day I wore a white lab coat from 8:00 to 13:00 hours and from 15:00 to 18:00 hours, then on Saturdays from 8:00 to 13:00 hours. The learning didn't stop, but at least there was no more stress. At the beginning of December I asked Professor Ploetz for a suitable doctorate topic of study. The topic was "Odontologische und kephalometrische Betrachtungen an eineiigen und zweieiigen Zwillingen" in other words, The Odontological and Cephalometrical Study of Identical and Dizygotic Twins, the structure of the teeth and the size of the head of identical and fraternal twins.

In the summer of 1959 I handed in my thesis, and on the 18th of December, 1959, the title Doctor of Dentistry was conferred on me.

After writing the state exam, I deepened my friendship with Renate Wurl and her twin sister, Gisela. They were identical twins who lived in Stralsund and went to the community church there. Because of my dissertation, I invited Renate and Gisela to the dental clinic. I was trying to find as many twins as possible in order to examine them. This dentist-patient relationship developed into a friendly letter exchange with Renate. We then got to know each other better so that during the course of the year we realized that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives with one another. Therefore, we were engaged on the day commemorating the Reformation, October 31, 1959.

After completing my time as an assistant dentist I was qualified to work on my own. At first I wanted to become a dental orthopedist, so I tried to work with a specialist in Stralsund, but I couldn't find any permanent lodging there. I lived for two months at Mrs.

Wurl's, who only had a two-room apartment. Without hesitation I terminated my contract in Stralsund on December the 31st, 1959. I had found a different place of work at Jarmen in the district of Demmin.

1960 and the following years were the beginning of a wonderful time: job promotion, sufficient work, no financial problems, prestige, enjoyable work, marriage and a family. A four-room apartment with bath and garage were waiting for me in Jarmen in addition to the leading dental clinic with a monthly salary of 1,800 marks, a rural allowance of 180 marks, and 200 marks for also working as a pediatric dentist. In all I was earning about ten times more than my father did. Renate also earned 250-300 marks a month, but her mother had to live on a small pension. I declined the opportunity to work at any additional clinics, such as at Koserow.

The apartment was set up and furnished with modern modular furniture, which had just come out in 1960. Our wedding was on June the 4th, 1960, in Stralsund. We were soon well known and had many dental patients in the little town of Jarmen. Many opportunities to serve in the church and in the community also came our way. Our first child, Gerlinde was born in 1961, and Heide came along in 1963. Both were born in the medical clinic in Jarmen.

My previous short stay in Stralsund brought consequences with it. At the time I had opened up a "Bausparvertrag" (building saving's contract). Each month I had to pay a certain amount into a savings account and hope that at some time in the distant future we would be able to receive a permit to build our own house. In 1959 thirty-six building saving's contracts were waiting for approval and only two were allowed each year.

Occupational changes started in 1963. Shortly before the construction of the Berlin Wall, the East German Politburo decided that all experienced doctors and dentists should be allowed to have their clinics and offices in their own homes. I was interested. Two possible locations were mentioned to me: Hintersee in the district of Uekermuende and Loitz in the district of Demmin. Hintersee had many more enticements. A modern house with dental clinic was ready to be used. A dentist had had this building constructed in the 1930s. Actually, we had given the district medical officer our agreement to go to Hintersee. In Loitz there was neither lodging nor a dental office. But God closed the doors in Hintersee and opened them in Loitz. So in March, 1964 we moved from Jarmen to Loitz, and I started work as a "Kassenzahnarzt." A Kassenzahnarzt is a dentist who is paid by the Federal Health Care Insurance Plan. Living quarters and dental clinic were in the same house, Goethestr. 37. I could work day and night, and many patients came.

Renate's mother moved to West Germany where she received a decent pension. For the support that she gave us, we were truly thankful.

We had not yet been living long in Loitz, when we received the news that permission had been granted to build our own house in Stralsund. Even though we still had worries with the growing dental practice in Loitz, we didn't want this opportunity to slip out of our hands. Therefore, we started to gather information about a possible house plan, location, contractor, financing, etc. The family was growing and our living quarters were shrinking in Loitz. Gabriele was born in 1965, Friedemann in 1966, and Christoph in 1967. We joyously anticipated the completion of our new home in Stralsund. December 1st, 1967 was moving day. The dental clinic stayed in Loitz. It was my wish to move it to Stralsund someday, but unfortunately, this permission was never granted. So for 24

Renate Nemitz geb. Wurl

years, until 1991, I had a to shuttle between Stralsund and Loitz, a total of 84 kilometers each day.

Our five children grew up in Stralsund. They went to school, to music school and to the community church where they felt quite at home. In 1965 the members of the community association named me to the regional board of directors and in 1968 the leadership of the Stralsunder community was transferred to me. In addition to that I lead the choral group. House "Gottesfriede" in Woltersdorf elected me to their executive board and in 1977 the Wasserburg Turow to be their administrator. So besides my dental practice in Loitz there was much to do.

In 1970, we bought a house just outside of Loitz for my parents who lived in Prenzlau. Now they lived near us, and our children would often visit Grandfather and Grandmother. On his 74th birthday, June 30th, 1978, my father died. As a result I built a small apartment for my mother in the garret at my dental practice in Loitz and we sold my parent's house. Mother lived in these comfortable quarters for over 15 years. She provided lunch for me and I would often stay overnight in Loitz.

Because our children were musically inclined, the music school suggested that Gerlinde and Heide study music professionally. After some initial hesitation, we sent Gerlinde, at age 13, and Heide, at age 12, to Berlin to study music. Gabriele and Christoph were delegated to go to high school and to write their matriculation examinations. Friedemann, no less gifted than the others, became a cabinetmaker in Loitz.

After my fiftieth birthday, I became concerned about our future. The distance between home and work, the stress at work and at the voluntary positions, gave me much to ponder. Our children were grown and leaving home. Should we move once more? Along the road between Stralsund and Loitz, which I travelled daily, I noticed some new single family dwellings, which were not being built according to the usual design. My interest was perked, so I inquired the architect's name and went to visit him. We were soon in business. While the architect was drawing up the house plans, I was looking for a suitable location near Loitz. In the spring of 1987, I found a piece of land in Pustow that both Renate and I liked.

Again, there was much work to be done. After all formalities had been completed, building materials had to be provided. This time we built without a contractor. At first we erected a double garage with an extra room. Our future neighbour, a bricklayer who worked for the "Landwirtschaftliche Produktionsgenossenschaft (LPG)", often helped us. One of my patients built us a cement mixer. Actually, many of my patients helped with the building of this house. They brought bricks, cement, lime, wood and a number of other things. The LPG would lend me their vehicles. Two bricklayers, Mr. Juettner and Mr. Klett, helped us often and I would trade off with Renate and the children turning the cement mixer. The excavations for the house were started in April 1989 and the roof trusses were put up in the fall. The roof was completed by the end of the year and the building could then start to dry out. Work on the inside started in the spring of 1990. After the reunification of Germany, building materials were much easier to obtain. Even the trades people were thankful for every job. But it would be another year and a half before the house was ready. In 1990 we were able to buy the land on which the house stands. We built a fence around the property and Renate planted a garden. In the summer of 1990, both of our sons married in a double wedding ceremony in Straslund.

Now all of our children were out of the house, and we could have moved the dental practice to Stralsund. However, we decided to continue the dental practice in Loitz and move to Pustow. Finally, in November of 1991, the moving van made the trip from Stralsund to Pustow. We celebrated Christmas in our new house. In the spring of 1992 the outside of the house was stuccoed and painted. To complete the project the driveway was laid with lovely paving stones. Christoph, who had become a father in the meantime, moved into the house in Stralsund. He had started a five-year dental training course.

In the summer of 1990, a certain Mr. Krueger and his wife from West Germany visited me in Loitz. He was the owner of the house at Goethestr. 37. His father had built it in 1928-1929. We quickly came to an agreement with Mr. Krueger and bought the house from him in December of 1991. So now we also owned a house in Loitz, and began to renovate it extensively. The dentistry practice was going well and provided funds for all of these investments as well as for charitable causes.

In the fall of 1996 Christoph finished his dental studies and started a two-year internship in my clinic. After that he became a licensed dentist. But for me, the time had come to retire after 40 years as a dentist. So on December 31st, 1998, I left my office for the last time and began my retirement on January 1st, 1999. My son Christoph is now the boss in this clinic! But for Renate and myself, a new phase in our lives was beginning.

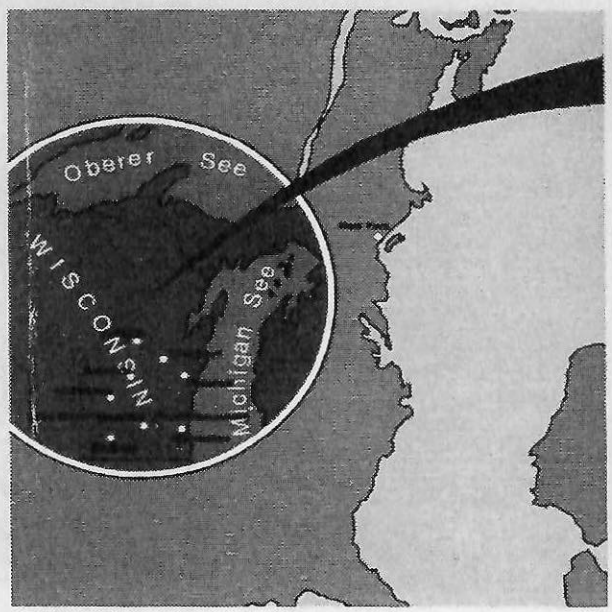
In every place where we have lived we were active in the Lutheran church and in the Evangelical Fellowship. We felt spiritually at home in both places. Our faith in Jesus Christ has sustained us in many situations right up until the present day. In this faith we will leave this world when our time here is over.

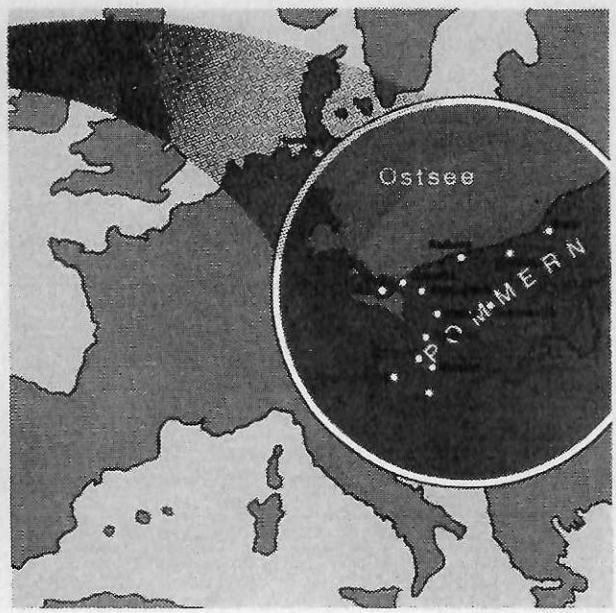
June 1999

Friedrich Nemitz.

[Prepared by Friedrich for the Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000]

The / Der Nemitz - Clan





Pommerania / Pommern - Hymne

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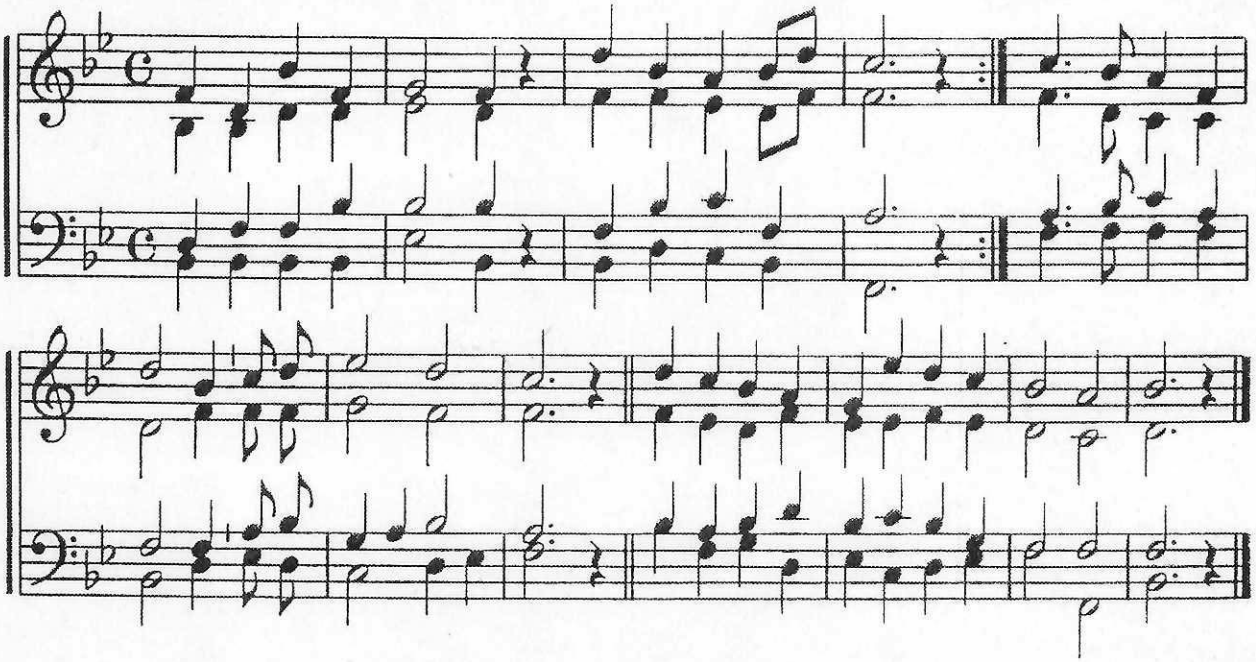


1. *When in silent hours dreams*
   begin to start,
   they are flying softly, filling out
   my heart;
   they are singing sweetly me from
   home again,
   where on sea and meadows
   sunshine falls and rain

2. *Where the sails are flying on the*
   Baltic Sea,
   when the gulls are crying: „Here
   we all are free!"
   always I am thinking of my
   former home,
   where the woods are greening as
   the country's dome.

3. *Now I have to wander through*
   another land,
   till I once am lying on a foreign
   sand,
   never end my singing for my
   home above,
   Thanking Our Saviour for my
   country's love.

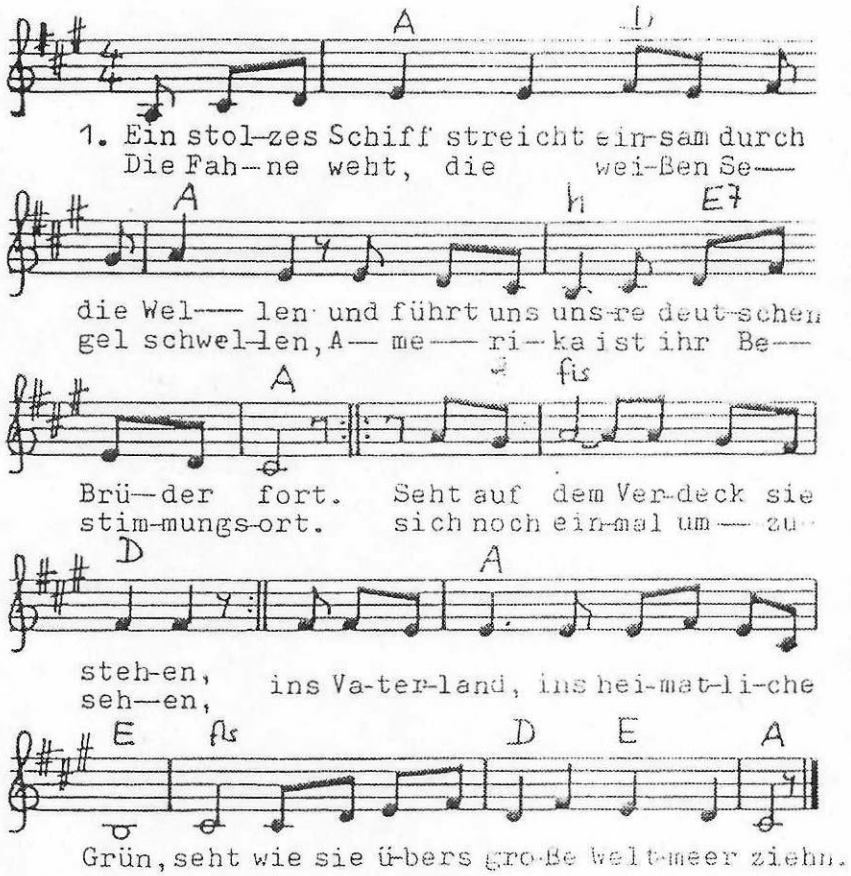
Wenn in stiller Stunde Träume mich umwehn,
Bringen frohe Kunde Geister ungesehn,
Reden von dem Lande meiner Heimat mir.
Hellem Meeresstrande, düsterm Waldrevier.

Weiße Segel fliegen auf der blauen See.
Weiße Möwen wiegen sich in blauer Höh.
Blaue Wäder krönen, weißer Dünensand.
Pommernland, mein Sehnen ist dir zugewandt.

Jetzt bin ich im Wandern, bin bald hier bald dort.
Doch aus allen Andern treibt's mich immer fort.
Bis in dir ich wieder finde meine Ruh,
send ich meine Lieder dir o Heimat zu.

Translatet from Gertrud Lübbert
2000 in Pommerania/Germany

Ein stolzes Schiff



2. Sie ziehn dahin auf blauen Meereswogen.
Warum verlassen sie ihr Heimatland?
Man hat sie um ihr Leben schwer betrogen,
die Armut trieb sie aus dem Vaterland.
Schauet auf, ihr Unterdrücker,
schauet auf, ihr Volksbetrüger!
Seht eure besten Arbeitskräfte fliehn,
seht, wie sie übers große Weltmeer ziehn.

3. Sie ziehn dahin, wer wagt sie noch zu fragen:
Warum verlassen sie ihr Heimatland?
O armes Deutschland, wie kannst du es ertragen,
daß deine Brüder werden so verbannt.
Was sie hofften hier zu gründen,
suchen sie dort drüben zu finden;
drum ziehen sie von deutschem Boden ab
und finden in Amerika ihr Grab. —

Ein Auswandererlied aus der Zeit nach 1848, welches die Gründe klar benennt: Armut und Unterdrückung veranlaßten Millionen Menschen, Deutschland zu verlassen. Viele Bauern hatten sich durch das Freikaufen von den Frondiensten hoch verschuldet. In der Industrie waren Arbeitszeiten bis zu 16 Stunden bei nur sehr kargem Lohn und Ansteigen der Lebensmittelpreise die Regel.
Jeder freiheitlich gesinnte Mensch wurde wieder hart verfolgt. Dazu dienten schwarze Listen, Überwachung der Versammlungen des Bürgertums und das Verbot von Arbeitervereinigungen.

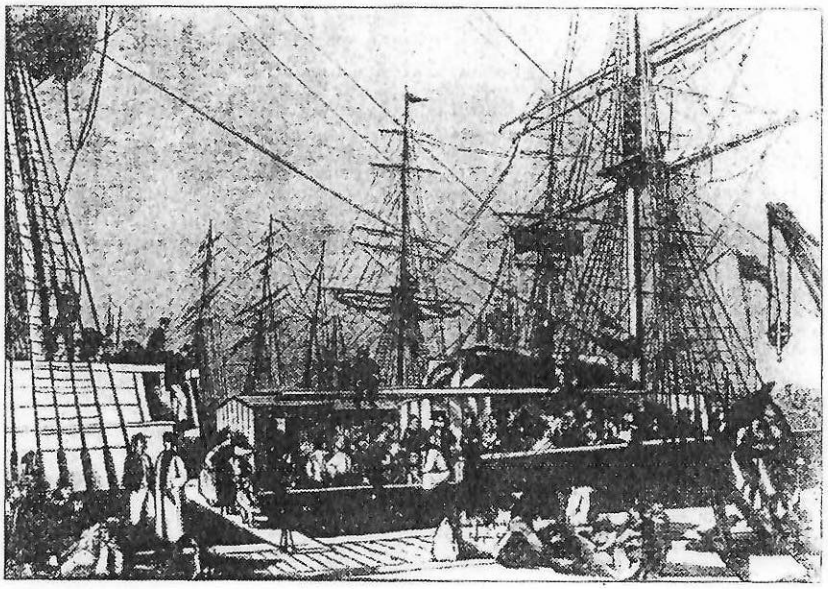
A Stately Ship

An emigrants' song from the time after 1848 which clearly states the reasons: poverty and oppression caused millions of people to leave Germany. Many farmers incurred heavy debts by buying themselves out of serfdom and, as a rule, working days in industry amounted to 16 hours for a very low wage despite rising food prices. Any liberal minded person was severely persecuted. To this end there were black lists and observation of gatherings of the middle classes, while workers associations were prohibited.

1. A stately ship sets sail across the ocean
And takes our German brothers from the shore.
The flag is out, the white sails stretch their canvas
Off to America and here no more.
On the deck we see them standing
Looking back to where they came from,
Their fatherland that stretches out so green.
They cross the water to a land unseen.

2. On the horizon waves are blue and misty.
Why have they left their country once so dear?
A life of poverty, hard work, oppression,
And so they saw they had no future here.
Look and see, all you oppressors!
Look and see, you national robbers!
Good workers sailing to another shore,
See how they leave to come again no more.

3. They sail away, and who would dare to ask them
Why they have left their country once so dear?
Poor Germany! How can you bear the burden?
Brothers expelled for want of future here!
What they hoped and what they planted,
Over there, will it be granted?
They go from Germany, so strong and brave,
And in America they dig their grave.



Der letzte Morgen im deutschen Hafen. Originalzeichnung von R. G. [illegible] *Repro: Landesmedienzentrum Hamburg*
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Informations from the name „NEMITZ"

I have informations from a churchbook of the region from Rathsdamnitz.
I have not found informations from the forefathers of Heinrich Nemitz or brothers or sisters. Unfortunatily!
But I have found, that on the 8.Jan. 1868 was born in Labehn: Wilhelm, Franz, Ludwig Nemitz. His Father is Karl or Carl Nemitz. (In Labehn was also born my grandfather Wilhelm, Heinrich, Julius Nemitz 1865.) Is Karl Nemitz perhaps the brother or cousin from Ferdinand and Ernst and Wilhelm, Friedrich and...?

Albert, Ludwig, Franz Nemitz, born 9.Dec. 1864 in Friedrichsfelde. The father is also Karl Nemitz.

Friedrich, Karl, Albert Nemitz, born 18.Mars 1858. His father is „the gardener Friedrich Nemitz", lives in Stanitz. Stanitz

Also in Stanitz lives „the day-laborer (day-worker ?) Gottfried Nemitz 1815 – 1863.
He hade 6 children – Johann, Wilhelm, Wilhelmine, Henriette, August, Albert.

I think, we have still many more relatives! I have a card from Eas-Pomerenia. Stanitz and Friedrichsfelde can you found near from Rathsdamnitz.

Ich habe Aufzeichnungen aus einem alten Kirchenbuch von Rathsdamnitz. Darin habe ich leider keine Informationen über unsere Vorfahren gefunden. Aber ich habe gefunden, daß am 8.1.1868 in Labehn ein Wilhelm, Franz, Ludwig Nemitz geboren wurde. Sein Vater war Karl Nemitz. (Labehn ist ein kleines Dorf. Hier wurde 1964 auch mein Großvater, Wilhelm, Heinrich, Julius Nemitz geboren.) Ist Karl Nemitz vielleicht ein Bruder oder Cousin von unserm Vorfahren, Ferdinand Nemitz?

Die vielen andern NEMITZ-Namen aus dem Kirchenbuch siehe oben. Eine direkte Linie zu unsern Vorfahren ist nicht zu erkennen, aber ich glaube, sie werden dort noch viele Verwandte gehabt haben.

Friedrich Nemitz, Germany 2000

For the Nemitz Family Reunion on 19th August 2000 in Seattle

We have common ancestors. Rev. David Witheridge of Minneapolis, USA, has done a lot of research on this and drawn diagrams of his findings. It has also been possible to identify contemporary witnesses.

1. My father, Wilhelm Nemitz -1904-1978, learnt a number of details from his grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz – 1844-1932, which he passed on to me. In 1872, both his brothers (or 3?) emigrated to Milwaukee, USA. The two sisters followed in 1878 with their mother. Their father had died early.
2. Rev. David Witheridge obtained information from Mathilde Schröder, 1875-1963. She was the daughter of Ferdinand's sister, Wilhelmine. She travelled from America to Germany before 1914 and visited her uncle, Ferdinand Nemitz, and his family. After returning home she reported that her uncle in Germany was a postman and had a daughter called "Ida" who was a nurse. Both facts apply to Ferdinand Nemitz.
3. I have some notes about my ancestors in a family album. They go back as far as Heinrich Nemitz and Henriette, née Bonke. The birthplaces of Ferdinand Nemitz and his siblings who emigrated are very close to one another in the district of Stolp (Słupsk) in Pomerania. There can be no doubt about our relationship – Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz are our common ancestors. They were born about 200 years ago.

We know nothing about their childhood and youth. We can assume that they lived in Pomerania in Germany. The name "Nemitz" can also be found in the neighbouring district to Stolp. I have some documents from there which go back as far as 1850. I am also in contact with a Dr. Seils who does genealogical research as well. He informed me that his ancestors also came from the district of Stolp and some of them had the name "Nemitz". Our Nemitz ancestors must have been Pomeranian residents. But for anything further back than 200 years ago we have no authentic documents.

Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz were probably not among the well-to-do. They lived in the village of **Dammen (Damno)** and probably worked on the land. Their daughter Johanna was born there in 1833 and their eldest son Wilhelm Friedrich Nemitz in 1835. The chronicle states that, at that time, Dammen was a knight's estate – namely a very large farming enterprise. Ferdinand told my father that they had been poor in his childhood. His father died when the younger children were still small. His mother assisted as a mid-wife and received food in exchange. This meant she could feed her children. Once, as Ferdinand told my father, their mother was on her way home from an isolated farm house. On the way she was followed by a hungry wolf. In panic, she threw down the food she was carrying and ran home quickly to where the children were waiting for their mother.

The chronicle goes on to record that in 1842 a fire broke out in the pastor's house in Dammen. Many houses burnt down. The Nemitz family probably took refuge in Kriwan near Rathsdamnitz (Dębnica Kaszubska), because it was here that my great grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, was born in 1844. Investigations have revealed that a Bonke family lived in Kriwan. Those could have been the parents or siblings of Henriette. Kriwan is about 30 km south of Dammen. The birthplaces of Ernst (1848) and Wilhelmine (1851) are not known. Perhaps the family returned later to Dammen. Ferdinand's wife came from a neighbouring village and they were married in Dammen.

Ferdinand's eldest sister, Johanna, married Johann Tomke and his brother Wilhelm Friedrich, married Theresa Jacobs in 1856. We can only guess what their motives were for emigrating to America.

What was the situation in Pomerania 150 years ago? At that time many people emigrated for two main reasons. Pomerania is an agricultural region. There were many large farming enterprises. The farm workers were "serfs". They and their families belonged body and soul like slaves to the owners of the farms. It is probable that our ancestors were serfs too.

On 9th October 1809, serfdom was abolished by law in Pomerania. That was a major social step forward. The large land owners, in particular, lost a lot of privileges. Now they could no longer do as they liked with their subjects; people were able to determine their own fate. That was certainly one reason for emigrating. The USA was a free country. There land could be bought cheaply and people felt safe. In Germany there was misgivings about whether the abolition of serfdom would last. Indeed, many large land owners tried to keep their workers, often exploiting their ignorance.

A further reason for the exodus of many Pomeranians was an edict of the King of Prussia, Friedrich-Wilhelm III (1797-1840). In Prussia – and at that time Pomerania belonged to Prussia – there was a **Lutheran** and a **Reformed** church. The Reformed Church went back to Calvin and its members were Huguenots who had been expelled from France and took refuge in Prussia. The Prussian kings wanted to unite these two groups to form an **Evangelical Church of the Union**. But there were many Lutheran pastors opposed to this union for theological reasons. Since there was no identifiable readiness to compromise on the state's side, these pastors emigrated with many members of their congregations – most of them to the USA. Often this emigration must have been quite dramatic. There are accounts of ships, most of which came from England, sometimes going to Australia instead of America. The emigrants were defenceless. Nobody knows where one of the ships ended up. The emigrants were allowed to land somewhere in Central America.

The emigrants who had landed in the USA wrote letters about freedom and affluence and thus attracted successive new groups.

It is not impossible that the two brothers, Wilhelm and Ernst Nemitz, followed relatives who had emigrated before them. In a note about "Old Lutherans in Freistadt" it says, "Ludwig Nemitz bought land in Freistad, Wisconsin, in 1857 and owned a smithy". I found two gravestones with the name "Nemitz" in the graveyard of the Lutheran church in Freistadt but have not traced any genealogical relationship.

Freistadt, Milwaukee and Chicago were also the first places to which the two brothers went in 1872. Their descendants in America can give the account of their story after that. Six years later their two sisters followed and also took their 78 year old mother with them. She lived there for 10 more years. Her grave is supposed still to exist somewhere in Michigan state.

Ferdinand was the only one who remained in Germany. As a postman, he had a modest but secure income from the post office. He lived for more than 40 years at Kolberg (Kołobrzeg) by the Baltic Sea. He had 7 children – 3 sons and 4 daughters – and died on 18th July 1932 aged 88 years old.

Zum Nemitz – Verwandtentreffen 19.August 2000 in Seattle

Wir haben gemeinsame Vorfahren. Rev. David Witheridge aus Minneapolis USA hat viel darüber geforscht und seine Ergebnisse in Diagrammen aufgezeichnet. Außerdem konnten noch Zeitzeugen gefunden werden:

1. Mein Vater – Wilhelm Nemitz, 1904-1978 – hat von seinem Großvater – Ferdinand Nemitz, 1844-1932 – manche Auskunft erhalten und hat sie mir weiter erzählt: 1872 wanderten seine beiden (oder 3?) Brüder nach Milwaukee USA aus. 1978 folgten die beiden Schwestern mit der Mutter nach. Der Vater war früh gestorben.
2. Rev. David Witheridge hat Informationen von Mathilde Schröder, 1875-1963. Es ist die Tochter von Ferdinands Schwester Wilhelmine. Sie reiste vor 1914 von Amerika nach Deutschland und besuchte ihren Onkel Ferdinand Nemitz und seine Familie. Nach ihrer Heimkehr berichtete sie, daß ihr Onkel in Deutschland Postbote ist und eine Tochter mit Namen „Ida" hat, von Beruf Krankenschwester . Beides trifft für Ferdinand Nemitz zu.
3. Ich habe Aufzeichnungen in einem Familien-Stammbuch über meine Vorfahren. Sie gehen zurück bis zu Heinrich Nemitz und Henriette geb. Bonke. Die Geburtsorte von Ferdinand Nemitz und seinen ausgewanderten Geschwistern liegen dich beieinander, im Kreis Stolp in Pommern. An unserer verwandtschaftlichen Identität besteht kein Zweifel – Heinrich und Henriette Nemitz sind unsere gemeinsamen Vorfahren. Sie wurden vor etwa 200 Jahren geboren.

Über ihre Kindheit und Jugendzeit wissen wir nichts. Wir können annehmen, daß sie auch in Pommern/Deutschland lebten. Im Nachbarkreis von Stolp ist der Name „Nemitz" ebenfalls bekannt. Ich habe Unterlagen von dort, die bis 1850 zurückgehen. Außerdem habe ich Verbindung mit einem Dr.Seils, der wie ich Ahnenforschung betreibt. Er berichtete mir, daß seine Vorfahren auch aus dem Kreis Stolp kommen und der Name „Nemitz" bei ihnen vorkommt. Unsere Nemitz-Vorfahren werden ansässige Pommern gewesen sein. Aber was vor mehr als 200 Jahre zurückliegt, darüber haben wir keine authentischen Unterlagen.
Heinrich und Henriette Nemitz haben wohl nicht zu den reichen Leuten gehört. Sie lebten in dem Dorf **Dammen** und arbeiteten wahrscheinlich in der Landwirtschaft. Hier wurden 1833 Tochter Johanna und 1835 ihr ältester Sohn, Wilhelm,Friedrich Nemitz, geboren. In der Chronik ist zu lesen, daß Dammen zu der Zeit ein Rittergut war – das ist ein sehr großer landwirtschaftlicher Betrieb. Ferdinand berichtete meinem Vater, daß er eine arme Kindheit hatte. Sein Vater starb, als die jüngsten Kinder noch klein waren. Seine Mutter half als Hebamme und bekam dafür Lebensmittel. So konnte sie ihre Kinder ernähren. Einmal – so erzählte Ferdinand meinem Vater – kam die Mutter von einem einsamen Gehöft wieder nach Hause. Unterwegs wurde sie von einem hungrigen Wolf verfolgt. In ihrer Not warf sie ihm die mitgebrachten Lebensmittel hin und lief schnell nach Hause, wo die Kinder auf die Mutter warteten.
Die Chronik berichtet nun, daß 1842 im Pfarrhaus in Dammen ein Feuer ausbrach. Viele Häuser brannten ab. Familie Nemitz flüchtete wahrscheinlich nach Kriwan bei Rathsdamnitz, Denn hier wurde 1844 mein Urgroßvater, Ferdinand Nemitz geboren. Nachforschungen ergaben, daß in Kriwan Fam. Bonke lebte. Es könnten die Eltern oder Geschwister von Henriette gewesen sein. Kriwan liegt etwa 30 Km südlich von Dammen. Die Geburtsorte von Ernst, 1848 und von Wilhelmine, 1851, sind nicht bekannt. Vielleicht ist die Familie später wieder nach Dammen zurückgezogen; Ferdinand nahm sich eine Frau aus dem Nachbarort von Dammen und in Dammen war auch ihre Hochzeit. Ferdinands älteste Schwester, Johanna, heiratete einen Johann Tomke und Bruder Wilhelm, Friedrich heiratete 1856 Theresa Jacobs. Über die Motive der Auswanderung nach Amerika sind wir auf Vermutungen angewiesen.

Wie sah es vor 150 in Pommern aus: In dieser Zeit sind viele Menschen ausgewandert, wobei zwei Gründe dominierend waren. Pommern ist ein Agrarland. Es gab sehr viele große landwirtschaftliche Betriebe. Die Arbeiter waren „Leibeigene". Sie gehörten wie Sklaven mit Leib und Leben und mit ihren Familien den Besitzern der Betriebe. Wahrscheinlich waren unsere Vorfahren auch Leibeigene.
Am 9.Oktober 1809 wurde in Pommern die Leibeigenschaft per Gesetz aufgehoben. Das war ein großer gesellschaftlicher Fortschritt. Besonders die Großgrundbesitzer verloren viele Privilegien. Jetzt konnten sie nicht mehr uneingeschränkt über ihre Untertanen verfügen, die Menschen konnten selber über ihr Schicksal bestimmen. Sicherlich war das ein Grund für eine Auswanderung. Die USA waren ein freiheitliches Land. Hier gab es billig Land zu kaufen und man fühlte sich sicher. In Deutschland war man mißtrauisch, ob die Aufhebung der Leibeigenschaft von Dauer sein wird. Tatsächlich versuchten viele Großgrundbesitzer ihre Leute zu halten. Dabei nutzten sie oft deren Unwissenheit aus.
Ein weiterer Grund für den Exodus vieler Pommern war ein Edikt des Königs von Preußen, Friedrich-Wilhelm III.(1797-1840). Es gab in Preußen – und Pommern gehörte damals zu Preußen – eine **Lutherische** und eine **Reformierte** Kirche. Die Reformierte Kirche geht auf Calvin zurück und zu ihr gehörten die Hugenotten, die aus Frankreich vertrieben wurden und in Preußen Zuflucht fanden. Der Preußenkönig wollte diese beiden Gruppen vereinigen zu einer **Evangelischen Kirche der Union.** Es gab aber viele lutherische Pastoren, die sich aus theologischen Gründen einer Vereinigung widersetzten. Da nun von Seiten des Staates keine Kompromißbereitschaft erkennbar war, wanderten diese Pastoren mit sehr vielen Gliedern ihrer Gemeinden aus – in der Hauptsache in die USA. Die Auswanderung muß oft sehr dramatisch gewesen sein. Es wird berichtet, daß die Schiffe, die hauptsächlich aus England kamen, manchmal statt nach Amerika nach Australien fuhren. Die Auswanderer konnten sich nicht dagegen wehren. Von einem Schiff weiß man nicht, wo es geblieben ist. Irgendwo in Mittelamerika konnten die Auswanderer an Land gehen.
Die Auswanderer, die in den USA gelandet waren, berichteten in Briefen von Freiheit und Wohlstand und zogen dadurch immer neue Gruppen nach.

Es ist nicht ausgeschlossen, daß die beiden Brüder, Wilhelm und Ernst Nemitz, Verwandten gefolgt sind, sie bereits vorher ausgewandert waren. In einer Notiz der „Altlutheraner in Freistadt" ist zu lesen: „Ludwig Nemitz kaufte Land in Freistad – Wisconsin 1857 und besaß eine Schmiede." Auf dem Friedhof der Lutherischen Kirche in Freistadt habe ich zweimal auf Grabsteinen den Namen „Nemitz" gefunden, ohne verwandtschaftliche Beziehungen zu erkennen.
Freistadt, Milwaukee , Chicago waren 1872 auch die ersten Stationen der beiden Brüder. Über ihre weitere Geschichte berichten ihre Nachkommen in Amerika. Sechs Jahre später folgten ihre beiden Schwestern mit ihren Familien und auch die 78-jährige Mutter nahmen sie mit. Dort lebte sie noch 10 Jahre. Ihr Grab soll heute noch im Staate Michigan erhalten sein.

Ferdinand blieb alleine in Deutschland zurück. Als Briefträger hatte er bei der Post ein bescheidenes, aber sicheres Einkommen. Über 40 Jahre wohnte er in Kolberg an der Ostsee. Er hatte 7 Kinder, 3 Söhne und 4 Töchter und starb mit 88 Jahren, am 18.Juli 1932.

Nemitz

The origin of the name "Nemitz" is unknown. There are, however, two facts that are worth mentioning:

1. In Slavic languages the name means simply "German", that is "Njemnetzky".

2. It is remarkable that the name "Nemitz" was known only in Hinterpommern (that part of Pomerania that is east of the Oder River). There is even a village named "Nemitz" (between Köslin and Schlawe). And in Stettin there was a "Nemitz" district.

Based on these two facts I submit the following thesis: After the 12th century knights of the Teutonic Order began the conquest of the lands to the east of Germany. That was the area to the east of the Oder all the way to East Prussia and the Baltic Sea. These areas were Christianized and Germanic groups moved into Hinterpommern. The Slavic people who were already there shared their land and even accepted the Christian religion. (Otto von Bamberg).

The Slavic people called the newcomers "the Germans" - or in their own language "Nemez" or "Nemitz".

My own ancestors came from the area around Stolp. But the name "Nemitz" was also found in the areas around Köslin, Regenwalde and Dramburg.

Heinrich Nemitz, born about 1800, married Henriette Bonke. They lived in Kreis (county) Stolp in Hinterpommern. Several children were born to this marriage: 1833 daughter Johanna, 1835 son Wilhelm Friedrich, 1844 son Ferdinand, 1848 son Ernst and 1851 daughter Wilhelmine. Perharps there were other children born between 1835 and 1844 who either died at birth or soon after.

Son Ferdinand told my father that his father, Heinrich, died at an early age. The mother, Henriette, worked as a midwife and thus supported the family.

Son Ferdinand (this has been documented) was a railway worker. In the second half of the 19th century railways were being built all over Germany. In this way many people had good jobs. In 1870-71 there was the Franco-German War. Ferdinand was a soldier and lived through this war in France. He was present at the crowning of the German Kaiser at Versailles. After the war he received a position in the German Post Office and thus had a fixed income. In 1869 he had married Henriette Friederike Skibbe in Dammen, Kreis Stolp.

Wilhelm Both of his brothers, Wilhelm Friedrich and Ernst, emigrated to the USA in 1872. ~~Both~~ already had families. I do not know the reason for their decision to relocate. Since the name "Nemitz" was already to be found in Wisconsin, it is possible that the brothers at first located near relatives who were already there.

In 1878 the mother (she was 78 years old), as well as the two sisters, Johanna and Wilhelmine, followed. Both sisters were married, Johanna to Johan Friedrich Tomke and Wilhelmine to Karl Schröder.

Ferdinand alone remained in Germany. He still had a good position with the German Post Office and a large family: Wilhelm, Ferdinand, Hermann and four daughters; Ida, Emma, Berta and Anna.

The oldest son, Wilhelm, was my grandfather (1865-1936).

Friedrich Nemitz

Nemitz

Der Ursprung des Namens „Nemitz" ist nicht bekannt. Es sind jedoch zwei Fakten erwähnenswert:

1. Im slawischen Sprachgebrauch bedeutet der Name so viel wie „Deutscher" z.B. „Njemnjetzky".
2. Es ist auffallend, daß der Name „Nemitz" vorwiegend in Hinterpommern vorkommt. Dort gibt es auch Dörfer mit Namen „Nemitz", sowie einen Stadtteil der Großstadt Stettin, der „Nemitz" heißt.

Aus diesen beiden Fakten stelle ich folgende These auf: Nach dem 12.Jahrhundert begann durch den „Deutschen Ritterorden" die Eroberung des sog. Ostlandes. Das sind Gebiete hinter der Oder – bis nach Ostpreußen und dem Baltikum. Diese Gebiete wurden christianisiert. Nach Hinterpommern wanderten germanische Volksstämme ein. Die dort lebende slawische Bevölkerung teilte sich mit den Einwanderern Grund und Boden und nahm wohl auch den christlichen Glauben an (Otto von Bamberg).
Für die slawische Bevölkerung waren die fremden Einwanderer „ Deutsche" – in ihrer Sprache „Nemez" bzw. „Nemitz".

Unsere unmittelbaren Vorfahren kamen aus dem Raum Stolp. Aber auch im Raum Köslin, Regenwalde, Dramburg kommt der Name „Nemitz" vor.

Heinrich Nemitz, geboren um 1800, heiratete Henriette Bonke. Sie wohnten im Kreis Stolp in Hinterpommern. Dem Ehepaar wurden mehrere Kinder geboren: 1833 Tochter Johanna, 1835 Sohn Wilhelm, Friedrich, 1844 Sohn Ferdinand, 1848 Sohn Ernst, 1851 Tochter Wilhelmine. Vielleicht gab es zwischen 1835 und 1844 auch Totgeburten oder Kinder starben.

Sohn Ferdinand berichtete meinem Vater, daß sein Vater, Heinrich, auch früh verstarb. Die Mutter, Henriette, arbeitete als Hebamme und ernährte die Familie.
Ferdinand – so ist urkundlich belegt – war Eisenbahnarbeiter. In der zweiten Hälfte des 19.Jahrhunderts wurden in Deutschland überall Eisenbahnstrecken gebaut. Hier fanden viele Menschen gute Arbeit. 1870/71 war der deutsch-französische Krieg. Ferdinand war Soldat und erlebte den Krieg in Frankreich. Er war auch zugegen bei der deutschen Kaiserkrönung in Versailles. Nach diesem Krieg bekam er eine Anstellung bei der deutschen Post und hatte somit ein festes Einkommen. Bereits 1869 heiratete er Friederike Skibbe in Dammen bei Stolp.
Seine beiden Brüder, Wilhelm und Ernst, wanderten 1872 in die USA aus. Wilhelm hatte schon eine Familie. Der Grund für diesen Entschluß ist nicht bekannt. Da der Name „Nemitz" aber früher im Staat Wisconsin vorkommt, könnte es sein, daß die Brüder zunächst zu Verwandten ausreisten, die schon vorher ausgewandert waren.
1878 zogen die Mutter – sie war bereits 78 Jahre alt – sowie die beiden Schwestern, Johanna und Wilhelmine, hinterher. (Johanna war verheiratet mit Johann, Friedrich Tomke und Wilhelmine mit Karl Schröder.)
Ferdinand blieb alleine in Deutschland zurück. Er hatte ein bescheidenes, aber festes Einkommen bei der Post und er hatte eine große Familie – drei Söhne (Wilhelm, Ferdinand und Hermann) und vier Töchter (Berta, Emma, Ida und Anna).
Der älteste Sohn, Wilhelm, war mein Großvater (1865 – 1936)

Friedrich Nemitz

[This article by Friedrich was published after the Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998, in the German publication, Die Pommersche Zeitung (q.v.).]

Verwandtentreffen in den USA

Wer zu einem Verwandtentreffen fährt, denkt in der Regel an Geschwister, Cousins, Onkel oder Tanten. Es klingt ein wenig eigenartig, zu einem Verwandtentreffen zu fahren, wo die Urgroßeltern Geschwister waren, die vor hundert Jahren lebten und deren Nachfahren heute in der weiten Welt verstreut sind. Kann man da eigentlich noch von Verwandtschaft im engeren Sinne sprechen? Fakt ist, daß der Familienname über die Generationen derselbe geblieben ist – und daß sich Wesenszüge wohl sehr lange vererben; vielleicht sogar Gesichtszüge (Wissenschaftler mögen hier mehr Auskunft geben können).

Nachfahren von Heinrich und Henriette Nemitz im Juni 1998 in Minneapo USA.
Einsender: Dr. Friedrich Nem

Durch einen glücklichen Zufall konnte erkundet werden, daß das Ehepaar Heinrich und Henriette Nemitz, welches vor 150 Jahren in Deutschland, Provinz Pommern, im Kreis Stolp lebte (heute gehört dieses Gebiet zu Polen), zwei Töchter und drei oder vier Söhne hatte. Bis auf den vierten möglichen Sohn sind Namen, Geburts- und Sterbedaten bekannt. Nachdem der Vater verstorben war, wanderten 1872 zuerst zwei Söhne in die USA aus. Innen folgten 1878 die beiden Schwestern und die Mutter. Ein Sohn blieb in Deutschland zurück – es war unser Urgroßvater. Er war als Soldat im deutsch-französischen Krieg 1870/71 beteilig erlebte in Versailles die deutsche Kaiserkrönung und bekam nach seiner Rückkehr eine feste Anstellung bei der Reichspost. Auch hatte er inzwischen eine Familie gegründet.

Wie ging die Geschichte seiner ausgewanderten Geschwister weiter: Ein Enkel des ältesten Bruders unseres Urgroßvaters, Pastor David Witheridge, der heute 83jährig in Minneapolis lebt, hat ihre Geschichte erforscht und detailliert Aufzeichnungen erstellt. Er war es dann auch, der zu einem Verwandtentreffen na Minneapolis eingeladen hatte. Dieses Treffe dauerte drei Tage, und es kamen über zwanzi Verwandte, darunter vier aus Deutschland, a gereist. Die allermeisten sahen sich erstmalig ihrem Leben. Nun begann ein reger Gedanke austausch. Es wurden alte Fotos – bis zu de Urgroßvätern – gezeigt. Dann wurde system tisch zugeordnet, wer zu welchem Urgroßvat gehört. Die Enkelkinder der Urgroßvater ren, bis auf David Witheridge, die Eltern d anwesenden Personen. Anhand von Licht dern betrachteten wir die Gegend um Stolp Orte Dammen und Rathsdamnitz, wie sie ne aussehen. Hier kamen unsere Vorfahren n

In fröhlicher Runde verging die Zeit des sammenseins sehr schnell. Mit einem gemei samen Gottesdienst in einer Baptistenkirc und einem anschließenden Mittagessen i Hause Witheridge ging dieses Treffen offiz zu Ende. – Die Listen dieser Nemitz-Verwan ten liegen vor und können zur Verfügung g stellt und ergänzt werden. Dieter Nemi

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Impressions of a visit to relatives in the USA

When going to a meeting of relatives one thinks as a rule of brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles or aunts. So it may sound rather strange to go to a reunion of relatives whose great-grandparents were members of the same family and lived a hundred years ago, and whose descendents are scattered all over the world today. Can one then really talk about relatives in the narrower sense? This question will not be answered here. But it is a fact that the family name has remained unchanged for generations, that personal characteristics can probably be passed down for a very long time and possibly even physical features. (Specialists might be able to say more about this.)

Emigration from Germany

By a fortunate coincidence it was possible to ascertain that the married couple, **Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz**, who lived 150 years ago in Germany in the province of Pomerania in the district of Stolp (which today belongs to Poland), had two daughters and three or four sons. Apart from the possible fourth son, their names and dates of birth and death are known. After the father died, firstly two sons emigrated to the USA in 1872. They were followed in 1878 by the two sisters and their mother. One son remained in Germany and he was our great-grandfather. He served as a soldier in the German/French war of 1870-71, experienced the crowning of the German emperor in Versailles, and on his return to Germany was appointed to a permanent job with the imperial post office. In the meantime he had also founded a family.

Reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

The story of his siblings who had emigrated continues as follows. A grandson of the eldest brother, Pastor David Witheridge, who is now 83 years old and lives in Minneapolis, traced their history and compiled a detailed record. It was also he who issued the invitation to a reunion of relatives in Minneapolis. This gathering lasted three days and there were more than twenty relatives present, four of them from Germany. Most of them met there for the first time in their lives. A lively exchange of ideas began. Old photos were examined going right back to the great-grandfathers. Then it was worked out systematically who belonged to which great-grandfather. The grandchildren of the great-grandfathers, with the exception of David Witheridge, were the parents of the persons present. We looked at slides which showed the area around Stolp with the towns of Dammen and Ratsdamnitz as they are today. That is where our ancestors came from.

The time together passed very quickly in this cheerful gathering. The reunion ended officially with a service together in a Baptist church followed by lunch in the Witheridge home.

The lists of these Nemitz relatives can be made available and additions made.

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Heinrich a. Henriette Nemitz 1800 - 1888

Johanna Nemitz 1833 – 1894
(Johann, Friedrich Tomke, 1829 – 1897)

Wilhelm, Friedrich Nemitz 1835 – 1921
(Theresa Jacobs, 1843 – 1885)

Ferdinand Nemitz 1844 – 1932
(Friederike Skibbe, 1841 – 1918)

Ernst Nemitz 1848 – 1901
(Wilhelmine Knuth, 1841 – 1899)

Wilhelmine Nemitz 1851 – 1925
(Karl Schröder, ? – 1893)

Johanna Nemitz 1833-1894
Johann, Friedrich Tomke
1829 – 1897

Albert Tomke

Augusta Tomke 1860 – 1947
(Henry Kohn)

Charles, August Tomke 1862 – 1952
(Anna, Barbara Spengler)

Berta Tomke (Jan.) 1866 – 1901
(Charles Popp)

Hermann, Martin Tomke (Nov.) 1866-1916
(Berta, Theresa Nemitz)

Johanna („Hannah) Tomke 1871 – 1960
(Frederik, Henry Shaw)

Wilhelm, Friedrich Nemitz
1835 – 1921
Therese geb. Jacobs
1843 - 1885

Bertha, Theresa 1866 – 1951
(Hermann, Martin Tomke, 1866 – 1916)

Emma 1869 – 1901
(Wilhelm Schröder)

Mary, Augusta 1875 – 1921
John, Steffen Reid, 1875 – 1947)

Louise, Theresa 1877 – 1959
(John Storch, 1878 – 1956)

William, John, Ernest 1880 – 1959
(Edith Zamzow)

Edith, Sophia 1883 – 1961
(William Allen Witheridge, 1881 – 1963)

Ferdinand Nemitz 1844-1932
Friederike geb. Skibbe
1841 – 1918

Wilhelm Nemitz 1865 – 1936
(Emilie Oestreich 1874 – 1946)

Ferdinand Nemitz 1868 – 1948
Luise Strese 1868 – 1958)

Berta Nemitz 1873 – 1956
(Franz Manske 1870 – 1950)

Hermann Nemitz 1875 – 1957
Hedwig Priebe 1882 – 1972)

Emma Nemitz
(Erich Wasko)

Ida Nemitz 1879 – 1968

Anna Nemitz 1884 - 1951
(Johann Ostendorf 1875 – 1968)

Editor's Note

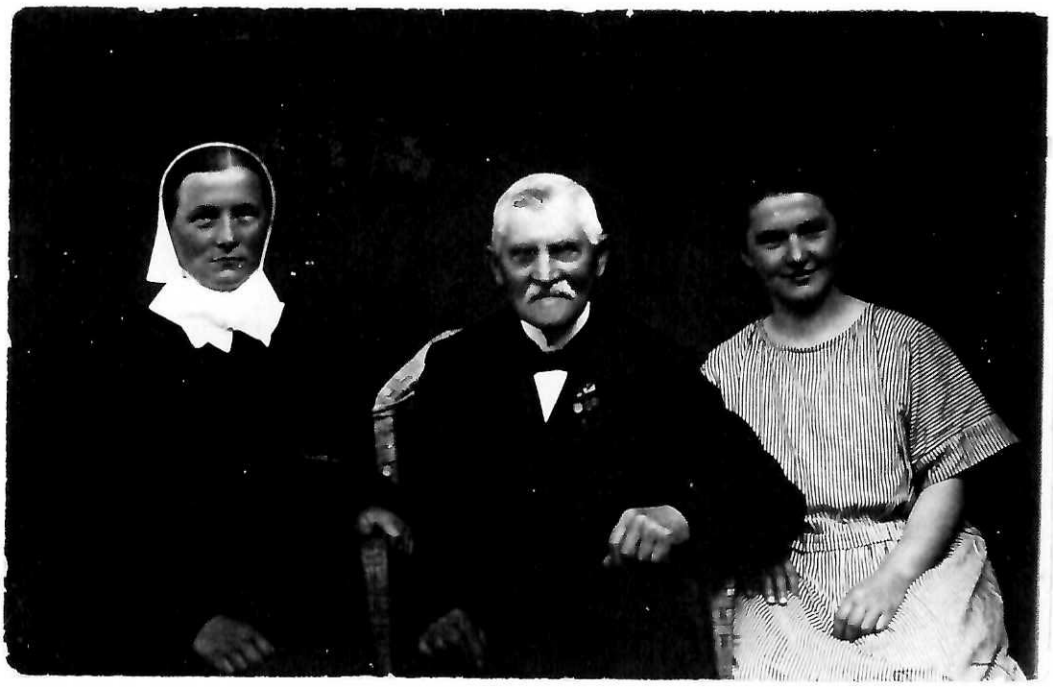
Thanks to Google, I was able to translate the German words on the next page:

"mit Tochter" = "with Daughter"

"sowie Enkelin" = "as well as Granddaughter"

"seine Beerdigung 1932 im Kolberger Dom" = "his Burial in Kolberg Cathedral

Tom Witheridge
April 17, 2023



Ferdinand Nemitz, 1844 - 1932, mit Tochter Ida Nemitz, 1879 - 1968, sowie Enkelin Ida Nemitz, 1901 - 1945

Ferdinand Nemitz, seine Beerdigung 1932 im Kolberger Dom

Ernst Nemitz 1848 – 1901
Wilhelmine geb. Knuth
1841 – 1899

Friedrich Nemitz 1874 – 1945
(Emma Hübner, 1877 – 1947)

Johann Nemitz 1875 – 1961
(Anna Fick)

Wilhelm Nemitz 1877 – 1909
(Mathilda Schulz)

Wilhelmine Nemitz 1879 – 1925
(Otto Hübner)

Daniel Nemitz 1881 – 1966
Theresa Ackelbein)

Luise Nemitz 1882 – 1953
(Peter Orth)

Anna Nemitz 1883 – 1961
(Carl Schultz)

Emma Nemitz 1885 – 1953
(Wilhelm Rothe)

Wilhelmine Nemitz 1851 – 1925
Carl Schröder ? – 1893

Bertha Schröder
(George Reinhardt)

Otto Schröder 1874 – 1925
(Alma Laderach)

Mathilde Schröder 1875 – 1963

Henry Schröder 1778 (on ocean) – 1910

William, Ferdinand Schröder 1882-1971
(Martha Loll)

Matthew Schröder ? – 1902

Wilhelmina, Maria Schröder 1887 – 1919
(Rudolph, Karl Laderach)

Frederick Schröder 1889 – 1973
(Margret Kolb)

Paul Schröder 1892 - ?
(Belle March)

[DEW's translation is on the next page]

[Oct. 30, 1996]

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Sehr geehrter Herr Rev. Witheridge,

Ihre Adresse bekam ich von Frau Martha Riggle, 231 South Morningside, Wichita, Kansas 67218-1813.
Ich suche Verwandte (Relative) in den USA. Mein Urgroßvater (Great-grandfather), **Ferdinand Nemitz, 1844-1932,** hatte drei Brüder, die mit ihrer Mutter, **Henriette Nemitz,** in der Zeit um 1870 in die USA, nach Milwaukee ausgewandert (emigrate) sind. So hat es mir mein Vater erzählt.
Alle wohnten im Kreis Stolp in Hinterpommern. Mein Urgroßvater wohnte in Criewan. Dieser Ort könnte zum Pfarramt **Dammen** gehören, denn in Dammen war 1869 seine Hochzeit (Wedding).

Können Sie mir bitte eine Information über die Brüder **Nemitz** geben?
Heute wohnen 5 Generationen von Ferdinand Nemitz in Pommern.

Vielen Dank für Ihre Bemühungen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Friedrich Nemitz

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[This translation is by DEW.]

Oct. 30, 1996

Martha Riggle

Ferdinand Nemitz (b. 1844)

Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

Dear Rev. Mr. Witheridge,

I received your address from Mrs. Martha Riggle, 231 South Morningside, Wichita, Kansas 67218-1813.

I am seeking a relative in the U.S.A. My great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, 1844-1932, had three brothers, who with their mother, Henrietta Nemitz, emigrated around 1870 to Milwaukee in the U.S.A. My father told this to me.

They all lived in the district of Stolp in Outer Pommerania. My great-grandfather lived in Crieewan. This place was first found in the Damnen church records, as his wedding was in Damnen in 1869.

Can you please give me any information about the Nemitz brothers?

Today [people of] the fifth generation from Ferdinand Nemitz are living in Pommerania.

Thank you for your trouble.

Sincerely,

Friedrich Nemitz

[Nov. 14, 1996]

(Translated into German by Martha Riggle)

[see next document]

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November 14, 1996

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Dear Friedrich,

I was very glad to get your letter, and I am almost certain I am your second cousin once removed--in other words, I am the second cousin of your father.

At first I thought you were at least a distant relative, because your great-grandfather had been married in Dammen, where my grandfather had been born. But I didn't think I knew anything about the three Nemitz brothers who had come to Milwaukee with their mother about 1870.

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, and his brother Ernst came to America in 1872, but they went to Chicago for a few years. Then Ernst went to a farm in Iowa, and my grandfather went first to a farm in Illinois and then moved to Michigan. Their mother was Henriette, but she didn't come with them. She came later with one of their two sisters, both of whom went to Michigan with their husbands.

As I was looking over my information, I noticed that Wilhelm and Ernst did have a brother Ferdinand, who stayed in Germany and was probably born between 1836 and 1848. I decided that this Ferdinand definitely could have been your great-grandfather, even though he only had two brothers who came to America instead of three, and even though they ended up in Chicago, rather than Milwaukee. It is very possible that your father had inaccurate information when he told you about them.

There is just one thing we have to know in order to be sure that Ferdinand was the brother of William and Ernst. One of my mother's cousins said that her uncle who stayed in Germany was a mail carrier, and that he had a daughter Eda, who was a nurse. Another cousin actually visited them in Germany just before the First World War. I think he was living in Stolp at that time, which is also where my grandfather had lived just before he emigrated to America.

Eda = Ida Nemitz (b. 1879)

Do you know, or do you have any way of finding out, if your great-grandfather was a mail carrier? If he was, then there is no question that we are second cousins once removed. I can hardly wait to find out!

I am enclosing several genealogical sheets that show my grandfather's family back in Germany, as well as his children and their spouses. I should appreciate receiving some similar information about your family when you reply.

I am also looking forward to meeting you next June when you come to Milwaukee for the Pommerntag. Martha Riggle said you are planning to come. I talked to her on the telephone after I got your letter. I don't think we can possibly thank her enough for bringing us together.

Very sincerely yours,

David

See previous document

[This translation is by Martha Riggle]

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November 19, 1996

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
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17121 Loitz

Lieber Friedrich,

Ich habe mich sehr über Ihren Brief erfreut und ich bin fast davon überzeugt, daß wir Cousins zweiten Grades sind.

Erst dachte ich, Sie wären ein entfernter Verwandter, denn Ihr Urgroßvater hatte in Dammen geheiratet, der gleiche Ort, in dem mein Großvater geboren wurde. Aber ich hatte keine Ahnung von den drei Nemitz Brüdern, welche mit ihrer Mutter 1878 in Milwaukee ankamen.

Mein Großvater Wilhelm N. und sein Bruder Ernst wanderten 1872 ein und wohnten zuerst in Chicago für ein paar Jahre. Ernst ging dann auf eine Farm in Iowa und mein Großvater auf eine Farm in Illinois, später nach Michigan. Die Mutter der beiden hieß Henriette und blieb erst zurück in Deutschland, kam aber später mit einer der zwei Schwestern.

Nachdem ich meine Unterlagen nachsah, stellte ich fest, daß Wilhelm und Ernst einen Bruder namens Ferdinand hatten, welcher in Deutschland blieb und geboren war im Zeitraum 1836-1848. Ich glaube, daß dieser Ferdinand Ihr Großvater sein könnte. Obwohl er nur zwei Brüder anstatt drei hatte und nach Chicago ging anstatt Milwaukee. Es ist möglich, daß Ihr Vater sich geirrt hat, als er Ihnen von seinen Vorfahren erzählt hat.

Eines müssen wir feststellen, um sicher zu sein, daß Ferdinand der Bruder von William und Ernst war. Eine Cousine meiner Mutter sagte, daß ihr Onkel, welcher in Deutschland blieb, Briefträger gewesen sei und daß er eine Tochter Eda hatte, die Krankenschwester war. Eine andere Cousine besuchte diese Familie kurz vor dem ersten Weltkrieg. Ich glaube das war in Stolp, der Ort wo mein Großvater wohnte vor seiner Auswanderung.

Wissen Sie, ob Ihr Uhrgroßvater Briefträger war? Wenn er das war, dann bin ich von unserer Verwandtschaft fest überzeugt. Ich kann Ihre Antwort kaum erwarten.

Anbei einige genealogische Formulare, mit Auskünften über Nemitz in Stolp. Ich würde mich freuen auch gleiches von Ihnen zu erhalten.

Ich freue mich auf ein Treffen beim Pommerntag in Milwaukee nächstes Jahr. Martha Riggle sagte mir, daß Sie vorhaben zu kommen. Ich habe mit Ihr telefoniert. Ich glaube nicht, daß wir ihr genug danken können, daß sie uns zusammen gebraucht hat.

Herzliche Grüße,

David E. Witheridge

Wilhelm [See translations below.] [Nov. 24, 1996]

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17121 Loitz, den 24.11.96

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Lieber David,
es besteht wohl kein Zweifel, **wir haben gemeinsame verwandtschaftliche Wurzeln**, darum schreibe ich das vertraute "Du".

Dein Brief hat mich sehr erfreut; mit Interesse habe ich alles gelesen.

Meine Unterlagen gehen zurück bis zu Heinrich u. Henriette Nemitz. Henriette ist eine geborene **Bonke**.
Ferdinand ist der Sohn. Er wurde am 09.02.1844 geboren. Der Geburtsort ist mir nicht bekannt. Aber er wurde am 11.02.1844 getauft in der Kirche in Ratsdamnitz. Der Ort liegt dicht bei Dammen im Kreise Stolp in Hinterpommern. Er heiratete am 12.03.1869 in Dammen Henriette-Friderike geborene Skibbe. Mein Großvater, **Wilhelm Nemitz**, war der erstgeborene Sohn.
Nach der Hochzeit wurde Ferdinand Nemitz Soldat im Deutsch-Französischen Krieg und erlebte dort die Kaiserkrönung von Versailles mit. Nach dem Krieg kehrte er zu seiner Familie zurück und wurde bei der Post Briefträger. (Zuerst wurde die Post noch mit Pferdewagen ausgefahren.)
Nach meinem Großvater, Wilhelm, wurden noch 2 Söhne u. 4 Töchter geboren, Hermann, Ferdinand, Berta, Ida, Anna, ____? Ida war Krankenschwester u. Diakonisse. Sie arbeitete also im Dienst der Kirche und war nicht verheiratet.
Ferdinand wurde später Oberpostinspektor und starb hochbetagt 1932 in Kołberg in Pommern.
Sein ältester Sohn, Wilhelm N. ist mein Großvater. Er heiratete 1896 Emilie, geb. Oesterreich. In dieser Ehe wurden 11 Kinder geboren: Franz, Berta, Ida, Hermann, Wilhelm, Emma, Marie, Erich, Anna, Emilie, Johannes. Diese Kinder sind Deine Coussins 2.Grades. Wilhelm Nemitz starb 1936, Emilie starb 1946.
Mein Vater war Wilhelm Nemitz, 1904-1974. Bis heute leben noch 3 Geschwister: Emma (91 Jahre), Marie (88 Jahre) u. Johannes (78 Jahre). Mein Vater heiratete 1932 Auguste geb. Arndt. Ich bin der einzige Sohn - Friedrich-Wilhelm Nemitz, geb. 1934. Ich studierte Zahnmedizin und promovierte 1959 zum Dr.med.dent. 1960 heiratete ich Renate geb. Wurl. Wir haben 5 Kinder: Gerlinde, Heide, Gabriele, Friedemann und Christoph, geboren: 1961, 1963, 1965, 1966 u. 1967.

Ferdinand Nemitz lebte in Hinterpommern, bei Stolp. Sein Sohn Wilhelm zog weiter nach Westen, nach Daber Kreis Naugard. Mein Vater zog noch weiter nach Westen, nach Stettin. Dort bin ich geboren. 1945 mußten wir wieder weiterziehen, weil Stettin polnisch wurde. So leben wir heute in Westpommern oder Vorpommern, wie wir sagen. Hier haben wir Grund und Boden. Unsere 5 Kinder sind alle verheiratet, wir haben 15 Enkelkinder. In der Kleinstadt Loitz - 5 Tausend Einwohner- habe ich eine Zahnarztpraxis.

Mein Vater hat von seinem Großvater oft erzählt. Niemals habe ich aber gehört, daß Ferdinand noch einen Bruder in Deutschland hatte. Es hieß immer, daß alle seine Geschwister nach Amerika ausgewandert sind. Er sei alleine hiergeblieben.

Heinrich Nemitz, Ferdinands Vater, Dein Urgroßvater, ist früh gestorben. Die Mutter, Henriette, mußte die Kinder ernähren. Sie war Hebamme (midwife) und wurde in die Häuser gerufen, wenn Kinder geboren wurden. Das war nicht immer ungefährlich. In den Wäldern gab es Wölfe. Einmal - so berichtete Ferdinand seinem Enkel Wilhelm - verfolgte ein hungriger Wolf im Winter Henriette, die von einer Entbindung kam u. alleine durch den Wald nach Hause ging. Sie warf dem Wolf ein Stück Brot hin, welches sie als Gabe für die Entbindung bekam, und lief schnell weiter. Der Wolf fraß das Brot und kam wieder hinterher gelaufen. Wieder bekam er etwas zu fressen. Zuletzt warf im Henriette ein Stück Kleidung hin und erreichte so ihr zu Hause, wo die Kinder hungrig auf die Mutter warteten.

Gerne hätte ich auch etwas über Deine Familie erfahren.
Gibt es auch noch Nachkommen von Wilhelm Friedrich, die **Nemitz** heißen? (Vielleicht Söhne von William John Ernest?)
Wir freuen uns auf eine Antwort.

Herzliche Grüße

von Friedrich Nemitz

Leider können wir nur sehr wenig englisch verstehen. Wir mußten in der Schule russisch lernen, haben über 40 Jahre unter dem Kommunismus gelebt.
Jetzt freuen wir uns über die Freiheit. 1997 wollen wir gerne zum Pommerntreffen in die USA reisen.
Frage: Was bedeutet **Rev.**? Ist es eine Berufsbezeichnung oder ein Titel? Vielen Dank für eine Auskunft.

F. N.

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F.N.

[Dec. 18, 1996]

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Dec. 18, 1996

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
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Germany

Dear Friedrich,

Many thanks for your letter with the good news confirming our relationship! It still almost seems like a miracle that we have found each other. Thank you also for sending a picture of yourself surrounded by your beautiful flowers, and a picture of yourgreat-grandfather Ferdinand. I'm enclosing a picture of my wife Elizabeth and me with our little granddaughter Rebecca, taken at our 50th wedding anniversary in 1991.

EPW's health issues

At that time Elizabeth was already developing Alzheimer's disease, and a few months later she broke her hip. She was three weeks in a hospital and three months in a nursing home before I could bring her home. Her Alzheimer's had advanced rapidly, and she never regained full mobility, so I was her caregiver from then until she died in August of 1995. Unfortunately, I broke my ankle in April of 1995 and was no longer able to take care of her, so she spent the last few months in a nursing home.

I have recovered well from the stress of that period, and my health is good. We have two sons, and they both live near me, so I see them about once a week, and they are very supportive. Thomas has just turned 49, and James will be 50 the day after Christmas. Tom is married to Virginia Selleck. (She still goes by her maiden name.) They have our only granddaughter, Rebecca. Jim is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg.

I was glad you sent so much information about your family. As time goes on, it will be interesting to learn more and more about each other and our families. That was a fascinating story about Henriette and the wolf.

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Yes, I have a great many relatives in this country by the name of Nemitz, but they are all descendants of Ernst. My grandfather's son, William John Ernest, only had two daughters. Ernst had four sons and four daughters, and those sons had 46 male descendants by the name of Nemitz, 24 of whom I think are still living.

I never knew anything about Ernst and his family in Iowa until 1975, after I had begun to work on genealogy. My grandfather and his family had completely lost contact with them. After I found them, Elizabeth and I made two trips there and met a great number of them. With their help I have compiled a nearly complete record of Ernst's descendants. However, I only keep in touch with one family there at Christmas time each year.

When I write them in a few days, I'll have the most wonderful news that we have found a cousin in Germany. I hope they will spread the word to all their relatives there, and I hope we can convince some of them to go to Milwaukee next June to meet you.

I also have a great many Nemitz relatives in Michigan--descendants of my grandfather's two sisters. I write to a few of them every Christmas, and I know they will be thrilled to hear the good news. Because they have been living in a mostly German community, I'm hoping some of them may read and write German and would like to correspond directly with you.

Now, regarding your question about the meaning of "Rev." That is an abbreviation for "The Reverend," and is the title given to an ordained clergyman. I am an ordained Baptist minister, but I spent the last 29 years of my ministry as the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I retired in 1979 at the age of 65. I began my career as a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning engineer in Michigan, having graduated from the University of Michigan. After four years, I decided to enter the ministry and went to a theological seminary. I also got a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. I was a pastor about nine years before coming to my position in Minneapolis.

"crash course" in German

I do not speak or write German, but with the help of my German-English dictionary I can translate your letters moderately well. Martha Riggle kindly translated my letter to you into German. Before you come to America next June, I'm going to take a "crash course" in conversational German, the kind that is offered to travelers, in hopes that we may be able to communicate just a little. Maybe you could find a similar course in English.

Martha Riggle

I hope you and your family will have a wonderful Christmas.

Yours very sincerely,

David

[Translation by Martha Riggle of the previous (Dec. 18) letter]

Minneapolis, Minnesota
21 December 1996

Lieber Friedrich,

Vielen Dank für Deinen Brief, in dem Du mir bestätigst, daß wir ohne Zweifel miteinander verwandt sind. Es ist fast wie ein Wunder, daß wir uns gefunden haben. Ich danke Dir auch für das Foto von Dir umgeben von Deinen schönen Blumen und dem Foto Deines Urgroßvaters Ferdinand. Ich schicke Dir hiermit ein Bild von meiner Frau Elizabeth und mir und unserer kleinen Enkelin Rebecca. Es wurde in 1991 an unserem goldenen Hochzeitstag aufgenommen.

Zu dieser Zeit war Elizabeth schon an Alzheimer's erkrankt und einige Monate später brach sie ihre Hüfte. Sie verbrachte drei Wochen im Krankenhaus und drei Monate im Pflegeheim. Danach konnte ich sie endlich nach Hause holen. Die Alzheimer war inzwischen schnell fortgeschritten und sie war von nun an ein Pflegefall. Ich habe sie bis zu ihren Tode in August 1995 liebevoll gepflegt. Unglücklicherweise brach ich mir den Knöchel im April 1995 und ich konnte sie die letzten Monate nicht mehr versorgen, so daß sie diese Zeit im Heim verbringen musste.

Ich habe mich inzwischen von diesen Strapazen erholt und bin bei bester Gesundheit. Wir haben zwei Söhne und beide wohnen in meiner Nähe. Ich sehe beide ungefähr einmal in der Woche und sie sind sehr hilfreich. Thomas wurde gerade 49 Jahre alt und James wird einen Tag nach Weihnachten 50. Thomas ist mit Virginia Sellek verheiratet. (Sie hat ihren Mädchennamen beibehalten.) Sie sind die Eltern unserer einzigen Enkelin Rebecca. Jim ist homosexuell und lebt mit seinem Parter David Torburg zusammen.

Ich freute mich über die vielen Informationen Deiner Familie betreffend. Mit der Zeit werden wir mehr und mehr voneinder wissen. Die Geschichte von Henriette und dem Wolf fand ich sehr interessant.

Ja, ich habe hier einen großen Familienkreis mit dem Namen Nemitz, aber das sind alle Nachkommen von Ernst. Der Sohn meines Großvaters, William John Ernest, hatte nur zwei Töchter. Ernst hat vier Söhne und vier Töchter und die vier Söhne hatten 46 männliche Nachkommen mit den Namen Nemitz und ich glaube 24 leben noch.

Ich wusste nichts von der Existenz von Ernst und seiner Familie in Iowa bis ich dann mit meiner Familienforschung anfing. Das war im Jahre 1975. Mein Großvater und seine Familie hatten keinen Kontakt mehr mit ihnen. Nachdem ich sie ausfindig gemacht hatte, machten Elizabeth und ich zwei Reisen dorthin und lernten viele kennen. Mit deren Hilfe habe ich dann einen fast kompletten Stammbaum von Ernst's Nachkommen zusammengestellt. Ich habe aber nur noch Kontakt zu einer Familie dort und zwar zur Weihnachtszeit. Wenn ich in einigen Tagen an sie schreibe, werde ich ihnen die wundervolle Neuigkeit mitteilen, daß wir einen Cousin in Deutschland ausfindig gemacht

haben. Ich hoffe, sie werden dann die ganze Verwandschaft davon benachrichtigen und hoffentlich können wir sie davon überzeugen, daß sie im nächsten Jahr im Juni zum Pommerntag nach Milwaukee kommen, um Dich zu treffen.

Ich habe auch viele Nemitz Verwandte in Michigan, Nachkommen von den zwei Schwestern meines Großvaters. Zu Weihnachten werden ich wie in jedem Jahre an sie schreiben und ich weiss, daß sie sich über diese gute Nachricht freuen werden. Sie leben in einer Gegend, wo viele deutsche Einwanderer leben. Vielleicht spricht der Eine oder Andere noch deutsch und möchte dann mit Dir persönlich korrespondieren.

Jetzt möchte ich Dir noch das "Rev." erklären. Es ist eine Abkürzung für "Reverend" und ist die Anrede, Titulierung für einer Pastor. Ich bin ein ordinierter Pastor der Baptisten, habe aber die letzten 29 Jahre als Direktor des Konzils der Kirchen im Großraum Minneapolis verbracht. Mit 65 wurde ich dann im Jahre 1979 pensioniert. Ich hatte zuvor Elektrotechnik studiert und habe an die Universität in Michigan promoviert. Nach vier Jahren entschloss ich mich aber, Theologie zu studieren. Ich war 9 Jahre Pastor, ehe ich meine Position in Minneapolis bekam.

Ich spreche und schreibe nicht Deutsch, aber mit Hilfe meines Wörterbuches kann ich den Inhalt Deiner Brief verstehen. Martha Riggle ist so freundlich und übersetzt meine Briefe an Dich. Ich habe vor, einen Deutschkursus zu nehmen, so daß wir uns im Juni nächsten Jahres ein wenig verständigen können. Vielleicht ist es Dir auch möglich, Deine Englischkenntnisse aufzubessern.

Ich wünsche Dir und Deiner Familie eine wundervolle Weihnacht.

Herzliche Grüße,

David

[Jan. 5, 1997]

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Friedrich introduces a line-by-line translation method.

17121 Loitz, den 05.01.97

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English → Dear David
→ Lieber David
→ Thank you very much for your letter from 21.December.
German → Habe vielen Dank für Deinen Brief vom 21.Dezember.
(and so forth)
Thank you very much also for Martha Riggles translates.
Einen besonderen Dank auch für Martha Riggles Übersetzung.
To day I must write, I need a survey for our trip in june.
Heute muß ich schreiben, ich brauche ein Konzept für die Reise.
I must soon reserve flight-tickets. I have 2 questions: in Juni.
Ich muß bald die Flugtickets bestellen. Ich habe 2 Fragen:

Friedrich's plan for a trip to the U.S.

- We plan to come with 4 persons: my wife Renate and I, as well as
  Wir planen mit 4 Personen zu kommen: Meine Frau u. ich, wie auch
  my cousin Hans-Joachim Nemitz mit seiner Frau. Helga.
  mein Coussin H.J.Nemitz mit seiner Frau Helga.
  We'd like ~~know we~~ for 1 week an accommodation - equal private or hotel, please,
  Bekommen wir für eine Woche Quartier - egal ob privat oder Hotel
  We will come in on 20.june and go out on 30 june.
  Wir wollen kommen vom 20. bis zum 30.Juni.

- Where skall we fly? To Chicago? or Minneapolis?
  Wohin sollen wir fliegen? Nach C. oder nach M.?

Please can you soon answer? Thank you!
Kannst Du bitte bald antworten? Danke!

Zamzow family in Wisconsin

1996 was an group of Wisconsin in Germany. I'm introduce with
1996 war eine Gruppe aus W. in Deutschland. Ich machte mich be-
Mr. and Mrs Zamzow. They told me, that they have an analogous
kannt mit Fam. " . Sie erzählten mir, daß sie ein analoges
Pommern-meet to Milwaukee. How is that?
Pommerntreffen zu M. haben. Wie ist das?
(In your Family-Record have you also the name Edith Zamzow -
(In Deiner Familien-Kartei hast Du auch den Namen " " -
the wife of your uncle William. Is Mr. Zamzow also your relative?)
die Frau von Deinem Onkel " .Ist Herr " auch Dein Verwandter?)

→

Friedrich's religious activities

I´m very happy, that you are a Rev. I´m a dentist, but also
Ich freue mich sehr, daß Du ein Pastor bist. Ich bin Zahnarzt,
a lay priest in the evang.Luther.church, and also a churchelder.
aber auch ein Laienprediger in der ev.Kirche und Kirchenältester.
In this week we have alliance-prayer-week.
In dieser Woche haben wir Allianzgebetswoche.

With the greatest of plaesure
Mit herzlichen Grüßen Friedrich

I have written in english. But I have problems with grammer.
Perhaps you can understand that. 1949-1953 hade I learnd et
school english. We need a refresher-course.

Please write in english. I think, we can translate that.

Thank you also for beautiful photo.

Donald D. Zamzow →

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[DEW's transcription of the English lines in the previous letter]

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- We plan to come with four persons: my wife Renate and I, as well as my cousin Hans-Joachim Manitz and his wife Helga.
  We'd like a week's accommodations – either private or hotel.
  We will arrive on June 20th and leave on June 30th.
- Where should we fly? To Chicago or Minneapolis?

Can you please answer soon? Thank you.

Zamzow family

In 1996 a group from Wisconsin was in Germany. I was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Zamzow. They told me that they have a similar Pomeranian gathering to the one in Milwaukee. Wow is that?

(In your Family-Record you also have the name Edith Zamzow, the wife of your uncle William. Is Mr. Zamzow also your relation?)

I'm very happy that you are a pastor. I'm a dentist, but also a lay priest in the Evangelical Lutheran Church and also a church elder. This week we are having Alliance Prayer Week.

With the greatest of pleasure, (Very sincerely yours)
Friedrich

[I have written in English, but I have problems with grammar. Perhaps you can understand it. From 1949 to 1953 I learned English at school. We need a refresher course.]

Please write in English. I think we can translate that. Thank you also for the beautiful photo.

[Jan. 25, 1997]

1/25/97
25.01.97

Dear Friedrich and Renate,
Lieber Friedrich und Renate,

English → I think you had a good idea to write your letter both in English
German → Ich denke, Du hattest eine gute Idee zu schreiben Deinen Brief auf Englisch

and in German. I am doing the same thing.
und auf Deutche. Ich machte der selbe Ding.

When I received your letter, it wasn't clear where you intended
Als ich Deinen Brief bekommte, es war nicht klar, wo Ihn zu bleiben

to stay for ten days. I decided to ask Martha Riggle to telephone
auf zehn Tage beabsichtigen. Ich entscheide zu fragen Martha Riggle

you, because she can talk to you in German. She will understand
Dich telefonieren, weil sie auf Deutch Dich sprechen kann. Sie wird Deine

your plans better when she gets your letter, but it now seems
Plannen besser verstehen, als sie deinen Brief bekommt, aber es scheint

that you will stay five days here in Minneapolis and three days in
zetzt, dass Ihr werdit fünf Tage hier in Minneapolis und drei Tage in Milwaukee

Milwaukee, with a day in between for travel.
Milwaukee, mit ein Tag zwischen für Reisen.

Mr. and Mrs. Zamzow

I do not know Mr. and Mrs. Zamzow. Martha knows them, and she helped
Ich kenne nicht Herr und Frau Zamzow. Martha kennt sie, und sie helft

Martha Riggle

them start a small group of Pomeranian descendants in Wausau,
sie in Wausau eine kleine Gruppe von Pommerschen Nachkommen anfangen,

but they do not have a big annual gathering like the Pommerntag in
aber sie haben keinen grosse jährlich Versammlung wie der Pommerntag in

Milwaukee. Edith Zamzow was my Uncle William's first wife, but I
Milwaukee. Edith Zamzow war meines Onkel Williams erste Frau, aber ich

never knew her, because I was too young; and Uncle Will never told me
kennte sie niemals, weil ich war zu jung; und Onkel Will erzählt mir

anything about her family.
niemals irgendetwas um ihr Familie.

Friedrich's church activities

I am very happy that you are active and a leader in your church.
Ich freue mich sehr, dass Du aktiv und ein Leiter in Deiner Kirche bist.

I hope I can take you to worship in a Lutheran church here in
Ich hoffe ich kann Sie nehmen zu Gottesdienst in eine Lutheran Kirche

Minneapolis when you come.
hier in Minneapolis wenn Sie kommen.

Hans-Joachim Nemitz and his wife, Helga (see next letter)

Please tell me more about Hans-Joachim and Helga. Where do they live,
Erzählest Du mich mehr, bitte, von Hans-Joachim und Helga. Wo wohnen

what is his work, and how is he related to you? He must also be
sie, was ist seiner Arbeit, und wie ist er mit Dir verwandt? Er muss

my second cousin once removed (son of my second cousin), as you are.
auch meiner Coussin 2. Grade einmal untere (?) (Sohn meiner Coussins
~~2. Grades) sein, wie bist Du.~~
I'm looking forward to meeting all four of you
2. Grades) sein, wie bist Du. Ich freue mich auf traffend alles vier Sie

and showing you around our beautiful city.
und zeigend Sie herum unser schöne Stadt.

I shall write again after Martha gets your letter.
Ich werd wieder schreiben, nach Martha deiner Brief bekommt.

Yours very sincerely,
Mit herzlichen Grüssen,

[Feb. 2, 1997]

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See also chart on next page.

17121 Loitz, den 2/3/97 3.2.97

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Dear David,
Lieber David,

English → Thank you very much for your letter from the 25.january and
German → habe vielen Dank für Deinen Brief vom 25.Januar und für die

the pictuaris from your children. In the meantime I hade a
Bilder von Deinen Kindern. Inzwischen hatte ich ein

Martha Riggles

phone call with Martha Riggles. She come with her husband to
Telefongespräch mit M.R. Sie kommt mit ihrem Ehemann nach

Germany in the may and we hope, that we can see us.
Deutschland u. wir hoffen, daß wir uns sehen können.

Change in Friedrich's trip plan

We have our program with our USA-trip changed. In the travel-
Wir haben unser Programm mit der USA-Reise geändert. Im Reise-

agency I become a group tour from the 12. to 30.june. It is
büro bekam ich eine Gruppenreise vom 12.-30.Juni. Es ist

an fly tour to Los Angeles and then a bus tour to Milwaukee.
eine Flugreise nach " und dann eine Busreise nach " .

This tour I come alone, without my wife Renate and without
Diese Reise komme ich alleine, ohne meine Frau Renate u. ohne

Hans-Joachim Nemitz. In Milwaukke I have accommodation in The
" " " . In " habe ich Quartier im Hotel

hotel Holiday Inn Express. I'd like to see you - in Milwaukee
" " " " . Ich möchte Dich treffen - in "

or in Minneapolis, and perhaps also another relations.
oder in " , und vielleicht auch andere Verwandte.

Your mother, Edith Sophia and my grandfather Wilhelm Nemitz
Deine Mutter " " u. mein Großvater " "

was cousins. My grandfather hade 11 children. They belong to
waren Coussins. Mein Großvater hatte 11 Kinder. Sie gehören

Yours generation. To this children belong my father - his name
zu Deiner Generation. Zu diesen Kindern gehört mein Vater -

is also Wilhelm - and my uncle Johannes (birth 1917). He lifs
sein Name ist auch W. - u. mein Onkel J.(geb.1917). Er wohnt

in Neubrandenburg, a town with ~70000 peoples. He is an economist
" " , einer Stadt mit ~70ooo Menschen. Er ist Ökonom

and he hade managed a firm. But to day he is pensioner. His wife
und hat einen Betrieb geleitet. Jetzt ist er Pensionär. Seine Frau

Hans-Joachim Nemitz's relationship to Friedrich

is diet on the 20.december 1996. Hans-Joachim is his son.
ist gestorben am " " . " " ist sein Sohn.

Yours very sincerely
Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Friedrich

See previous page

Heinrich + Henriette Nemitz ~ 1800 - 1888

Kinder: Johanna 1833 - 1894 61 Jahre
Wilhelm Friedrich 1835 - 1921 86 "
X Ferdinand 1844 - 1932 88 "
Ernst 1848 - 1901 53 "
Wilhelmine 1851 - 1925 74 "

Außer Ferdinand zogen alle Kinder mit Mutter Henriette in die USA.

Without Ferdinand removed all the children to the USA. with her mother

Ferdinand + ~~Fri~~ Henriette Friederike Nemitz 1844 - 1932

Kinder: X Wilhelm 1864 - 1936
Hermann
Ferdinand
Ida
Berta / Grede
Anna / Eckendorf
Tochter / Haeber

Wilhelm Nemitz + Emilie 1864-1936 + 1874-1946

Kinder: Franz
Berta
Ida
Hermann
X Wilhelm 1904 - 1978
Emma
Marie
Erich
Anna
Emilie
X Johannes 1917 -

[Feb. 25, 1997]

[More trip planning]

February 25, 1997
25. Februar 1997

Dear Friedrich,
Lieber Friedrich,

English → I am sorry that Renate is not coming with you to America. I was looking
German → Es tut mir leid, dass Renate mit Dir nach Amerika nicht kommt. Ich freute

forward to meeting both of you and also Hans-Joachim and Helga. But I
mich auf treffend beide Euch und auch Hans-Joachim und Helga. Aber ich

am happy that you are coming, and we shall have a good time together.
freue mich, dass Du kommst, und wir werden eine gute Zeit zusammen haben.

Please tell me when your bus tour will arrive in Milwaukee. On June 20th?
Sage mir, bitte, als Deine Busreise ankommen nach Milwaukee wird. Am 20.

I need the whole schedule for your stay in Milwaukee, because I think
Juni? Ich brauche den ganzen Stundenplan für Dein Bleiben in Milwaukee,

you should come to Minneapolis for five days soon after you get
weil ich denke, dass Du kommen für fünf Tage nach Minneapolis solltest,

to Milwaukee. Then we can go back together to Milwaukee
bald darauf ankommst Du in Milwaukee. Dann können wir für das Wochenende

for the weekend of the Pommerntag. Does your bus tour include
des Pommerntags zusammen nach Milwaukee zurückgehen. Einschliesst Deine

sightseeing or other group activities for several days
Busreise die Besichtigung oder anderen gemeinsamen Aktivitäten für

in Milwaukee, including the Pommerntag on June 29th?
verschieden Tage in Milwaukee, einschliesslisch des Pommerntags am 29.

Or does the bus tour leave you in Milwaukee and go on to other cities
Juni? Oder hinterlasst die Busreise Dich in Milwaukee und weitergeht

in eastern U.S.A.? Do you plan to fly to Germany from Milwaukee
nach oder Städte in östlich U.S.A.? Plant Du zu fliegen nach Deutschland

on June 30th? You see, I have many questions about your stay
von Milwaukee am 30. Juni? Du siehst, dass ich viele Fragen um Dein

in Milwaukee, and I'd like you to tell me all you can about it.
Bleiben in Milwaukee habe, und ich möchte gerne Du mich alles um das
erzählst, dass Du kannst.

Perhaps your bus tour guide will show you around Milwaukee for a day or
Vielleicht Dein Busreiseführer wirt Dich um Milwaukee herum für ein oder

two before going on to the East. If so, you can then take a plane to Minneapolis.
zwei Tage zeigen, bevor weitergehend nach dem Osten. In dem Falle, kannst

I shall meet you at the airport and bring you to my house,
Du dann ein Flugzeug nach Minneapolis nehmen. Ich werde Dich am Flughafen

where you can stay with me and be my guest for several days.
treffen, und Dich zu meinem Haus bringen, wo Du kannst mit mir bleiben

On Friday, June 27, we can take the Amtrak train
und für verschieden Tage mein Gast sein. Am Freitag, 27.Juni, können wir

together to Milwaukee. I had already planned to go
zusammen das Amtrak Zug nach Milwaukee nehmen. Ich hatte schon einen Plan

to Milwaukee that day and stay in the Holiday Inn Express
gemacht zu gehen nach Milwaukee das Tag und zu bleiben im Holiday Inn

until Monday, June 30th.
Express bis Montag, 30. Juni.

I have told many relatives about your coming to Milwaukee, and
Ich habe viele Verwandte über Deiner kommend nach Milwaukee erzählt, und

have urged them to come there and meet you. At this time, I know
habe sie drängen zu kommen dort und zu treffen Dich. Derzeit, kenne ich,

that my brother John, his wife Janice, and their son Jay are coming to
dass mein Bruder John, seine Frau Janice, und ihren Sohn Jay nach Milwaukee

Milwaukee from Saginaw, Michigan. I also think your third cousin,
auf Saginaw, Michigan, kommen. Auch, denke ich, dass Dein Coussin 3.

Harvey Schroeder, and his wife are coming from Lansing, Michigan.
Grades, Harvey Schroeder, und seine Frau auf Lansing, Michigan kommen.

I hope that before June arrives, more relatives will also decide to come
Ich hoffe, dass bevor Juni ankommt, werdet auch mehr Verwandte zu kommen

from Iowa and Michigan. All these places, including Minneapolis
auf Iowa und Michigan entscheiden. Alle diese Orte, einschliesslich

are about 400 miles from Milwaukee, so it is a long journey.
Minneapolis, sind gegen 400 Mailen von Milwaukee, so es ist ein lang Reise.

While you are in Minneapolis, you will be able to meet my son Tom, his
Während Du in Minneapolis bist, Du wirst meinen Sohn Tom, seinen Frau

wife Virginia Selleck, and their daughter Rebecca. You will also
Virginia Selleck, und ihren Tochter Rebecca treffen können. Auch, wirst Du

meet my son Jim and his partner, David Torborg. There is also
meinen Sohn Jim und seinen Genosse, David Torborg, treffen. Es ist auch

another relative of yours and mine, Sharon Rose, who lives here in
ein anderer Deine und meine Verwandte, Saron Rose, das hier in Minneapolis

Minneapolis. I have only met her once, but I'll try to get her and
wohnt. Ich habe ihre ein enziges Mal treffen, aber ich werde versuchen,

others in her family to come to my house to meet you
sie und anderen in ihrer Familie veranlassen zu kommen zu meine Haus zu

while you are here.
treffen Dich, während Du hier bist.

So you see, you must write immediately and tell me what your plans are
So Du siehst, musst Du sogleich schreiben und mich erzählen, was Deine

in Milwaukee, so we can plan your trip here to Minneapolis.
Pläne in Milwaukee sind, so wir können Deine Reise hier nach Minneapolis

It will be a very interesting time for us.
plannen. Es wird ein sehr interessant Zeit für uns sein.

Many thanks for your letter with the lovely pictures of Renate and your
Vielen Dank für Deinen Brief mit die liebliche Bilder von Renate und Euer

house, and the chart showing your relationship to Hans-Joachim.
Haus, und mit das Diagramm zeigend Deine Verwandtschaft mit Hans-Joachim.

Please write soon.
Schreibe Bald, bitte.

Yours very sincerely,
Mit herzlichen Grüssen,

David

[Trip planning] [Mar. 3, 1997]

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Lieber David,
Dear David,

heute bekam ich Deinen Brief vom 25. Februar. Habe herzlichen Dank. Ich freue mich, daß Du
today got I your letter from the 25. February. Thank you very much. I look forward to me, that you

viele Verwandte nach Minneapolis und nach Milwaukee eingeladen hast. Leider sind meine
have many relation after Minneapolis and after Milwaukee invited . Unfortunately is my

Sprachkenntnisse so schlecht. Aber ich denke, wir werden uns verständigen können.
englisch is so bad. But I thing, we will be underständing us.

Der Plan unserer Reisegruppe:
The plan from our group is:

12.06.97	Los - Angeles
15.06.97	San Diego
16. - 18.06.97	Arizona
19. - 23.06.97	Texas
24.06.97	Oklahoma
25.06.97	Missouri
26.06.97	Milwaukee - Hotel Holiday Express
30.06.97	Rückflug Chicago - Amsterdam

Martha Riggle's radio interview in Milwaukee

Martha Riggle schrieb mir, daß sie in Milwaukee ein Programm für uns hat - ein Radio
Martha Riggle wrote me, that she has in Milwaukee a programme for us - a radio

Interview, Call - in Show mit Dir und mir.
interview, Call - in show with you and me.

Gerne komme ich auch in Dein Haus nach Milwaukee. Aber ich kann nicht sagen, wie es mit der Zeit möglich sein wird.
I'd like to come in your house in Milwaukee. But I don't know, how mutch time we have.

Es wäre gut, wenn Du Dein Programm mit Martha Riggle durchsprechen könntest.
It is good, if you your programme arrange with Martha Riggle .

Meine Familie - meine Frau und meine Kinder - haben auch großes Interesse, unsere Verwandten kennenzulernen.
My family - my woman and my children's - have also greatest interest, to see our relations.

Wir planen später einen privaten Besuch.
We plan a private visit later.

Wir laden Dich, Deine Kinder und Deine Verwandten herzlich nach Deutschland ein.
We invite you, your children and your's relations to Germany.

Herzliche Grüße
Best wishes

Dein Friedrich

[Mar. 18, 1997]

[Trip planning]

March 18, 1997
18. März 1997

Dear Friedrich,
Lieber Friedrich,

Thank you for writing immediately. I also got a letter from Martha
Danke schön für schreibend sogleich. Ich bekam auch von Martha Riggle

Riggle with a photocopy of your bus tour's itinerary. I see that
einen Brief mit einer Photokopie der Reiseroute Deiner Busreise. Ich sehe,

you will be in Dallas on June 22 and 23. I suggest that you leave
dass Du in Dallas an 22 und 23 Juni sein wirst. Ich schlage vor, dass Du

the bus tour at Dallas on Monday, June 23, and fly to Minneapolis.
die Busreise an Montag, 23 Juni, in Dallas verlässest, und nach Minneapo-

Then you can stay at my house with me on Tuesday and Wednesday,
lis fliegst. Dann kannst Du an Dienstag und Mittwoch in meinem Haus mit

and we can go to Milwaukee on the Amtrak train on Thursday, June 26.
mir bleiben, und wir können nach Milwaukee an Donnerstag, 26 Juni, im

That is the same day the bus tour will get there.
Amtrak Zuge reisen. Das ist derselbe Tag, dass die Busreise da ankommen

In this way, you will be able to do in Minneapolis all the things
wird. In dieser Weise, wirst Du in Minneapolis alle die Sache, dass

I mentioned in my last letter.
erwähne ich in meinen letzt Brief, tun können.

Your only extra cost will be the plane fare from Dallas to Minneapolis
Deiner einzig weiter Preis wird das Fahrgeld des Flugzeugs von Dallas

and the train fare from Minneapolis to Milwaukee,
nach Minneapolis und das Fahrgeld des Zugs von Minneapolis nach Milwaukee

because you will be my guest while you are here in Minneapolis.
sein, weil Du mein Gast sein wirst, während Du hier in Minneapolis bist.

I talked to my travel agency, and they can get you a reduced-fare
Ich sprache mit meinem Reisebüro, und sie konnen für $102 (ungefähr DM 175)

plane ticket from Dallas to Minneapolis for $102 (about DM 175).
ein herabgesetzen Fahrgeld des Flugzeugs von Dallas nach Minneapolis Dir

The train fare from Minneapolis to Milwaukee is $62 (about DM 106).
bekommen. Das Fahrgeld des Zugs von Minneapolis nach Milwaukee sind $62

If you would like to do this, I will buy all the tickets,
(ungefähr DM 106). Wenn Du dieser tun wolltest, werde ich alle die Fahrkarte
kaufen,

and you can pay me when you come. Of course, there will also be the cost
und Du kannst mir zahlen, wenn Du kommst. Natürlich, wird es auch der

of a taxi or limousine from the hotel to the airport
Preis des Taxi oder der Limousine von dem Hotel nach dem Flughafen

in Dallas.
in Dallas sein.

Please write and tell me soon.
Schreibe und erzähle mir bald, bitte.

Yours very sincerely,
Mit herzlichen Grüssen,

David

[Apr. 1, 1997]

[Friedrich's final trip plan]

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Lieber David,
Dear David,

German → habe herzlichen Dank für Deinen Brief vom 18. März. Es ist ein guter Vorschlag, die
English → thank you very mutch for your letter from the 18. März. It is a good suggestion, to

Reisegruppe in Dallas am 23. Juni zu verlassen und nach Minneapolis zu fliegen. Aber ich
leave the tourist group in Dallas on 23. June and to fly after Minneapolis. But I belief,

glaube, es ist für mich besser, nicht die Gruppe zu verlassen. Ich war noch nie in den USA und
it is for me better, don't to leave the group. I was still never in the USA and

habe mit der englischen Sprache große Probleme.
have with the English language big problems.

Wir werden sicherlich noch einmal in die USA kommen. Dann will ich mit Renate kommen und
We will surely come again to the USA. Then I want to come with Renate and we fly don't

wir fliegen nicht mit einer Reisegruppe. Mein Besuch im Juni soll eine erste Begegnung mit Dir
with a tourisst group. My visit in the June shall be a first meeting with you

und vielleicht noch mit anderen Verwandten sein. Es ist sehr gut, daß Du auch nach Milwaukee
and perhaps still with others relations. It is very good, there's you will come also after Milwaukee.

kommst. Dort werden wir uns dann treffen.
There can we meet us.

Martha Riggle kommt mit ihrem Mann im Monat Mai nach Deutschland. Ich denke, wir werden
Martha Riggle comes with her man in the month May after Germany. I guess, we will meet us

uns treffen und über meine USA - Reise sprechen.
and speak over my USA - journey.

Herzliche Grüße
Best wishes

Friedrich

[Apr. 23, 1997]

April 23, 1997
23. April 1997

Dear Friedrich,
Lieber Friedrich,

English → Of course, I was disappointed to hear that you are not coming to
German → naturlich War ich enttäuscht zu hören, dass Du nach Minneapolis nicht

Minneapolis, but I can understand how you feel. You want this to be
kommst, aber ich kann verstehe, wie Du fühlst. Du willst diese, ein

a very pleasant and comfortable experience, and that's what I hope, too.
sehr angenehm und bequem Erlebnis zu sein, und das ist auch was ich hoffe.

We shall have over three days together, as I still plan to get to
Wir werden über drei Tage miteinander haben, da ich noch immer am Donners-

Milwaukee on Thursday, June 26, and I want us to do everything we can
tag, 26. Juni, nach Milwaukee ankommen plane, und ich will uns, alles wir

DEW studying conversational German to get ready for Friedrich

to become well acquainted. I am still studying German, and I know that
können zu tun, gut bekannt zu werden. Ich studiere noch immer Deutsch,

we shall be able to communicate with each other, as we are doing so
und ich kenne, dass wir werden miteinander mitteilen können, so wie wir

well in our letters.
in unsere Briefe so gut tun.

I am still trying to get as many relatives as possible to come to Milwaukee
Ich versuche noch immer, ebenso viel Verwandte so möglich erhalten, nach Milwaukee

to meet you. As I said in my letter of February 25, my brother John,
zu kommen, Dich zu treffen. So wie ich in mein Brief vom 25. Februar sagte,

his wife Janice, and their son Jay are coming from Saginaw,
mein Bruder John, seine Frau Janice, und ihren Sohn Jay nach Milwaukee

Michigan. Harvey Schroeder and his wife are coming
auf Saginaw, Michigan, kommen. Harvey Schroeder und seine Frau kommen

from Lansing, Michigan. Harvey's nephew lives in Milwaukee, so I hope
auf Lansing, Michigan. Harveys Neffe lebt in Milwaukee, also hoffe ich,

he and his wife will come to our motel and meet us sometime
dass er und seine Frau zu unser Kraftfahrerhotel kommen werden, und uns

during the weekend. He is the principal of a Lutheran school in
irgendeinmal während das Wochenende treffen werden. Er ist der Vorsteher

Milwaukee. So far, I haven't found anyone to go to Milwaukee from
einer lutheranisch Schule in Milwaukee. Bis Jetzt finde ich niemand nach

the Iowa family (descendants of Ernst Nemitz), but
Milwaukee aus die Iowa Familie (Ernst Nemitzes Nachkommen) zu gehen, aber

I haven't given up hope.
ich gebe Hoffe nicht auf.

Witheridge Society 10th anniversary

Now I must tell you that I am going to England on April 30
Nun muss ich Dich erzählen, dass ich am 30. April nach England gehe,

and won't be back home until May 17. My father was born in
und bis 17. Mai nach Hause nicht zurückkehren werde. Mein Vater war in

See Witheridge Day celebration 1997

Great Britain, and I have many relatives there. I am going to the
Britannien geboren, und ich habe da viele Verwandte. Ich gehe nach der

Tenth Anniversary of the Witheridge Society. I hope you will write
zehnjährige Wiedekehr der Witheridge Gesellschaft. Ich hoffe , dass Du

to me during that time, but I won't be able to answer
während das Zeit mir schreiben wirst, aber ich werde nicht antworten

until after I return home.
können, bis ich nach Hause zurückkehre.

I am very glad we shall be seeing each other soon, and I hope
Ich freue mich sehr , dass wir einander bald sehen werden, und ich hoffe,

everything goes well with you in the meantime.
dass alles mit Du inzwischen gut geht.

Yours very sincerely,
Mit herzliche Grüssen,

David

[May 26, 1997]

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Rev. David E. Witherge
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Lieber David,
Dear David,

German → vielen Dank für Deinen Brief vom 23. April. Inzwischen warst Du in Großbritannien, ich
English → thankyou, very much for your letter from the 23. April. You was by now in great britain, I

hoffe, Du bist wieder gesund zurückgekommen. Es ist sehr interessant, daß Du auch in
hope, you are again healthy come back to Minneapolis. It is very interesting, that you have

Großbritannien eine große Verwandtschaft hast.
also in Great britain big relations.

Ich habe mich mit meiner Frau am 16. Mai in Rostock/ Deutschland mit Ehepaar Riggle getroffen.
I and my Renate have meet us with family Riggle on the 16. Mai in Rostock/ Germany.

Wir haben uns bekannt gemacht. Es war sehr gut. Wir konnten einige Dinge mit meiner USA-
We get to know us. It was very good. We have talk something about my USA - trip.

Reise besprechen.

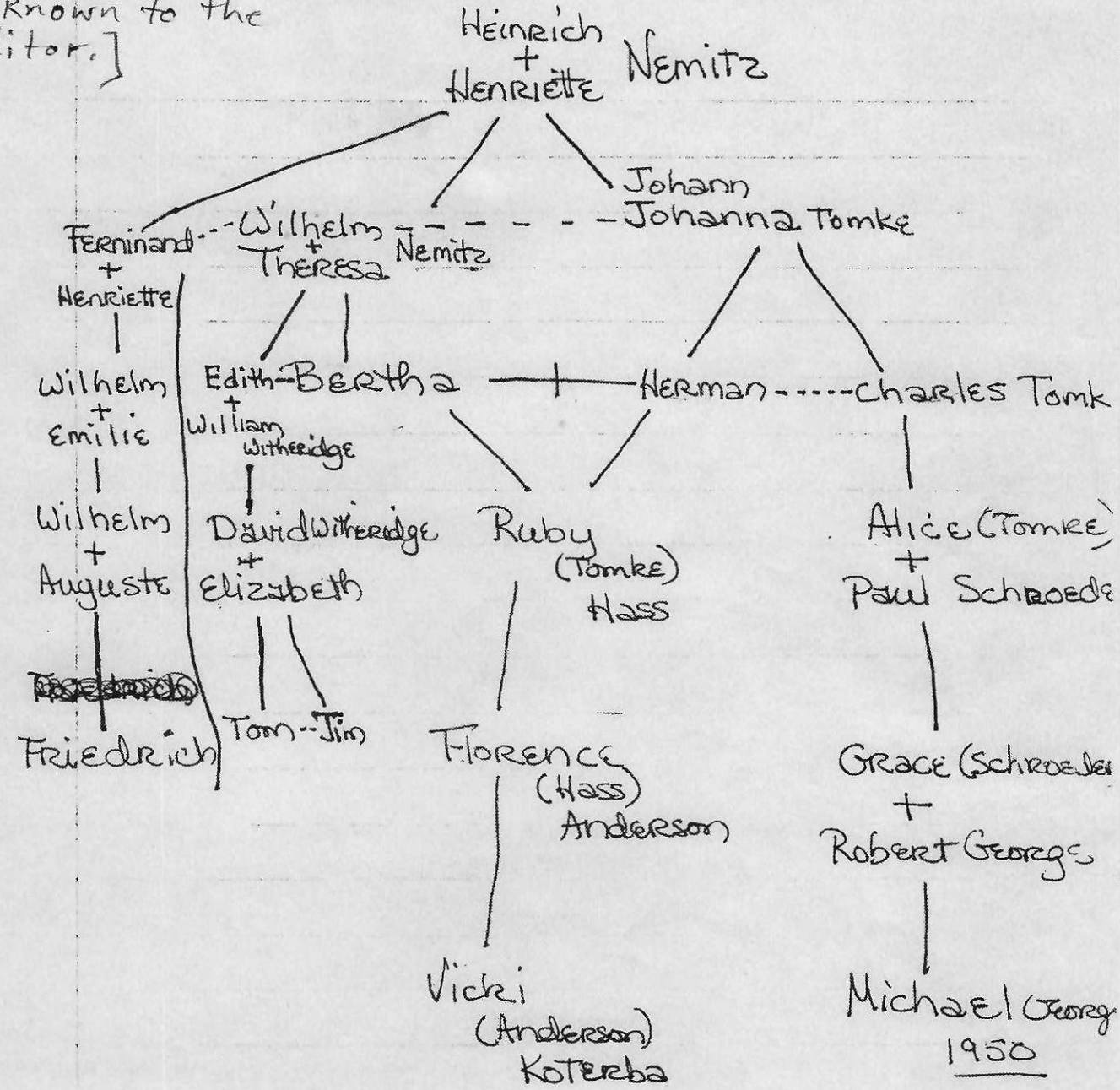
Meine Reise beginnt am 12. Juni in Berlin. Ich freue mich auf ein Treffen in Milwaukee.
My trip is starting on the 12. Juni in Berlin. I am look forward to see us in Milwaukee.

Herzliche Grüße
Best wishes

Friedrich

[This was probably sketched in Milwaukee, by a person unknown to the editor.]

[June 1997]



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[This appears to be Friedrich's handwriting.]

Hermann Nemitz

Henriette Bontze

Ferdinand-Heinrich Nemitz geb. 9.2.1844 in Criwan (88 Jahre alt)
getauft 11.2. " in Rattsdamnitz
gestorben: 18.7.1932 in Kolberg.

Henriette-Friederike Stibbe (77 Jahre alt)
geb. 28.12.1841 in Styresone
getauft 16.01.1842 in Dammen
gestorben 16.4.1918 in Kolberg.

Eheschließung: 12.3.1869 in Dammen.

Wilhelm-Hermann-Julius Nemitz geb. 22.8.1865 in Labehn
getauft: 3.9. " in Dammen
gestorben 3.3.1936 in Dahme

[This was prepared by Friedrich for Pommerntag 1997; another version is part of his handout "The/Der Nemitz-Clan," prepared for the Nemitz Reunion in Seattle, 2000.]

[June 1997]

June 1997 [dated by DEW]

Nemitz

The origin of the name "Nemitz" is unknown. There are, however, two facts that are worth mentioning:

1. In Slavic languages the name means simply "German", that is "Njemnetzky".

2. It is remarkable that the name "Nemitz" was known only in Hinterpommern (that part of Pomerania that is east of the Oder River). There is even a village named "Nemitz" (between Köslin and Schlawe). And in Stettin there was a "Nemitz" district.

Based on these two facts I submit the following thesis: After the 12th century knights of the Teutonic Order began the conquest of the lands to the east of Germany. That was the area to the east of the Oder all the way to East Prussia and the Baltic Sea. These areas were Christianized and Germanic groups moved into Hinterpommern. The Slavic people who were already there shared their land and even accepted the Christian religion. (Otto von Bamberg).

The Slavic people called the newcomers "the Germans" - or in their own language "Nemez" or "Nemitz".

My own ancestors came from the area around Stolp. But the name "Nemitz" was also found in the areas around Köslin, Regenwalde and Dramburg.

Heinrich Nemitz, born about 1800, married Henriette Bonke. They lived in Kreis (county) Stolp in Hinterpommern. Several children were born to this marriage: 1833 daughter Johanna, 1835 son Wilhelm Friedrich, 1844 son Ferdinand, 1848 son Ernst and 1851 daughter Wilhelmine. Perharps there were other children born between 1835 and 1844 who either died at birth or soon after.

Son Ferdinand told my father that his father, Heinrich, died at an early age. The mother, Henriette, worked as a midwife and thus supported the family.

Son Ferdinand (this has been documented) was a railway worker. In the second half of the 19th century railways were being built all over Germany. In this way many people had good jobs. In 1870-71 there was the Franco-German War. Ferdinand was a soldier and lived through this war in France. He was present at the crowning of the German Kaiser at Versailles. After the war he received a position in the German Post Office and thus had a fixed income. In 1869 he had married Henriette Friederike Skibbe in Dammen, Kreis Stolp.

Both of his brothers, Wilhelm Friedrich and Ernst, emigrated to the USA in 1872. Both already had families. I do not know the reason for their decision to relocate. Since the name "Nemitz" was already to be found in Wisconsin, it is possible that the brothers at first located near relatives who were already there.

In 1878 the mother (she was 78 years old), as well as the two sisters, Johanna and Wilhelmine, followed. Both sisters were married, Johanna to Johan Friedrich Tomke and Wilhelmine to Karl Schröder.

Ferdinand alone remained in Germany. He still had a good position with the German Post Office and a large family: Wilhelm, Ferdinand, Hermann and four daughters; Ida, Emma, Berta and Anna.

Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1904) and Auguste Arndt (b. 1910)

The oldest son, Wilhelm, was my grandfather (1865-1936). He was a farm laborer and in 1898 he married Emilie Oestreich. To this marriage eleven children were born. My father, he was also named Wilhelm, was the 5th child. Father trained to be a smith and worked as an employee on a church consruction site in Stettin. Here he met my mother, Auguste Arndt. They were married in 1933 in Stettin. I was born there in 1934.

In 1945 Stettin became Polish. We found a new home for ourselves in Vorpommern (that part of Pomerania west of the Oder River). And there my father passed away in 1978 and my mother in 1994.

I studied dentistry at the Pomeranian University in Greifswald (1953-1958). In 1960 I married Renate Wurl and we started a family. Five children were born to our family, two boys and three girls. Today they all have families of their own; we have seventeen grandchildren.

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, Zahnartzt
Goethestraße 37
17121 Loitz/Vorpommern, Germany

[June 3, 1997]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
June 3, 1997
3. Juni 1997

Dear Friedrich,
Lieber Friedrich,

English → I got your letter today, and I am writing immediately, so you will
German → ich bekomme heute Deinen Brief, und ich schreibe sogleich, so Du diesen

get this before you leave on your trip. I'm glad the time has finally
bekommen wirst, bevor Du Deiner Reise antrittst. Ich freue mich, dass

come for you to come to America.
die Zeit endlich gekommen ist, für Du nach Amerika zu kommen.

DEW's trip to England

Yes, I came home from England in good health, even though I was cold
Ja, kam ich gesund aus England nach Hause, selbst wenn ich die meiste

most of the time there. Now I'm very busy. I'm doing all the things
Zeit dort kalt war. Nun bin ich sehr beschäftigt. Ich mache alles, dass

I couldn't do while I was away, and I'm preparing for my trip to Milwaukee.
ich nicht machen könnte, während ich auswärts war, und ich bereite für
meine Reise nach Milwaukee vor.

Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

When I returned from England, I had a telephone call from a cousin in
Wenn ich aus England zurückkehre, hatte ich einen Telephonanruf von

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

Montana (1,000 miles from Milwaukee!) to get more information about your
einer Cousine in Montana (1,000 Meilen von Milwaukee!), um mehr Auskunst

→ visit to Milwaukee. I think she will bring her 80-year-old mother,
über deinen Besuch nach Milwaukee zu bekommen. Ich denke, dass sie ihre

who is the daughter of my first cousin (my mother's niece).
80-jahre-alte Mutter, wer ist die Tochter meiner erste Cousine (die
Nichte meiner Mutter), bringen wird.

DEW taking Amtrak to Milwaukee

My train arrives in Milwaukee at 2:10 Thursday afternoon, and I shall
Mein Zug kommt um zehn nach zwei Donnerstag Nachmittag in Milwaukee an,

be at the Holiday Inn about an hour later. I shall try to find you
und ich werde um eine Stunde später im Holiday Inn sein. Ich werde

when I arrive. Have a good trip!
versuchen, wann ich ankomme, Dich zu finden. Habst Du eine gute Reise!

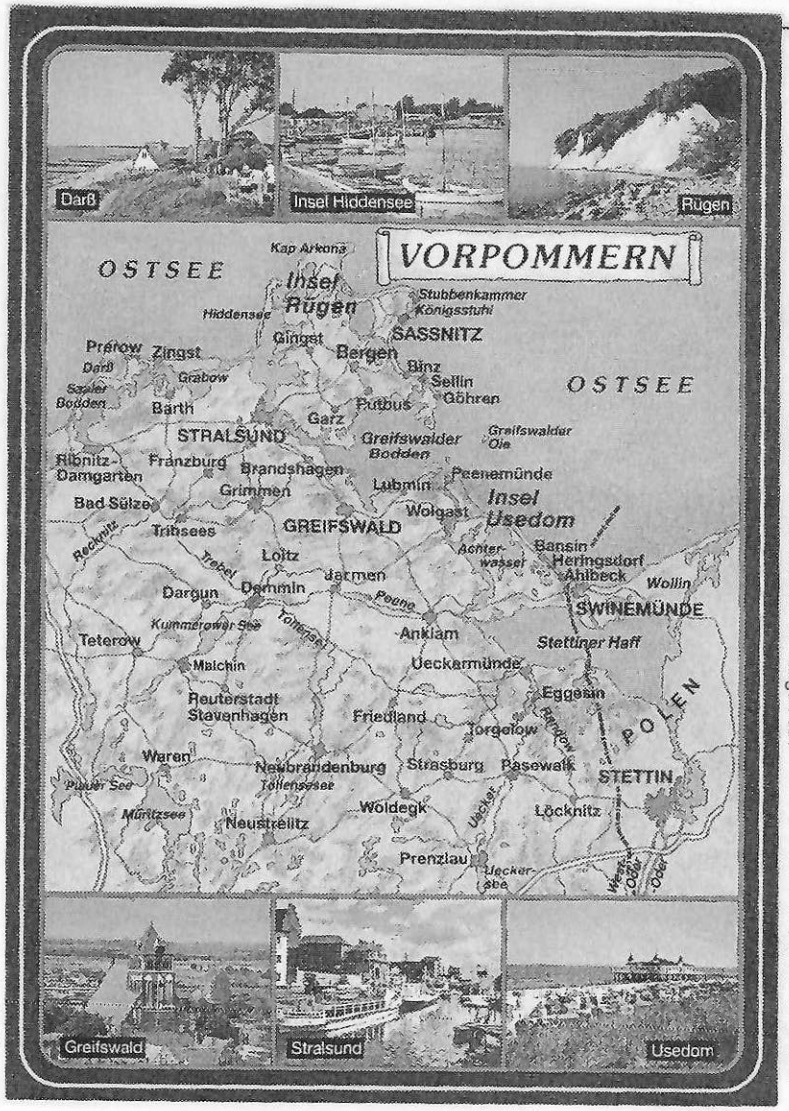
Yours very sincerely,
Mit herzliche Grüssen,

[Sent by Friedrich]

[ca. July 1997]

Florence
Pearl
Hass (b. 1917)

David, Florence, Friedrich
on the Michigan Lake



Deutschland ist schön – wir zeigen es!

From Stralsund
comes the song
„Praise to the Lord, the
Almighty, the King of
creation."
Loitz is southwest from
20 Km Greifswald.

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SCHÖNING VERLAG

[See DEW's July 10 and 11, 1997, letters below.]

[July 3, 1997]

July 3, 1997

Marion Trowbridge of Grace-Trinity Community Church

Dear Marion,

Here is the $50.00 gift in memory of my mother, Edith Nemitz Witheridge, from Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist in Loitz, Germany.

I've also enclosed a short statement about the gift that you could forward to Carol Bjelke for use in the Carillon.

If you want to send an acknowledgement directly to Dr. Nemitz, his address is:

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Goethestrasse 37
17121 Loitz
Germany

Please send me a copy of the acknowledgement, too.

If possible, I should like to have this gift applied to the Elevator and Accessibility Fund.

Yours sincerely,

See next page →

See previous page

MEMORIAL GIFT

Grace-Trinity Memorial Fund recently received a gift from Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist in Loitz, Germany, in memory of David Witheridge's mother, Edith Nemitz Witheridge, who was a first cousin of Dr. Nemitz's grandfather. David received the gift on behalf of the church when he and Dr. Nemitz met in Milwaukee during the last weekend of June at a gathering of Pomeranian descendants. The German and American Nemitz families had been out of touch with each other for 125 years until Friedrich and David found each other through correspondence last November. Dr. Nemitz is a church elder and lay pastoral assitant in his Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany.

[July 10, 1997]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
July 10, 1997
10. Juli 1997

Dear Friedrich,
Lieber Friedrich,

English → It was wonderful to meet you in Milwaukee (Wauwatosa), and we shall
German → es war wunderbar, Dich in Milwaukee (Wauwatosa) zu treffen, und wir

have many good memories of those days.
werden viele guten Gedächtnisse der Tage haben.

Friedrich's gift to DEW's church

Thank you very much for your very generous $50.00 gift to our church.
Danke schön für Deinen sehr grossmütigen $50.00 Geschenk zu unserer

I gave it to our Memorial Fund as a gift from you in memory of my mother,
Kirche. Ich gab es unserem Gedenkkonto (?), wie eine Geschenk von Dir

Edith Nemitz Witheridge, who was a first cousin of your grandfather.
zum Andenken an meine Mutter, Edith Nemitz Witheridge, die eine erste

It will help to pay for the new elevator.
Cousine Deines Grossvater war. Es wird für das neue Lift bezahlen helfen.

See Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998 (index entry)

Now I am looking forward to your trip to Minneapolis next year with
Nun freue ich mich auf Deine Reise nächste Jahre nach Minneapolis

Renate, Hans-Joachim, Helga, and hopefully your Uncle Johannes.
mit Renate, Hans-Joachim, Helga, und hoffnungsvoll Deinem Onkel Johannes.

We shall have much planning to do.
Wir werden viel Planen tun haben.

Perhaps you should arrive on Friday, June 19, a week before the
Vielleicht sollt Ihr am Freitag, 19. Juni, eine Woche vor dem Pommerntag

Pommerntag weekend. Because of their work, some of your relatives
Wochende, ankommen. Wegen Ihrer Arbeit, werden einige Euer Verwandte

will only be able to be with you on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21.
nur am Samstag und Sontag, 20. und 21. Juni, mit Euch sein können.

Others may be able to visit with you between Monday and ~~Tuesday~~ Thursday,
Noch andere mögen zwischen Montag und Donnerstag mit Euch besuchen

and I'll need time to show you our beautiful city and area.
können, und ich werde Zeit brauchen, um Euch unsere schönen Stadt und
Gebeit zu zeigen.

July 10, 1997
10. Juli 1997

On either Thursday or Friday you can go to Milwaukee and join the
Am entweder Donnerstag oder Freitag könnt Ihr nach Milwaukee gehen und

tour group from Germany. I'm sure Mike George will want to see
mit der Reisegruppe aus Deutschland verbinden. Ich bin sicher, dass

Michael Richard George (b. 1950)

you again, and other relatives, whom you did not meet
Mike George Dich wieder sehen wollen wird, ~~und~~ und andere Verwandte, den Du

this year, may go to Milwaukee to see you and your family,
dieses Jahr nicht traf, mögen nach Milwaukee gehen, um Dich und Deine

because it is closer to them than Minneapolis.
Familie zu sehen. weil Milwaukee näher zu ihnen als Minneapolis sind.

Then you can fly back to Germany with the tour group,
Dann könnt Ihr mit der Reisegruppe nach Deutschland zurückfliegen.

That is all I have time for now, but there is much more
Das ist alles, für das ich nun Zeit habe, aber es gibt viel Mehr

to say in future letters. I hope you are all well, and I hope
in zukunftigen Briefen zu sagen. Ich hoffe, dass Ihr alles gesund seid,

your life has returned to normal.
und ich hoffe, dass Deiner Leben auf Normal zurückgekehren hat.

Best wishes,
Herzliche Grüsse

[July 11, 1997]

GRACE-TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

PASTOR
Rev. Roderic P. Frohman, D. Min. (Prin.)

A PRESBYTERIAN AND AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION
1430 West 28th Street • Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408 • (612) 872-8266

July 11, 1997

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Goethestrasse 37
17121 Loitz
Germany

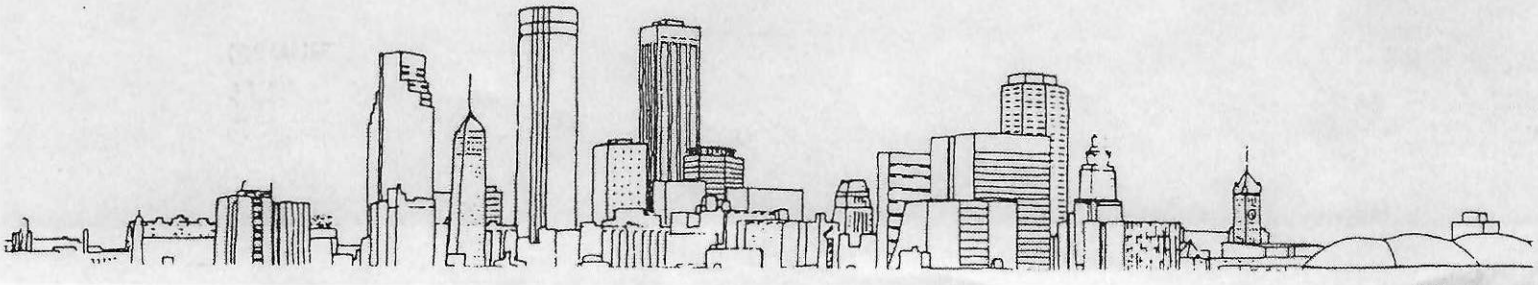
Dear Dr. Nemitz,

The Memorial Committee of Grace-Trinity Church wishes to thank you for your gift of fifty dollars in memory of Edith Nemitz Witheridge, David Witheridge's mother, and first cousin to your grandfather.

David has written a short statement for our Carillon (church newsletter), of which a copy will be sent to you in August at the time of publication. He has requested your gift be used for the Accessibility Fund (elevator.)

This Special Gift will be listed in our Book of Remembrance. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Marion Trowbridge
Recorder for the
Grace-Trinity Memorial Committee



[July 15, 1997]

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Zahnarzt
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17121 Loitz, den 15.07.1997

Tel.: 039998/1 03 00
Fax.: 039998/1 20 75

Rev. David Witheridge
2425 Irving Are. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

Dear David,
Lieber David,

English → today got I your letter dated 10. July, many thanks.
German → heute bekam ich Deinen Brief vom 10. Juli, vielen Dank.

Than I of my journey home came, I've had much labour.
Als ich von meiner Reise nach Hause kam, hatte ich viel Arbeit.

To the write letters I took me no time.
Zum Briefe Schreiben nahm ich mir keine Zeit.

I have very good memories at my USA journey and particularly to the days in Milwaukee.
Ich habe sehr gute Erinnerungen an meine USA - Reise und besonders an die Tage in Milwaukee.

Many thanks, That you come are.
Vielen Dank, daß Du gekommen bist.

I have a report on my journey for which Nemitz relatives in Germany written.
Ich habe einen Bericht über meine Reise für die Nemitz - Verwandten in Deutschland geschrieben.

It is they very interest.
Es wird sie sehr interessieren.

To the end of war 1945 lived many in Pomerania, today live they all over Germany.
Bis zum Kriegsende 1945 wohnten viele in Pommern. Heute leben sie in ganz Deutschland.

Johannes Nemitz (b. 1917)

Uncle John - we say uncle Hans - has us visits and I have him video recordings of yours and the other relatives shown. He was very happy.
Onkel Johannes - wir sagen Onkel Hans - hat uns besucht und ich habe ihm Videoaufnahmen von Dir und den anderen Verwandten gezeigt. Er hat sich sehr gefreut.

Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

I hope very, that we in the next year all at the 19. June according to Minneapolis come will.
Ich hoffe sehr, daß wir im nächsten Jahr alle am 19. Juni nach Minneapolis kommen werden.

Best wish Friedrich
Herzliche Grüße Friedrich

Best wishes
Friedrich + Renate

[July 16, 1997]

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Zahnarzt
Goethestraße 37
17121 Loitz/Vorp.
Germany

17121 Loitz, den 16.07.97

Tel. 039998/1 03 00
Fax. 039998/1 20 75

Kopie

Dr. Jeffrey J. Nemitz

Dr.Jeffrey John Nemitz
7311 - 52 nd St.N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115
U.S.A.

Hello, dear collegue,

Your address I have got in jun in Milwaukee from David Witheridge. We have common ancestors. Our great grandfathers were brothers.

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

Your great grandfather - his name is Ernst Nemitz - migrate 1872 into the USA. My great grandfather - his name is Ferdinand Nemitz - remained in Germany.

Your grandfather - Johann Nemitz - was an cousin 1.grade from my grandfather - Wilhelm Nemitz.

Your father - Elmer Nemitz - and my father - Wlhelm Nemitz - were cousin 2.grade.

And we are cousin 3.grade.

Now we have also still the equal profession. This is very interesting and wonderful.

FDI World Dental Federation

1994 I were with my wife, Renate. in Vancouver to the FDI - world congress. Perhaps wou was also there?

I'd be happy. to be heard something of you and of your family.

David Witheridge - he is our uncle 3.grade - has 1998 related to a relativ-meeting to Minneapolis.
Perhaps we can us there meet?

Best wishes

Friedrich

[Aug. 9, 1997]

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Zahnarzt
Goethestraße 37
17121 Loitz/Vorp.

17121 Loitz, den August, 9.97

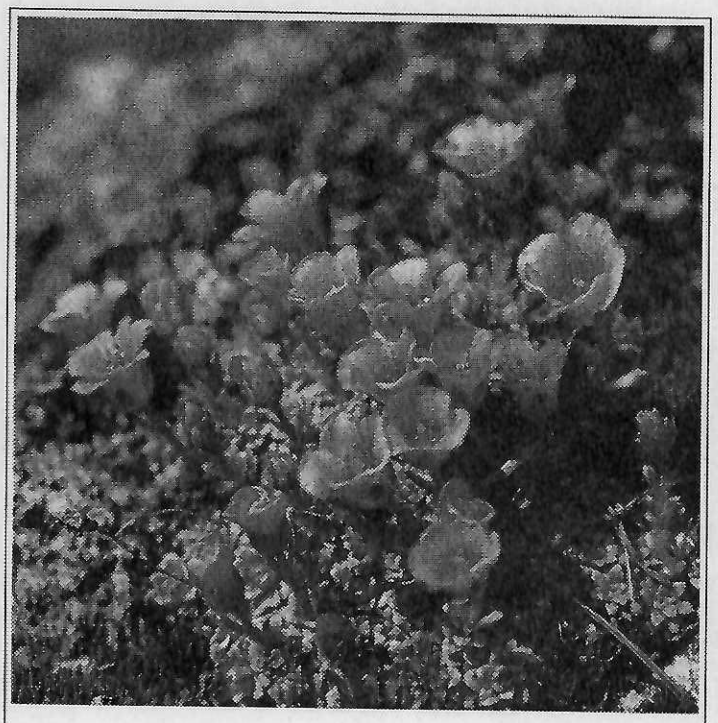
Tel. 039998/1 03 00

Dear David,
I send You little pictuares, I think,
they are interesting for You.
Can You please send me the adress from
Vicki or Florence? I havn'd they.
Thank You very much.

See next page

Yours very sincerely

Friedrich



Die dem Herrn vertrauen,
schöpfen neue Kraft.
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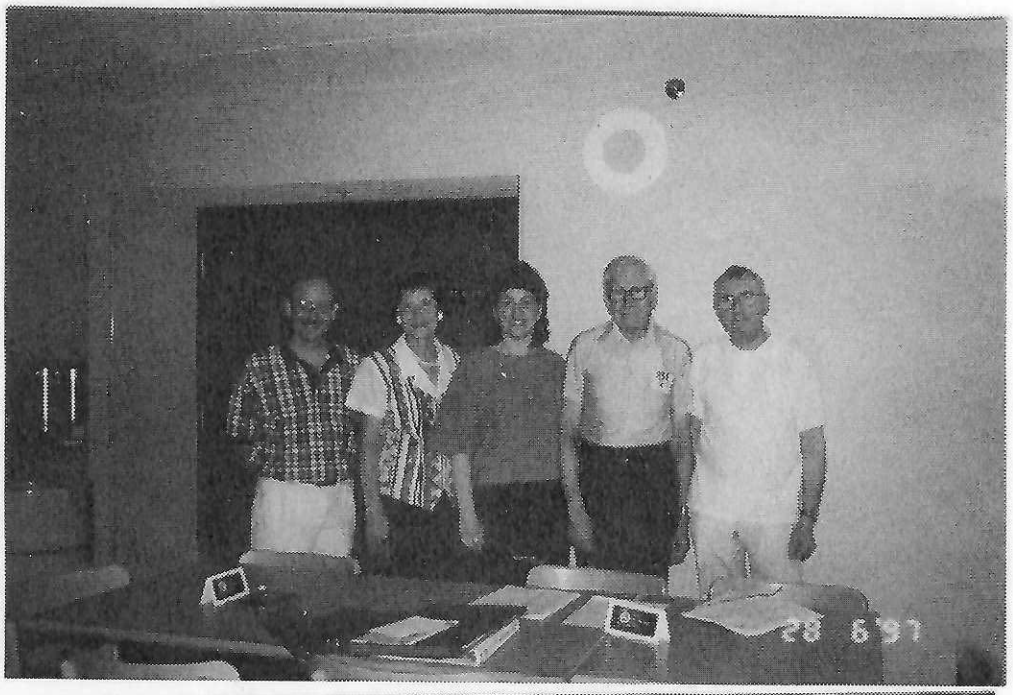
Herzliche Segenswünsche zum Geburtstag

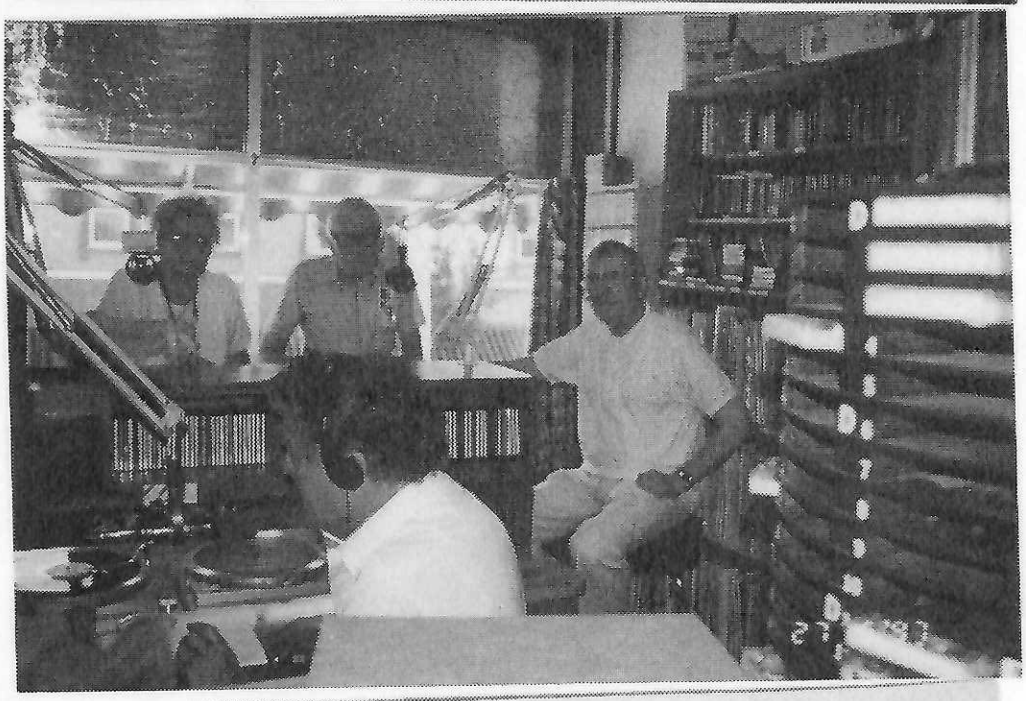
Lieber David,
von Friedrich + Renate

[Aug. 9, 1997]

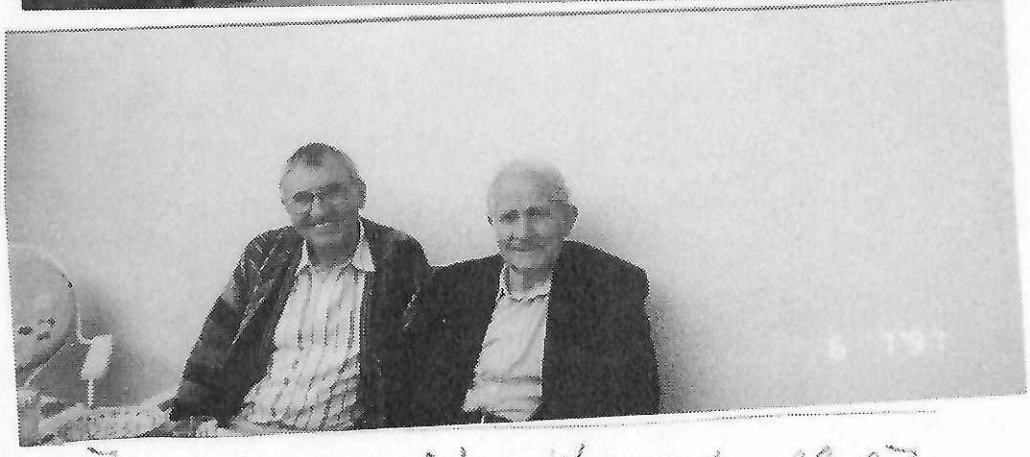


L to R:

Darrell Wesley Anderson (b. 1943)
Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)
Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)
DEW
Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)



Martha Riggle
DEW
Friedrich
(at the radio broadcast in Milwaukee)



Friedrich with his "Uncle Hans," Johannes Nemitz (b. 1917)

Johannes Nemitz geb. 1917
Friedrich Nemitz geb. 1934

[Sept. 17, 1997]

September 17, 1997
17. September 1997

Dear Friedrich and Renate,
Lieber Friedrich und Renate,

English → Ever since your letter of July 15 and your lovely birthday card
German → von jeher Dein Brief vom 15. Juli und Deine liebliche

arrived, I have wanted to write to you, but my life has been
Geburtstagkarte ankommten, habe ich Dir schreiben wollen, aber

very busy. Early in July we had many heavy rains,
mein Leben ist sehr beschäftigt gewesen. Früh in Juli hatten

and our very old roof leaked water into four upstairs rooms.
wir vielen schweren Regenfälle, und unser sehr alt Dach lecket

I had to get a new roof, and it has been a mess.
Wasser in vier oben gelegen Zimmer. Ich musste ein neues Dach

The rececorating of those rooms will start later.
bekommen, und es ist ein Durcheinander gewesen. Die
Neudekorierung der Zimmer werdet später aufangen.

Also in July our back yard was struck by lightning.
Auch im Juli war unseren Hof hinter dem Haus vom Blitz
getroffen.

Fortunately, the lightning did not strike the house.
Glücklicherweise, schlug nicht der Blitz in das Haus. Er

It struck a wire between the house and the garage and damaged
erschlug ein Leitungsdraht zwischen das Haus und die Garage,

a wall outlet and the garage door opener.
und er beschadiget eine Steckdose und den Garagetüröffner.

So I had to replace them.
So ich musste sie wieder stellen.

My son Jim and his partner David bought a new computer, and
Mein Sohn Jim und seiner Genosse David kauften eine neue

they gave me their old one. That was fine, but it took
Rechenmachine, und sie geben mir ihr alte eine. Das war gut,

a lot of time to find a place for it, set it up,
aber ich brauchte viel Zeit, eine Stelle für sie zu finden, sie

and learn how to use it. So you can see why
zu zufstellen, und zu gebrauchen lernen. So Du kannst sehen,

my life has been so hectic.
warum mein Leben so fieberhaft gewesen ist.

Carl Nemitz (b. 1829)

I got Carl Nemitz's newspaper obituary from Alice Wendt
Ich bekamte Carl Nemitzs Zeitungstodesanzeige von Alice Wendt

Alice Wendt

and Nemitz informmation from the Freistadt church records from
und Nemitz Auskunst im Freistadt Kirchenbuch von LeRoy Boehlke.

Le Roy Boehlke

LeRoy Boehlke. I found there were only two Nemitz families in
Ich findte, dass es gabt nur zwei Nemitz Familien in Freistadt:

Freistadt: Ludwig Nemitz and Carl Nemitz. They don't seem to
Ludwig Nemitz und Carl Nemitz. Sie sind anscheinend nicht

"Lost brother"

be related. Neither could have been our lost brother. ~~Luther~~ Ludwig
verwandt. Kein konnte unser verloren Bruder gewesen ist.

was born in Sarchow, Pomerania, and emigrated before 1856.
~~Luther~~ Ludwig war geboren in Sarachow, Pommern, und auswanderte vor

I don't know where Carl was born, but he was in Wisconsin by
1856. Ich kenne nicht, wo Carl geboren war, aber er war seit

September of 1872. That was a few months after Wilhelm and
September, 1872, in Wisconsin. Das war einige monate nach

Ernst came, but it was before the two sisters, Johanna
Wilhelm and Ernst kammten, aber es war vor die zwei Schwestern,

and Wilhelmina, came. So they would have known that he
Johanna und Wilhelmina, kammten. So sie gekannt wären, dass er

didn't stay in Germany. Eventually, we need to find the name
in Deutschland nicht bleibent. Schliesslich, brauchen wir im

of this brother in the Dammen church records. Then I can
Dammen Kirchenbuch der Name dieses Bruders zu finden. Dann

locate him in this country through the ship passenger lists and
kann ich ihn in diesem Landes durch die Shiffspassagierliste

the census records.
und die Volkszahlungsniederschrifte finden.

Thank you for the pictures of your children and grandchildren.
Danke für die Bilde Deiner Kinder und Enkelkinder. Sie sind

They are a lovely family, and you are very fortunate. Thank
eine lieblich familien, und Du bist sehr glücklich. Danke auch

you also for the picture of you and Uncle Hans. I can't tell
für der Bild von Dich und Onkel Hans. Ich kann nicht noch

yet whether I look like him, but I hope to meet him next year.
immer sagen, ob ich ihm gleiche, aber ich hoffe im nächsten

I'm enclosing a few pictures that you may not have.
Jahr ihn zu treffen. Ich beilege einige Bilde, dass Du
vielleicht nicht habst.

Here are the addresses you asked for:
Hier sind die adressen, um die Du fragst:

Vicki Koterba (b. 1954)

Mrs. Vicki Koterba
P.O. Box 25
Westby, MT 59275

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

Mrs. Florence Anderson
P.O. Box 224
Westby, MT 59275

Dr. Jeffrey J. Nemitz

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz. I
Danke für die Kopie Deines Briefs zu Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz. Ich

want to write to him to invite him to come to Minneapolis next
will ihm schreiben, um ihm zu einladen, nächst Juni nach

June to meet you and other Nemitz relatives, but I haven't had
Minneapolis zu kommen, um Dich und anderen Nemitz verwandten zu

time yet.
treffen, aber ich habe immer noch kein Zeit gehabt.

I'm sorry this letter is so complicated, and my translation not
Es tut mir leid, dass dies Brief so verwickelt ist, und meine

very good. I hope you are still all in good health.
Übersetzung nicht sehr gut ist. Ich hoffe, dass Ihr alles bis
jetzt ins Wohlbefinden sind.

Love,
Liebe,

David

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz
Zahnarzt
Goethestraße 37
17121 Loitz/Vorp.

[Oct. 7, 1997]

17121 Loitz, den 07.10.97

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Fax. 039998/1 20 75

Rev.David Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave.S.
Minneapolis MN 55405

Dear David,
thank you very much for Your letters from 17.sept. I am very happy. The peautiful fotos me remember on our meet in Milwaukee. That were for me wonderful days - and I look forward to june 1998, "If the Lord wills and we live"/James 4,5.

"Uncle Hans" is Johannes Nemitz (b. 1917)

Uncle Hans hade his 80.bithsday on 5.okt. We were together with him and with his children. I hade showed Your letter and fotos. Every were happy.

Difficulties doing genealogical research in Dammen, Stolp (now Poland)

Thank you very much, that You so hard working for family-explower. I must go to Dammen/Stolp and look in the Church-books. But it is for me complicate. The people in Poland speek another language. Besides: Many people in Poland will us not see, because for 50 years we hade at war with Poland. Now the think, the German will come back to Pomerenia. Historical Pomerenia has been 800 years German, before it 1945 come to Poland.
But I will try to become information.

Dr. Christoph Eggs

Now I have a question: I have a frend in Greifswald. His name is Dr.Christoph Eggs. He is working on the universität on the physical institute. He shall for 2 years working on the universität in Minneapolis (1.Jan.1998 - 31.Dec.1999). He asked me, if You can him help to find a flat (apartment) for him and his family (2 children, 1 a.3 years). He is a Christian and look for a evangelic church to have kontakt (for examp. "Grace-Trinity Community Church") Can You help him please? He is glad obout our trip in the next year.

Thank you very nuch for adressen from Florence a.Vicki. From Dr.J.Nemitz/Seattle I have not become answer.
I wish You many energy for all the work in Your home. Your translation is good, I am understand Your letter.

In Love Friedrich a. Renate

[Oct. 22, 1997]

October 22, 1997
den 22. Oktober 1997

Dear Friedrich and Renate,
Lieber Friedrich und Renate,

English → I was glad to get your letter, because I had much to tell you;
German → ich freute mich Deinen Brief zu bekommen, weil ich hatte Viel,

but I wanted to wait until I got your letter. I went to a
Dir zu sagen. Aber ich zu warten wollte, bis Deinen Brief

genealogy conference on Oct. 4, and I've been thinking ever
bekam. Ich ging an eine Genealogiekonferenz am 4. Oct., und

Dammen church records

since about the possibility of finding the Dammen church
ich von jeder gedacht habe, an die Möglichkeit zu finden die

records.
Dammenkirchenbücher.

Henning Schroeder

I got an extra copy of Henning Schroeder's material for you.
Ich bekam für Dich eine zusätzliche Kopie Henning Schröders

He said that many church books for Pomerania, including the
Material. Er sagtet, dass viele Kirchenbücher für Pommern,

part now in Poland, are now at the church archives in
einschliesslich den Teil nun in Polen, sind nun am

Greifswald. The address is:
Kirchlichesarchiv in Greifswald. Die Adresse ist:

Pommersche Evangelische Kirche
Landeskirchliches Archiv
Bahnhofstr. 35/36
Postfach 187
D-17489 Greifswald

If you go there, or perhaps telephone them, they can tell you
Wenn Du dort fahrst, oder vielleicht anrufst, können sie Dir

other research ideas for Friedrich

if they have any Dammen church records. If they don't have
sagen, wenn sie jeder Dammenkirchenbücher haben. Wenn sie kein

them, they may suggest other archives where they might be.
haben, mögen sie anderen Archiv vorschlagen, wo sie vielleicht
sind.

Civil records in Greifswald

There are also civil records that may contain information about
Es gibt auch Staatsarchiv, dass vielleicht haben information

See "Nemitz lost brother" in index

our Nemitz ancestors, including the lost brother who came to
über unser Nemitz Vorfahren haben, einschliesslich den verloren

America. The Pomeranian state archives are also in Greifswald.
Bruder, der nach Amerika kamt. Die Pommerischstaatsarchiv sind

Mr. Schroeder said the state archives usually
auch in Greifswald. Herr Schröder sagt, dass die Staatsarchiv

have emigration cards on microfilm, so Wilhelm and Ernst may
Auswanderungskarten an Mikrofilm gewöhnlich haben, also Wilhelm

show up there, and also the lost brother, who might have given
und Ernst dort erscheinen mögen, und auch der verloren Bruder,

his birthplace or the names of his parents. Mr. Schroeder also
der sein Geburtsort oder die Namen seines Eltern hat gegeben

said that anyone who wanted to emigrate had to have a
mag. Herr Schröder sagt auch, dass jemand, der auswanderen

certificate showing that he had served in the local reserve
wolltet, ein Zeugnis haben musstet, dass er beim Lokalreserve

(Ersatz-Reserve). When you read this material, you may get
(Ersatz-Reserve) gedienen hattet. Wenn Du dies Material liest,

several ideas of records that might help in our genealogical
magst Du einige Idee des Verzeichnesse, dass in unser

research. I hope you'll have an opportunity to visit both the
Genealogischforschung helfen mag. Ich hoffe, dass Du ein

church archives and the state archiveas in Greifswald.
Gelegenheit haben wirst, beide die Kirchlichesarchiv und die
Staatsarchiv in Greifswald zu besuchen.

Dr. Christoph Eggs

Now regarding Dr. Eggs and his family, I certainly will try to
Nun hinsichtlich Dr. Eggs und seiner Familie, werde ich gewiss

help them find an apartment when they arrive. I telephoned the
versuchen, sie zu helfen eine Etagenwohnung zu finden, wenn sie

Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota,
ankommen. Ich telephonierte das Institute of Technology am

and I talked to Susanne Sower, the secretary who will be
University of Minnesota, und ich sprach mit Susanne Sower, die

working to get Dr. Eggs settled here. She said he will be
Sekretärin, die arbeiten wirt, Dr Eggs hier festsetzend zu

a Research Associate in the Mechanical Engineering Department
machen. Sie sagt, dass er Forschungsmitarbeit im Maschinenbau

under Professor Uwe Kortshagen. She said it is not good
Abteilung unter Professor Uwe Kortshagen sein wird. Sie sagt,

to rent an apartment for them before they arrive. They
dass es nicht gut ist, bevor sie ankommen, eine Etagenwohnung

should select it themselves. They should arrive
zu mieten. Sie selbst sie auslesen sollen. Sie sollen

at least a week before Jan. 1 and stay in the Days Inn
wenigstens eine Woche vor 1. Jan. ankommen, und sollen am Days

near the university. The housing office on campus will have
Inn nahe die Universität bleiben. Das Wohnungsbüro an die

a list of apartments they can look at. I can meet them
Hochschulanlage wird eine Liste der Etagenwohnunge haben, dass

at the airport and take them to the hotel and also
sie sehen können. Ich sie vom Flughafen abholen können, und sie

drive them around to see the various places.
nach Hotel nehmen, und auch sie herum fahren, die verscheidene

Unfortunately, this will all be happening at Christmas time,
Orte zu sehen. Unglücklicherweise, wird dies alles bei

which will be hard for everyone.
Weinachtszeit geschehen sein, was für jeder schwer wird sein.

They will have to decide how much rent they can pay and whether
Sie entscheiden müssen, wieviel Mietzins, dass sie zahlen

they can afford a car while they are here. I think
können, und ob sie die Mittel für ein Auto haben, während sie

they should have a car, because there are four of them,
hier sind. Ich denke, dass sie ein Auto haben sollen, weil sie

and they will be here two years.
vier sind, und sie zwei Jahre hier werden sein.

You should give me Dr. Eggs' address and telephone number.
Du sollst mir Dr. Eggs Adresse und Telephonnummer geben.

Does he understand English? Maybe he should write and tell me
Kannst er Englisch? Verleicht sollst er mir schreiben, und

his plans. I am looking forward to meeting him and his family.
mir seine Pläne erzählen. Ich freue mich auf ihn und seiner

I am enclosing two copies of a map showing our house and the
Familie zu treffen. Ich beilege zwei Kopie eines Stadtplans

university--one for you and one for him. I hope to hear
zeigend unser Haus und die Universität--eins für Dich und eins

from you again soon and also from Christoph..Many thanks
für ihn. Ich hoffe, wieder bald von Dir zu hören, und auch von

for the pictures.
Christoph. Vielen Dank für die Photos.

Love,
Liebe,

David

[Inserted with DEW's Oct. 22, 1997, letter]

Descendants of Ernst Nemitz (in Iowa) through his son Johann:

Nachkommen der Ernst Nemitz (in Iowa) durch seinen Sohn Johann:

LeAnn Nemitz Bench
520 S. Carnahan Rd.
Spokane, WA 99212-0343

(Daughter of Carl Nemitz) ← Carl Otto Fritz Nemitz (b.1903)

Dr. Jeffrey John Nemitz (Dentist)
7311 - 52nd St. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115

(Son of Elmer Nemitz) ← Probably Elmer Otto William Nemitz (b. 1912)

Both would be pleased to have a letter from you in both English and

Alle beide würde sich freuten, einen Brief von Du in beide Englisch

German. They would answer in the same way.

und Deutsch zu haben. Sie würden in gleiche Weise antworten.

[Inserted with DEW's Oct. 22, 1997, letter]

Experts on East German genealogy to correspond with:

Herr Elmar Bruhn
Lohkamp 13
D-22117 Hamburg

40-7127073

Herr Klaus Dieter Kretlin
Zum Nordhang 5
D-58313 Herdecke

2330-71166

[Notes by DEW, placed after his Oct. 22, 1997 letter]

Pages to copy from Germanic Genealogy

274 - Annotated Bibliography
Arbeitsgemeinschaft ostdeutscher Familienforscher

283 - Wolfgang Ribbe + Eckart Henning,
Taschenbuch für Familiengeschichtsforschung

272 - Useful Addresses
Verlag Degener + Co.

Experts on East German genealogy
To correspond with:

Elmar Brehm (p. 187)
Lohkamp 13
D-22117 Hamburg
40-7127073

Klaus Dieter Kreßlein (p. 188)
Zum Mordhang 5
D-58313 Herdecke
2330-71188

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Genealogical Source Centers for Eastern Europe

332 - Poland Present Day

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Ahnentafel + Family Group Sheet

322 - Map of German Democratic Republic

[Dec. 18, 1997]

12/18/97

Dear Friedrich + Renate,

Because of Christmas, I can't write a letter now. I'm looking forward to meeting Christoph and his family soon. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Love,

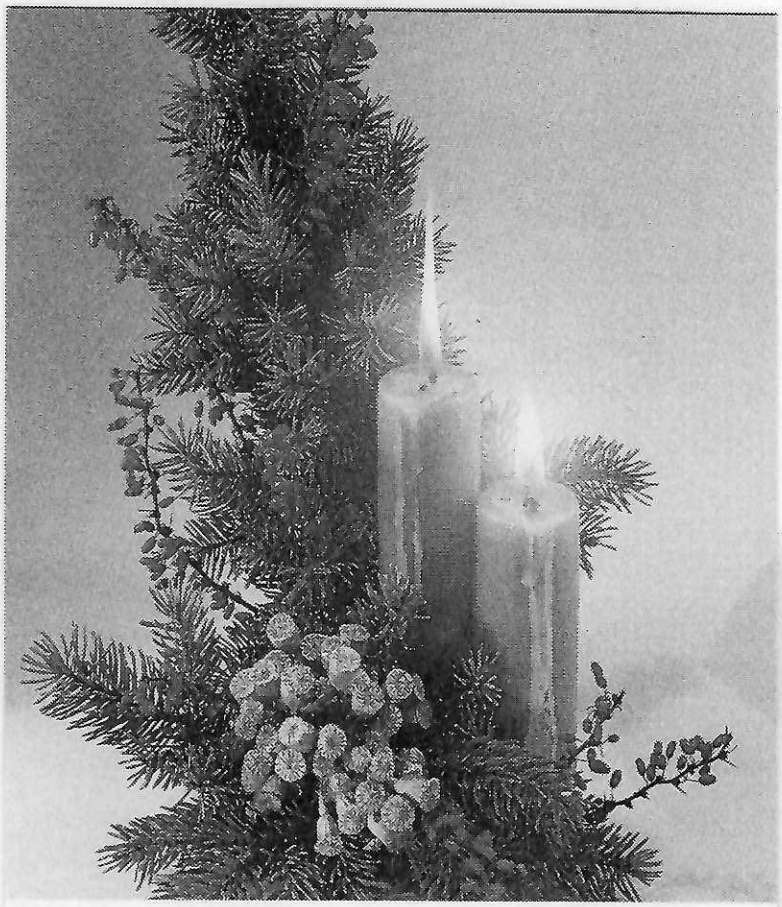
David

Editor's note:

Christoph Eggs, a mechanical engineer and friend of Friedrich's, would be coming to the University of Minnesota for a period of extended study, and he was relying on Dad for help finding an apartment (etc.).

TFW, Apr. 20, 2023

[Christmas 1997]



Gott kommt auf uns zu.
Das ist die frohe Botschaft des Advents.
Friedrich Wetter
Herzlichen Adventsgruß

God is coming to us
That's the* message of
Advent.

* cheerful

[Honoring the Marshall Plan]

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Telefon 03 99 98 / 1 03 00
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Rev.David E.Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave.S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

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Editor's Note

I don't know why Dad's file on Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934) ended so abruptly at Christmas 1997.

They certainly had many contacts after that, both in writing and in person — such as the important 1998 Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis (including events that took place in Dad's backyard and at his church). Some of those contacts have already been scanned and are located in other folders.

Perhaps email took over at this point, and perhaps Dad stopped making hard copies of those messages.

Regardless of the reason(s), this is the end of the Friedrich file.

Tom Witheridge
April 23, 2023

Folder

2.18

Gerhard Nemitz (b. 1926)

documents

N27
Log 878 [Apr. 29, 1986]

N27
Log 878

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
April 29, 1986

Mr. Gerhard Nemitz
10040 S. 82nd ~~Place~~ Ct.
Palos Hills, IL 60465

[see N38]

Dear Mr. Nemitz:

Ilse Babiel

Perhaps you have heard about me from your sister or from your cousin, Ilse Babiel. I may be a distant cousin of yours and of theirs.

Heimatortskartei Fuer Nordosteuropa

My grandfather, William Nemitz, came to America from Stolp in 1873. In trying to find someone in Germany who is related to him, I wrote to the Heimatortskartei Nordosteuropa, which has an index of over 10,000,000 persons relocated from former German-speaking areas after World War II. They sent me Ilse's address and said she was born in Stolp and her maiden name was Nemitz. We have written to each other twice, and in her last letter she said your sister (whose name she didn't give me) had suggested that I write to you to see if you could help with information about your family.

Stolp

All I know about my family in Germany is this: About 1860 William Nemitz married Theresa Jacobs, perhaps in Stolp, because their daughter Bertha was born there on July 9, 1866. Another daughter, Emma, was born in Germany on June 6, 1869, probably also in Stolp.

William had two sisters who came to this country. Wilhelmina was born in Stolp on March 17, 1851, and married Charles Schroeder there, the son of John Schroeder. His other sister, Johanna, married John Tonke. Their son Herman was born in Stolp on November 26, 1866.

Dammen

At least one brother--possibly named Ferdinand--remained in Germany. In 1913, just before World War I, one of my relatives visited a cousin in Stolp who was a postman (letter carrier). Another brother, Ernst, came to America in 1872 and ended up in Iowa.

William Nemitz told his children he was born in Dammer. My research turned up four Dammers in Germany, all in Silesia, rather than in Pomerania. So now, because of all the family events that took place in Stolp, I think he may have been born in the town of Dammen near Stolp instead of in Dammer.

What I am trying to establish, of course, is the ancestry of my grandfather. If I can find a Nemitz relative who might also become interested in hunting for his or her ancestors, I'm sure we can be of help to each other. Neither Ilse nor your sister has been able to come up with anything in terms of family records or background, but somehow they thought you might be willing and able to help. At least, our communication would be easier, because you live in America. I hope you will be willing to respond and tell me what you do know about your family.

My wife Elizabeth and I both grew up in Michigan, where my grandfather had gone to work on a farm, after settling first in Chicago. I began as a heating and ventilating engineer, having graduated from the University of Michigan. After four years I decided to enter the ministry, and my first

position after attending seminary was as assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago. We were there six years and grew very fond of Chicago. After a few years as minister of a Baptist church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis as executive director ~~of~~ the G Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I continued in this position for 29 years until I retired at the end of 1979.

Before our marriage, Elizabeth taught kindergarten several years. More recently she was the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. James, who is single and lives in Minneapolis, works for a furniture store. Thomas, who is married and lives in Chicago, is a psychiatric social worker. He directs a program called The Bridge, a division of Thresholds, a rehabilitation agency for psychiatric patients.

Some time in late spring or early summer Elizabeth and I expect to be visiting Tom and his wife Virginia in Chicago. Perhaps at that time we could come to Palos Hills for a brief visit with you and your wife. Because of your experience in Germany and continuing ties there, I feel that such a contact would be very valuable, as well as enjoyable, to us.

I look forward to your reply with great anticipation, and I hope you will also be intrigued with the idea of our exchanging information at least by correspondence and even, perhaps, in person.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

N38
Log 887

[May 15, 1986]

See N27

May 15. 1986

N38
Log 88

[See N21]
[See N40] ← See N40

Dear Mr. Witteridge,

you anticipate an answer to your letter which came as a complete surprise. We did not have the slightest notion, that we might have very distant relatives in this country. We thank you for your interesting letter but I am afraid it might lead you only to a dead end. We are in the possession of a "Familien-Stammbuch" which started with the record of my In-laws Berthold and Ida Nemitz married on May 24. 1918. Further Bertholds father Ludwig-Friedrich Nemitz, born in 1865 in Wusterwitz, Pommern. There is no connection between the names you mention in your letter and our Familien-Stammbuch but we would be glad to let you compare these names for ourself

"Familien stammbuch"

yourself

I am Edith Nemitz, the wife of Gerhard. My husband is not a letterwriter, so he made it my job to write to you. We both have no academic background. We grew up during the meager war years, my husband near Berlin and I was born in the province of Silesia, which came under Polish occupation in 1945. We had to leave our homeland within hours with only the clothes we could carry. We came to this country in 1954. My husband had learned the machinist trade in Germany and works here for the printing outfit R.R. Donnelly for 25 years. Both my parents had ancestors in this country, that is why it was possible for us to come here - and I have to say we have no regrets.

R.R. Donnelley and Sons Company

1-(312)

Our Tel # is 598-6347 - if you are still interested in seeing us, please give us a call.

Sincerely

Gerhard + Edith Nemitz

EDITH NEMITZ
10040 S 82ND CT
PALOS HILLS IL 60465

SOUTH SUBURBAN, IL 60458
PM
15 MAY
1986

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REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVE S.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN. 55405

N40
Log 889

[June 4, 1986]

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N40
Log 889

June 4, 1986

Dear Edith and Gerhard,

Your letter in response to mine was very welcome. Although there is no evidence yet of a connection between our families, I have a feeling we may discover one if we continue to hunt.

When I saw your name, Edith, it gave me a start, because my mother's maiden name was Edith Namitz. I'm pleased that you accepted the job of writing to me about your husband's family.

You apparently have more information about your parents, Gerhard, than Ilse Bebiel has about hers. She doesn't even have a record of the date and place of their marriage. Like you, Edith, they had to leave on short notice, and all their property and papers were confiscated.

Familien Stammbuch

Yes, we definitely want to meet you when we come to Chicago. We are especially looking forward to seeing your "Familien Stammbuch" and hearing what you know about your family, Gerhard. The date of our visit there has now been set. It will be the weekend starting on Friday, July 25th. We hope you'll be home at that time. We could come to Palos Hills during the afternoon or evening on either Saturday or Sunday. Or we could possibly stay over on Monday, July 28th and see you that evening, as one or both of you would probably be working during the day. Check over these dates and let us know if any of these times would work out for you.

DEW and EPW visiting in July 1986 (but see next page)

Just a couple of questions in closing. I do not have a map that shows Wusterwitz, the birthplace of Gerhard's grandfather, and I haven't had time yet to look it up at the library. Do you know how far it is from Stolp?

Where does your sister live, Gerhard, and by the way, what is her name? Ilse failed to mention that in her letter. Do you correspond with your sister often?

Thank you very much for writing. We are looking forward to a visit with you in July.

Yours sincerely,
David + Elizabeth Witheridge

[DEW's notes from a phone conversation with Edith] [July 7, 1986]

Telephone conversation with
Edith Nemitz - 7/7/86

She had just mailed a note to us saying they could see us the weekend of July 25

I told her we now were coming on Aug. 8, and she said that would be OK.

Date for visit changed to Aug. 8

Gerhard works nights, 11:00 - 7:00
Sometimes has to work weekends, but doesn't know until the day before.

Edith doesn't work.

Saturday afternoon or Sunday afternoon would be all right

I will call after we get to Chicago and make final arrangements

Nemitz German pronunciation ("Nāmitz")

The German pronunciation is Nāmitz, but some people call them Nēmits or Nemitz

N44
Log 895

[July 8, 1986]

N44
Log 895

July 8th 1986

[illegible] ← See N40
[illegible] ← See N51

Dear Rev. Witbridge,

in response to your letter - I will have to say - that we were willing to have you take a look at our limited recording in our Familienbuch. If you still plan on coming to Chicago on Sat. the 26th in the afternoon, that will work out well for us I am not working, never have, but Gerhard sometimes has to work on weekends. You have our Tel. #, just in case that you should have to make changes.

One day there was a letter with an offer of a book - "The Complete Registry of the Menitzes in America". We were kind of flabbergasted and still do not know what to make of it. We have little knowledge of our ancestors, but what we have documented in our Familienbuch, is all we care to know about them.

Here is our Tel. # again - 598-6347

Yours sincerely

Gerhard + Edith Menitz

Instruction on how to get here:
go to 95th + Roberts Road, just west of Harlem Ave, then south to 99th. Roberts Road - turn 2 blks. west + south one long blk + one blk. west again
Black + white house on +

N45
Log 895

[Aug. 2, 1986]

N45
Log895

August 2, 1986

Dear Edith + Gerhard,

I just want to let you know we still plan to come to Chicago on Friday, August 8th.

We expect to arrive about 6:00 p.m., and we'll call you Friday evening to set the best time for us to come and visit you. So far, our plans for the weekend are quite flexible.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

for Friday (12-30-86) to 6:00 PM

to 95th Cook Hotel (1-2)

Rt to Sat 8:00 to 99th

Rt to Sun 6:00 PM

[DEW's notes after Aug. 8 visit in Palos Hills]

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Log 899

[Aug. 9, 1986]

N49
Log 899

Comments of Gerhard Nemitz - 8/9/86

"Lord von Nemitz"

Years ago - perhaps in the 1700's - there was a lord called von Nemitz and another called von Oelsow whose vast estates or properties or manors abutted each other. Then these were dispersed into smaller holdings. There is now an area called "Nemitz-Heide" in West Germany.

There is a town in the general vicinity of Stolp and Gehlsow called Bahne. [This might be the Bahnow we are looking for.] (no Bahne in Lonnen in Myers info)

Familien Stammbuch

When Hitler came to power he decreed that every German had to have a document showing his or her ancestors back several generations to prove that he or she had nothing but Aryan ancestry. This was the start of the use of the printed "Familien Stammbuch", which was presented to each couple getting married and was to be filled in and certified by the proper authorities.

One of Olaf's and his cousins (granddaughter of their Aunt Martha) works in an office where marriage and other records are kept. [Perhaps she can help in the process of discovering old records.]

Another cousin, a man, has been a teacher in West Germany.

A sister of Edith's (his wife's) mother was a Red Cross nurse who served for awhile in Russia and later came to the U.S. (Chicago).

Gerhard was badly injured in the second World War. He discovered the government had very detailed records on his background. In Germany they always know the residence of all the citizens.

Gerhard's sister is Anna Gertrud Gedwig Nemitz. She lives in Gestecht, W. Germany (near Hamburg).

[A slightly more complete version of these four one-family records is located following ~~document N51 in Ilse Babiel's section at the~~ end of folder 2.7.] From Gerhard Nemitz, Chicago, Aug. 9, 1986 [Actually Palos Hills, IL]

N47
Log 897

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHBNS

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Ludwig NEMITZ(a)	Emilie KOHLHOF(a)
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth	Birth
Marriage Feb. 2, 1861 – Balenthin, Schlawe	
Death	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Ludwig Friedrich August	Birth Sept. 18, 1845	Wusterwitz, Schlawe, Pommern (a)
Married to Bertha Wilhelmina ZOSKE(a)		Marriage Feb. 7, 1870	Wusterwitz (a)
		Death	
2		Birth	
Married to		Marriage	
		Death	
3		Birth	
Married to		Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	
Married to			
5			
		Birth	
		Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
Married to		Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
Married to		Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
Married to		Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
Married to		Marriage	

Notes from opposite side:

(a) Familien Stammbuch of Berthold Friedrich August Nemitz in the possession of Gerhard Heinrich Bruno Nemitz, Aug. 9, 1984

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname NEMITZ

Family No. GHBN4

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Ludwig Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)	Bertha Wilhelmina ZOSKE (a)
Father's Name: Ludwig NEMITZ (a)	Father's Name: Karl ZOSKE (a)
Mother's Maiden Name: Emilie KOHLHOF (a)	Mother's Maiden Name: Augusta Friedrika STEINKOPF (a)
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth Sept. 15, 1865 - Wusterwitz, Schlawe, Pommern (a)	Birth Feb. 21, 1867 - Wusterwitz (a)
Marriage Feb. 7, 1890 - Wusterwitz (a)	Death
Death	Other Places of Residence:
Other Places of Residence:	Other Husbands:
Other Wives:	

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Berthold Friedrich August	Birth April 1893 - Balenthin, Schlawe, Pommern (a)	
	Married to Ida Martha Bertha LUEBKE	Marriage May 24, 1918 - Egsow, Schlawe (a)	
		Death	
2	Max (b)	Birth	
	Married to Ida ——— (b)	Marriage	
		Death	
3	Martha (b)	Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4	Hedwig (b)	Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5	Metha (b) 2	Birth	See notes on next page
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Familien Stammbuch of Berthold Friedrich Nemitz

(b) Int. from Gerhard Nemitz; Doc. N49-Log 899; Doc. N64-Log 929

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1 - Church - Bosow, Reg. Bk. No. 3

2 - One of Metha's granddaughters works in an office where marriages are recorded. She has begun to document family history. (b)

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ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHNL2

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Berthold Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)	Ida Martha Bertha LUEBKE (a)
Father's Name: Ludwig Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)	**Father's Name:**
Mother's Maiden Name: Bertha Wilhelmina LOSKE (a)	**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Date / Place	**Date / Place**
Birth Apr. 30, 1893 - Balenthin, Schlawe, Pommern (a)	Birth Nov. 11, 1891 - Egsow, Schlawe, Pommern
Marriage May 24, 1918 - Egsow, Schlawe (a)	Death
Death	Other Places of Residence:
Other Places of Residence:	Other Husbands:
Other Wives:	

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Anna Gertrud Hedwig (b)	Birth Mar. 17, 1921 - Egsow, Schlawe (b)	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
2	Gerhard Heinrich Brunolo	Birth Jan. 15, 1926 - Egsow (b)	
	Married to Edith SCHOLZ (b)	Marriage June 25, 1949 - Berlin (b)	
		Death	
3		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
4		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
5		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
6		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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7		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
8		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
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9		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	
10		Birth	
	Married to	Marriage	
		Death	

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(a) Familien Stammbuch of Berthold Friedrich Nemitz

(b) Inf. from Gerhard Nemitz

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1- Unmarried

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname NEMITZ Family No. GHBN4-2

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Max NEMITZ (a)

Father's Name:
Ludwig Friedrich August NEMITZ (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Bertha Wilhelmina ZDSKE (a)

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Ida _____ (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Irmgard (a)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	Ilse (a)	Birth		
	Married to Horst BADIEL (b)	Marriage		
		Death		
3	Horst (a)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
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	Married to	Marriage		
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	Married to	Marriage		
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(a) Info. from Gerhard Nemitz

(b) Letter from Ilse Babiel; Doc. N 36 - Log 877

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[Aug. 17, 1986]

N50
Log 900

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 17, 1986

Dear Gerhard and Edith,

Elizabeth and I had a very enjoyable time with you last week, and we thank you for your hospitality and delicious refreshments. Our visit with Tom and Virginia was everything we could hope for in a short weekend, and we arrived home safely after coming the long way through Galena and up the Mississippi.

As you see, Gerhard, I have taken the information you gave me from the Familien Stammbuch and recopied it onto my family group sheets. I have also made copies for you, so you can take them to Germany next month and show them to your sister and to Ilse and any other relatives you talk to. Perhaps you would like to Xerox copies for Ilse or your sister. I'm hoping that some of your relatives may be able to provide some additional information, either right away or after they begin working on it. For example, Ilse will certainly know more about her own family than I have been able to list.

I'm also hoping Metha's granddaughter will get interested in this project, because her work with records should give her many ideas on how to proceed, as well as contacts with others who might be able to help.

I've written a letter to Ilse, and I hope one of you will be willing to translate it into German and see that she gets it. You could give her my English copy, too, if she would like to have it.

If you can arrange to Xerox the whole Familien Stammbuch (except, of course, the pages of blank forms) and send me a copy, Gerhard, I'd appreciate it very much. I'll be glad to reimburse you for the cost, if you will tell me how much it is.

That's all for now, but I hope to hear from you after your trip. Thanks again for our good visit, and have a good time in Germany!

Yours sincerely,

[See Meyers Orts index entry.] N54 Log 906 [Aug. 21, 1986]

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Meyers, Orts- und Verkehrs- Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs

2-102. Balenthin, D. (mit Bachthof u. Bw.) u. Gut, u/d Grabow; Pr., Pomm., RB. Köslin, Kr. AG. BKdo. Schlawe, Std A. Segenthin, A. P Pw E 3,5 km Wusterwitz Kr. Schlawe; 197 bg. 156 E., Ml., Sägew.

6-406. Egsow, Rg., Pr, Pomm., RB. Köslin, Kr. AG. BKdo. Schlawe, Std A. A. Basow, P Zitzewitz, E 5 km Schlönwitz; 189 E., Elbte.

27-1205. Wusterwitz 3) Kr. Schlawe, D. u. Rg., unw. der Grabow; das., AG. BKdo. PW: 10 km E Schlawe. Std A. Segenthin; 473 bg. 193 E.; P. E: Klon. Schlawe-Pollnow (-Breitenberg); A. ev. PSK., SpDrl.; Brenn., Sägew.

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GÜTERHOFKIN HEILER LANDSCHAFT
DRESDEN
Hello, greetings from a beautiful vacation spot from Ferd. + Edith N.
We were not able to meet with Else Babel but send her your letter. Ferd. Cousin was not able to give us her statistic at this time, because she was in a hosp. in Berlin at the time. But try later. I will get in touch. E.N.

Kleinwalsertal
Hirschegg
1124 m

N64 Log 929 [Dec. 17, 1986]

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N64 Log 929

Dear Mr. + Mrs. Witteridge,

We hope, that you both are fine! Well, we did not get what we had hoped for from Gerhards Cousins daughter which had begun to document family history. Some time before we visited, she and her family had moved to a new house. Prior to the move she had developed serious back trouble and underwent a delicate operation in Berlin. At the time of our visit she was not able to retrieve her documents from storage. If and when we receive a copy of her findings, we'll be glad to send it to you in the hope, that it may contain some info that you're looking for. – We hope, you'll have real nice holidays. Perhapes, you will be in Chicago.

[See the excerpt on the next page (enclosed with is letter).]

Yours sincerely

Gerhard + Edith Nemitz

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BRDG (P: G 1874—1875, 1886—1888, 1896—1899; F 1874—1875, 1885 —1888, 1896—1900; S 1874—1875, 1886 —1888, 1896—1900) BO

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(KMK 1834—1885) Hist. A

Spatenfelde Kr. Kalisch
POS (P: G+F 1940—1944; S 1940—1945) BO

Sperling Kr. Angerburg
OSTP (P: G, F, S 1874—1889) A

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Kr. Elchniederung
OSTP s. Karzewischken

Sprottau
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(KMK 1800 —1913) Hist.A

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OSTP (P: G+S 1874—1938; F 1874—1877, 1879 —1938) BO

Stallupönen
OSTP (MK 1886—1919) A

Stantau Kr. Königsberg/Pr.
OSTP s. Quednau

Stargard
POMM (MK 1799—1932) A
(KMK 1869 —1895) Hist.A

Stargordt Kr. Regenwalde
POMM (P: G 1938, 1940 —1941, 1943—1944; F 1938, 1940—1944; S 1938, 1941—1944) BO

Starkenberg Kr. Wehlau
OSTP (EK 1766—1944) A

Staro-Konstantinow
Gebietsstandesamt
BESG (G 1942—1944; S 1942—1944) BW BO

Starpel
Kr. Züllichau-Schwiebus
BRDG (P: G, F, S 1874—1937) BO

Starsen Kr. Schlochau
POMM (P: G, F, S 1940—1943) BO

Starsin Kr. Putzig
WEPR (KK 1688—1845) A

Starzeddel Kr. Guben
BRDG (P: G, F, S 1876—1944) BO

Spengawsken
Namensverzeichnis
1932-1945 BW

Stegers Kr. Schlochau
POMM (P: G, F, S 1940—1943) BO

Steinau
SCHL (MK 1802—1814) A

Steinbach
Kr. Züllich-Schwiebus
BRDG (P: G, F, S 1874—1937) BO

Steinbeck Kr. Königsberg/Pr.
OSTP (EK 1800—1944) A

Steinkirchen Kr. Görlitz
SCHL (P: G 1922—1923, 1925—1927, 1929—1943; F+S 1922—1923, 1925—1943) BO

Steinort Kr. Angerburg
OSTP (P: G, F, S 1876—1938) A

Stendsitz Kr. Karthaus
WEPR (KK 1692—1858) A

Stentsch
Kr. Züllichau-Schwiebus
BRDG (P: G, F, S 1874—1937) BO

Sternau Kr. Konitz
WEPR s. Konitz Land BO

Stettin
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StA. I P: G, F, S 1874—1945, H
StA. II P: G, F, S 1902—1945, H
StA. III P: G, F, S 1902—1945, H
StA. IV s. Züllchow
StA. V s. Altdamm und Stolzenhagen
StA. VI s. Völschendorf
StA. VII P: G, F, S 1940 H
StA. VIII s. Podejuch und Zahden
StA. IX s. Finkenwalde, Hökendorf, Podejuch, Scheune und Sydowsaue
StA. X s. Altdamm und Stolzenhagen
StA. XI s. Augustwalde und Finkenwalde
StA. XII s. Hohenkrug und Sydowsaue
StA. XIII s. Hökendorf
StA. XIV s. Hohenkrug
StA. XV s. Augustwalde
StA. XVI P: G, F, S 1940—1944, H
StA. XVII s. Odermünde
StA. XVIII s. Völschendorf
StA. XIX P: G, F, S 1940—1945, H
StA. XX s. Zahden
StA. XXI P: F 1941—1944 H

Stierwald Kr. Birnbaum
POS s. Zirke Land

Stigehnen Kr. Königsberg/Pr.
OSTP s. Quednau

Stolin Gebietsstandesamt
BESG (S 1942—1944) BO

Stolp
POMM (1762—1913) A

Stolzenfelde Kr. Schlochau
POMM (P: G+S 1938—1943; F 1938—1939, 1943) BO

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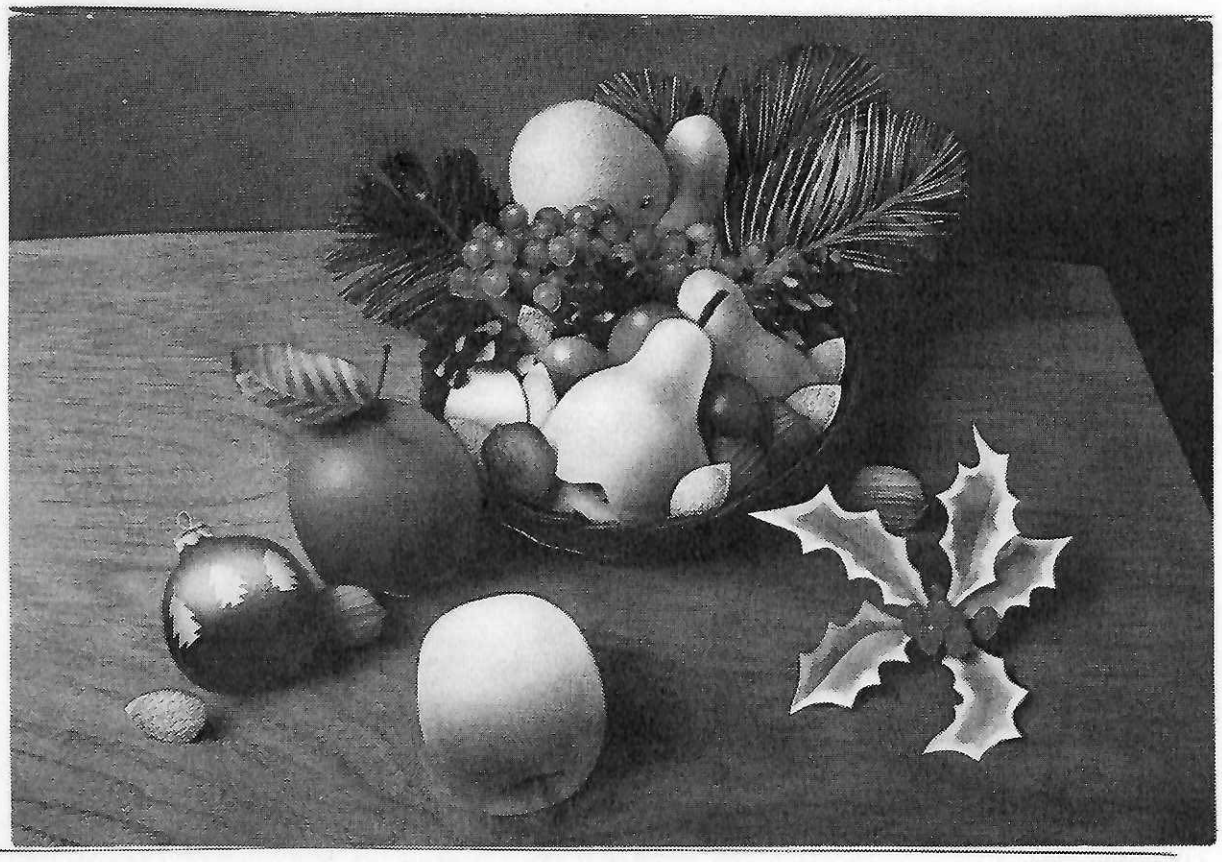
[Christmas 1986]



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May your Christmas be filled
with everything
that fills your heart with joy!

best wishes for good health
and a happy new year!

Richard + Edith Neuity

N66
Log 930 [Jan. 8, 1987]

January 8, 1987 N66 Log 930

Dear Edith + Gerhard,

Now that the holidays are over, I am trying to catch up on some of my correspondence. Elizabeth and I were pleased to get your postcard from Germany with the lovely scenic pictures. We were very sorry to hear that you were unable to see Ilse, but glad that you sent her my letter. I don't want to lose contact with her, since she was so kind in making a number of inquiries, as well as in putting us in touch with you.

We were also sorry that Gerhard's cousin (first cousin once removed, that is) had serious back trouble and was unable to dig out the family history materials when you were there. We hope she will soon be well enough and have enough time to get the information together and send you a copy.

Since we visited you, I have had a letter from a second cousin in Bay City, Michigan, who had copied a number of gravestone inscriptions from a church cemetery. One of the gravestones was that of Henrietta Nenitz (d. 1888), the wife of Heinrich. My cousin thinks this was the mother of her grandmother and of my grandfather. If this proves to be true, it will be a generation further back than we have known until now. We are now trying to find out if the church has a burial record of Henrietta Nenitz, which might contain more information about her. Up until now, I had no idea that my great-grandmother had accompanied her children to this country.

Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?), DEW's maternal great-grandmother

As I indicated in my previous letter, I'd be glad to pay you for a xerox'ed copy of your Familien Stammbuch,

Familien stammbuch

and I hope you will be able to make a copy for me.

I'm quite excited about the list you looked and sent, which seems to indicate that some records are available for Stolp from 1762 to 1913, but I can't tell what they are. They seem to be at the Civil Registry Office in West Berlin. Is that right? Do you know what the capital A at the end of the line stands for? I certainly hope there is some information there that we can make use of. When you reply, please tell me where you got this list and what it is, and tell me how you think we can get the information.

Again, let me thank both of you and express my appreciation for your willingness to help in this genealogical search. We wish the best for you and your family in the new year!

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

N106
Log 995

[Jan. 21, 1987]

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N106
Log 995

Dear Mr. + Mrs. Witteridge,

Thank you for your letter. We're glad that you are both o.k. We had been wondering since we did not hear from you in a long time. - In reply to your letter, I have to say that I am sorry, I can not be of more help to you, other than send you copys from the Familien-Stammbuch. Gerhards Cousin knows, that we are awaiting a copy of her research on our family history. I hear from Gerhards sister, that she, the second cousin has still serious problems with her health + her daughter. So we will have to wait and hope. She gave Gerhard that sheet with addresses from Berlin, where you can inquire. We do not have one sheet ourselfs, so I am sorry, I can't ~~help~~ tell you what the A stands for.

Gerhard's familien stammbuch

Enclosed you will find the important pages from Gerhards Fam. Stammbuch. We wish you luck with your research! God bless you both!

Sincerely Gerhard + Edith Nauck

[Note by Edith] → grandparents

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Eltern des Ehemannes

(Vater von 2)
4 Name: Hanitz
Vornamen: Ludwig, Friedrich, August
geboren am: 15.8.1865 in: Mühlenhaidis
als Sohn des [8]: Ludwig Hanitz
und der (9): Emilie Kroßhof
Bekenntnis des 4: ev des 8: ev der 9: ev
beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ..... Reg. Nr.: .....
getauft am: ..... in: .....

Die Richtigkeit der Eintragung wird auf Grund vorgelegter Urkunden bescheinigt:
Wörter gestrichen ..... Wörter hinzugefügt
Standesamt Berlin — Pfarrer

Familien- u. Vornamen: Hanitz, Ludwig
Geburts- u. Vornamen: Zobka, Anna
haben die Ehe geschlossen:
am: 7.2.1890 in: Mühlenhaidis
Bekenntnis des 4: ev der 5: ev
beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ..... Register Nr.: .....

Die Richtigkeit der Eintragung wird auf Grund vorgelegter Urkunden bescheinigt:
Wörter gestrichen ..... hinzugefügt
Standesamt Berlin — Pfarrer

(Mutter von 2)
5 Geburtsname: Zobka
Vornamen: Anna, Wilhelmine
geboren am: 21.2.1867 in: Mühlenhaidis
als Tochter des [10]: Karl Zobka
und der (11): Auguste Kleinkopf
Bekenntnis der 5: ev des 10: ev der 11: ev
beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ..... Reg. Nr.: .....
getauft am: 24.2.1867 in: .....

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Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt
Standesamt Berlin — Pfarrer

Familien=

zugleich Abstammungsnachweis des Ehepaares und der ge=

[DRP. Nr.

2 Ehemann
Name: Hanitz
Vornamen: Berthold, Friedrich, August
geboren am: 3.8.93 in: Schlesien
als Sohn des [4]: Friedrich Ludwig Hanitz
und der (5): Anna Hanitz
Bekenntnis des 2: ev des 4: ev der 5: ev
beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ..... Reg. Nr.: .....
getauft am: ..... in: .....

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2 ⚭ 3 Eheschließ

Des Ehemannes und der Ehefrau

Name: Hanitz		Vornamen:
Beruf: Frontkämpfer		Bekenntnis:
Geburtsname: Zobka		Vornamen:
Beruf: Arbeiterin		Bekenntnis:

haben am: 24. Mai 1918
die Ehe miteinander geschlossen.
Heiratsregister Nr. 3 des Jahres 1918 beim

Die Bekenntnisse dürfen in die einzelnen Vordruckfelder nur dann eingetragen werden, wenn sie in der jeweils
durchstreichen. Dies ist für den Nachweis ohne Bedeutung, falls die Bekenntnisse einer weiter zurückliegenden
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Gerhards parents ←[Notes by Edith]→ grandparents

Ahnentafel

meinsamen leiblichen Kinder (Beurkundungen auf S. 8 – 15)

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(3) Ehefrau Geburtsname: Lübke

Vornamen: Ida, Martha, Dorothea

geboren am: 11.11.1891 in: Gehrden

als Tochter des [6]: Arbeiters Karl Lübke

und der (7): Arbeiterin Wilhelmina Lübke

Bekenntnis der 3: ang. des 6: ang. der 7: ang.

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: Reg. Nr.:

getauft am: in:

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Dorfold, Friedrich, August

ang. Wohnort: Schwarzhaupt Gehrden

Ida, Martha, Dorothea

ang. Wohnort: Gehrden

n: Gehrden

tandesamt: Gehrden

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der Beglaubigung zugrunde liegenden Urkunde ausdrücklich vermerkt sind. Sonst ist der freie Raum zu nenreihe beurkundet sind. Die unterste Zeile jeder Geburtsbescheinigung (getauft am ..... in .....) ist arramtliche Taufurkunde (vor 1876 oder Ausland) zugrunde liegt. Andernfalls ist die Zeile zu durch- urkunden erübrigt sich in der Regel.

Eltern der Ehefrau (Fortsetzung siehe Rückseite)

(Vater von 3)
(6) Name: Lübke

Vornamen: Karl Friedrich

geboren am: 31.3.1846 in: Pleasing

als Sohn des [12]: great grandpar. Friedrich Lübke

und der (13): Charlotte Krüger

Bekenntnis des 6: ang. des 12: ang. der 13: ang.

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: Pleasing Reg. Nr.: 4

getauft am: 13.4.1846 in: Pleasing

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Married

(6) Familien- u. Vornamen: Karl Lübke

(7) Geburts- u. Vornamen: Wilhelmina Schmidtsen

haben die Ehe geschlossen:

am: 12.8.1871 in: Gehrden

Bekenntnis des 6: ang. der 7: ang.

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: Gehrden Register Nr.: 9

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(Mutter von 3)
(7) Geburtsname: Schmidtsen

Vornamen: Wilhelmina, Augusta, Dorothea

geboren am: 12.12.1851 in: Gehrden

als Tochter des [14]: Gottfried Schmidtsen

und der (15): Friederike Schmidtsen

Bekenntnis der 7: ang. des 14: ang. der 15: ang.

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: Reg. Nr.:

getauft am: 21.12.51 in: Gehrden

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Großeltern des Ehemannes (väterlicherseits)

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Bekenntnis des 8: ...

Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt

Siegel

Standesbeamter — ~~Kirchenbuchführer~~ — Notar

Register Nr.: ...

Die Richtigkeit der Eintragung bescheinigt:

Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt

Siegel

Standesbeamter — ~~Kirchenbuchführer~~ — Notar

Bekenntnis des 8: ... der 9: ...

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Bekenntnis des 9: ...

Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt

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Standesbeamter — ~~Kirchenbuchführer~~ — Notar

Register Nr.: ...

Großeltern des Ehemannes (mütterlicherseits)

Die Richtigkeit der Eintragung wird auf Grund vorgelegter Urkunden bescheinigt:

Bekenntnis des 10: ...

Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt

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Standesbeamter — ~~Kirchenbuchführer~~ — Notar

Reg. Nr.: ...

Die Richtigkeit der Eintragung bescheinigt:

Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt

Siegel

Standesbeamter — ~~Kirchenbuchführer~~ — Notar

Bekenntnis des 10: ... der 11: ...

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Bekenntnis des 11: ...

Wörter gestrichen, ... hinzugefügt

Siegel

Standesbeamter — ~~Kirchenbuchführer~~ — Notar

Register Nr. ...

... den Namen (z. B. als Sohn des: Max Müller, ehemal.) geführt werden.

Großeltern der Ehefrau (väterlicherseits)

12 (Vater von 6) Name und Vornamen: Friedrich

geboren am 1.9.1818 in: ... getauft: ...

als Sohn des: ... und der: ...

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ...

12 ∞ 13 die Ehe der Großeltern der Ehefrau (väterlicherseits) wurde geschlossen

Familien- und Vornamen des 12: ... der

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ... Register Nr.: ...

13 (Mutter von 6) Geburtsname und Vornamen: Mäthe

geboren am: 22.6.1822 in: ... getauft: ...

als Tochter des: ... und der: ...

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ...

Großeltern der Ehefrau (mütterlicherseits)

14 (Vater von 7) Name und Vornamen: Gottfried

geboren am: 17.10.1817 in: ... getauft: 26.10

als Sohn des: Heiner Michael Schwingshandl und der: ...

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ...

14 ∞ 15 die Ehe der Großeltern der Ehefrau (mütterlicherseits) wurde geschloss

Familien- und Vornamen des 14: Gottfried Schwingshandl der

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ... Register Nr.: ...

15 (Mutter von 7) Geburtsname und Vornamen: Friedrich

geboren am: 13.5.1817 in: ... getauft: ...

als Tochter des: ... und der: ...

beurkundet beim Standesamt/Pfarramt: ...

Falls die Geburts-(Tauf-)Urkunde Angaben über das Bekenntnis der Eltern enthält, sollen diese Angaben

Gemeinsame leibliche Kinder der Eheleute, deren Eheschließung auf Seite 5 beurkundet ist: Erstes Kind a

Geburtsregister Nr. 19 des Jahres 1921 G

Geburtsschein

Vornamen und Familienname: Anna, Gertrud Hedwig

geboren am 17 ten März 1921

in Groß-Schönwalde

Schönwalde am 8. Juli 1940

Der Standesbeamte

(Siegel)

Wurde getauft am 28.3.1921 in der Kirche

zu Groß-Schönwalde

Paten [illegible]

Das evangelische Pfarramt

Schönwalde d. 27. Juni 1949

[illegible]

Konfirmation – ~~Erstkommunion~~: am 14. April 1935

in der Kirche zu Schönwalde

durch Pfarrer [illegible]

Schönwalde d. 27. Juni 1949

[illegible]

Gemeinsame leibliche Kinder der Eheleute, deren Eheschließung auf Seite 5 beurkundet ist: Zweites Kind b

Geburtsregister Nr. ..... des Jahres 1 ..... G

Geburtsschein

Vornamen und Familienname: Anna, Maria, Käte Elwitz

geboren am 15 ten Januar 1926

in Groß-Schönwalde

Schönwalde am 8. Juli 1940

Der Standesbeamte

(Siegel)

Wurde getauft am 28. Januar 1926 in der Kirche

zu Groß-Schönwalde

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Das evangelische Pfarramt

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durch Pfarrer Gottschalk

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birth certificate of Gerhard + Anna Nemitz

[Note by Edith]

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Dear Edith + Gerhard,

Even though you haven't heard from us since your letter in January, we've thought of you often. We hope you've been in good health and have enjoyed the recent weeks.

The reason for this letter is to tell you that we'll be coming to Chicago on Friday (May 1) to spend the weekend with our son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Virginia. This will be the first time we've seen them since Thanksgiving, so we'll have much to talk about and many things to do.

It won't be possible to fit in a trip to see you this time, but I'd like to talk with you on the phone while we're there. So I'll try to call you either Saturday or Sunday. We can't tell when this might be; but we'll just keep trying until we make contact. (Tom's phone number is 477-8448)

Thank you for the copies of pages from The Familien Stammbuch. Enclosed is a dollar, which I think may cover the cost. You didn't tell me how much it was.

Sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

[DEW's notes for a phone call while visiting in Chicago] [ca. May. 1987]

Edith & Gerhard 598-6347

Good trip here - rained off & on - very April & spring in Naples

How are all of you?
Gerhard working this weekend?
Any word yet from cousin?
Did you find out what her job is & what sec to she works with?
Everything is so slow. My relatives in Bay City are very slow in finding information and sending it.
I've been corresponding with a man in Bay City, whose ancestors came from Weis Stolp. He reads & writes the old German script very well, and is helping us to see.
He was quite excited to see the printed list you sent about records available in various offices. He is trying to track down just what this means, but I haven't heard any more from him about it. I'm sure somewhere there are records that will help.

Gerhard's sister here for a month
Operation in November
Irmgard - the cousin
15 yr old daughter work out on her own

If Gerhard hasn't all the places he worked from youth he should write to this office in Berlin & they will have it

[Christmas 1987]

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Hello,

We thank you for your note. How nice that your children will celebrate Christmas with you.

We are happy for you, that you were able to get more info. in the search of your ancestors. I have no hope, that we will ever get a Familienstammbaum from Gerhard's cousin. We are planning another visit to Germ. in May. Gerh. is retired as of Jan. 1st. A new phase in our life begins. With God's blessing we hope to have another couple of good years ahead of us.

Joyous Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

We wish you both
good health
and happiness

With kind regards
Gerhard & Edith!

[DEW's plea for translation help] [Feb. 24, 1991]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 24, 1991

Dear Edith + Gerhard,

I hope I still have your correct address and this reaches you all right. I am urgently in need of some help from you.

As you see, out of the clear blue sky I received this letter from Germany. I don't know how Mr von Gottowski got my name and address, but probably from some list of people with German ancestry where my name appears.

I think I know approximately what this says, but I'm not very good at translating German. Would you please translate this letter and return it to me as soon as possible?

In addition, if you have any thoughts on the family summary on the second sheet, especially the part referring to Maria Marianna Nehnitz, I'd appreciate that, too. I don't know whether he wants my own family information in that form, or whether he wants to know if I am related to that Nehnitz family. What do you think?

I hope you have been having a good time since Gerhard's retirement and are both well. Our health has been reasonably good, and we have been very busy. Recently our son Tom and his wife Virginia and 2½ year old daughter Rebecca came from Chicago to spend a long weekend with us, and we all had a great time.

Best wishes to you both, and thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

David Rotheridge

[Feb. 27, 1991]

Edith and Gerhard Nemitz - 10040 S. 82 Ct. Palos Hills

2/27/91

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Witheridge,

I tried to translate Mr. von Gostomski's letter to the best of my knowledge. It is not clear to me what he wants you to do with the summary. Evidently he wants you to send him your research material from the Nemitz branch. - Here is what he writes:

Dear honorable Mr. Witheridge
according to research contact - I would like you to complete this survey and return it promtly, even if incorrect. It is to appear in the next research-contact. Contacts to other Nemitz's are at hand. Extensive material from the Pommern and West-Prussian nobility are available.

Friendly greetings
your von Gostomski

remark: the von could state, that he is a nobleman.
Yes, we are enjoying our retirement + are also enjoying fairly good health. We have been to Berlin after the wall came down. We are just listening to reports from the Golf war - it seems the war has ended. What a great feeling! Let us hope - the world will have everlasting peace now.

Stay well and God bless you both!

Gerhard + Edith

[Mar. 12, 1991]

March 12, 1991

Dear Edith + Gerhard,

Thank you for your letter and your translation of the letter from Germany. I also showed it to a couple of friends here who know German, and all seem to come out with the same thing, except for a few minor differences. For example, I find that the word raschubischen refers to a small ethnic group in the region of Danzig, whose language has been extinct since the 18th century.

I have finally decided to send him a check showing Nemitz ancestry in Germany as far as I know it, and let him do with it what he wants to. Of course, I don't have any further information on the Maria Magdalena Nehmitz/Niemitz listed in the Familienbuch.

I'm also asking if he can give me the names and addresses of some others who are researching the Nemitz family. Perhaps eventually something further will come of this.

Thanks again for your help. I'll let you know later if anything interesting develops.

Yours sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz

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[Another copy of this letter is located toward the end of folder 2.17.]

[July 16, 1997]

Jeff made copies of Dr Friedrich's letter to him for all of us. Will include with this book.

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Germany

17121 Loitz, den 16.07.97

Tel. 039998/1 03 00
Fax. 039998/1 20 7[illegible]

Dr.Jeffrey John Nemitz
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Seattle, WA 98115
U.S.A.

Hello, dear collegue,

Your address I have got in jun in Milwaukee from David Witheridge. We have common ancestors. Our great grandfathers were brothers.

Your great grandfather - his name is Ernst Nemitz - migrate 1872 into the USA. My great grandfather - his name is Ferdinand Nemitz - remained in Germany.

Your grandfather - Johann Nemitz - was an cousin 1.grade from my grandfather - Wilhelm Nemitz.

Your father - Elmer Nemitz - and my father - Wlhelm Nemitz - were cousin 2.grade.

And we are cousin 3.grade.

Now we have also still the equal profession. This is very interesting and wonderful.

1994 I were with my wife, Renate. in Vancouver to the FDI - world congress. Perhaps wou was also there?

I'd be happy. to be heard something of you and of your family.

David Witheridge - he is our uncle 3.grade - has 1998 related to a relativ-meeting to Minneapolis.
Perhaps we can us there meet?

Best wishes

Friedrich

The next four pages were inserted with this letter.

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Ehemann Heinrich NEMITZ				Ehefrau Henriette ———			
Geburt	Tag Monat Jahr: ca. 1800	Stadt / Ort	Staat oder Land: Deutschland	Geburt	Tag Monat Jahr: 23 - 2 - 800	Stadt / Kreis / Ort	Staat oder Land: Deutschland
Sterbe		Ort		Sterbe	22 - 11 - 1888	Ort	Bay County, Michigan, U.S.A.
Beerdigung		Ort		Beerdigung		Ort	
Heiratsdatum		Ort				Religion	Evangelisch
Vater		Mutter		Vater		Mutter	

Kinder (Geben Sie alle Kinder an in der Reihenfolge ihrer Geburt (ob lebend oder verstorben))	Geburtsdatum Tag Monat Jahr	Geburtsort Stadt / Kreis / Staat oder Land	Heirats der 1 Ehe datum / Ort	Sterbedatum Tag Monat Jahr	Beerdigungs Ort Stadt / Kreis / Staat oder Land
1 Johanna	7 - 8 - 1833	Deutschland		30 - 8 - 1894	Bay Co., Michigan, U.S.A.
Ehe. Johann Friedrich TOMKE	? - 10 - 1829	Deutschland	Deutschland	24 - 5 - 1897	Bay Co., Michigan, U.S.A.
2 Wilhelm Friedrich	3 - 8 - 1835	Dammen, Stolp, Pommer	1856	3 - 1 - 1921	Beecher, Illinois, U.S.A.
Ehe. Theresa JACOBS	20 - 7 - 1843	Dammen, Stolp, Pommer	Deutschland	24 - 12 - 1885	Illinois, U.S.A.
3 Ferdinand	1844	Deutschland	1832	nach 1925	Deutschland
Ehe.					
4 [Sohn]		Deutschland		nach 1921	Deutschland
Ehe.					
5 Ernst	1 - 12 - 1848	Deutschland		20 - 4 - 1901	Crawford Co, Iowa, U.S.A.
Ehe. Wilhelmina KNUTH	26 - 12 - 1841	Deutschland		17 - 11 - 1897	Crawford Co, Iowa, U.S.A.
6 Wilhelmina	17 - 3 - 1851	Stolp, Stolp, Pommer		2 - 7 - 1925	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.
Ehe. Karl SCHROEDER		Deutschland	Stolp, Stolp, Pommer	23 - 3 - 1893	Bay City, Michigan, U.S.A.
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This family group sheet in the German language is helpful when corresponding with Germans abroad. Communication is clear both to the receiver as well as the sender, and less explanation is necessary. - submitted by Karol Gresser

Forms are available from: Carmen V. Hurrle
363 Tiny Lane
El Cajon, CA 92021

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Nemitz

The origin of the name "Nemitz" is unknown. There are, however, two facts that are worth mentioning:

1. In Slavic languages the name means simply "German", that is "Njemnetzky".

2. It is remarkable that the name "Nemitz" was known only in Hinterpommern (that part of Pomerania that is east of the Oder River). There is even a village named "Nemitz" (between Köslin and Schlawe). And in Stettin there was a "Nemitz" district.

Based on these two facts I submit the following thesis: After the 12th century knights of the Teutonic Order began the conquest of the lands to the east of Germany. That was the area to the east of the Oder all the way to East Prussia and the Baltic Sea. These areas were Christianized and Germanic groups moved into Hinterpommern. The Slavic people who were already there shared their land and even accepted the Christian religion. (Otto von Bamberg).

The Slavic people called the newcomers "the Germans" - or in their own language "Nemez" or "Nemitz".

My own ancestors came from the area around Stolp. But the name "Nemitz" was also found in the areas around Köslin, Regenwalde and Dramburg.

Heinrich Nemitz, born about 1800, married Henriette Bonke. They lived in Kreis (county) Stolp in Hinterpommern. Several children were born to this marriage: 1833 daughter Johanna, 1835 son Wilhelm Friedrich, 1844 son Ferdinand, 1848 son Ernst and 1851 daughter Wilhelmine. Perharps there were other children born between 1835 and 1844 who either died at birth or soon after.

Son Ferdinand told my father that his father, Heinrich, died at an early age. The mother, Henriette, worked as a midwife and thus supported the family.

Son Ferdinand (this has been documented) was a railway worker. In the second half of the 19th century railways were being built all over Germany. In this way many people had good jobs. In 1870-71 there was the Franco-German War. Ferdinand was a soldier and lived through this war in France. He was present at the crowning of the German Kaiser at Versailles. After the war he received a position in the German Post Office and thus had a fixed income. In 1869 he had married Henriette Friederike Skibbe in Dammen, Kreis Stolp.

Both of his brothers, Wilhelm Friedrich and Ernst, emigrated to the USA in 1872. Both already had families. I do not know the reason for their decision to relocate. Since the name "Nemitz" was already to be found in Wisconsin, it is possible that the brothers at first located near relatives who were already there.

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In 1878 the mother (she was 78 years old), as well as the two sisters, Johanna and Wilhelmine, followed. Both sisters were married, Johanna to Johan Friedrich Tomke and Wilhelmine to Karl Schröder.

Ferdinand alone remained in Germany. He still had a good position with the German Post Office and a large family: Wilhelm, Ferdinand, Hermann and four daughters; Ida, Emma, Berta and Anna.

The oldest son, Wilhelm, was my grandfather (1865-1936). He was a farm laborer and in 1898 he married Emilie Oestreich. To this marriage eleven children were born. My father, he was also named Wilhelm, was the 5th child. Father trained to be a smith and worked as an employee on a church consruction site in Stettin. Here he met my mother, Auguste Arndt. They were married in 1933 in Stettin. I was born there in 1934.

In 1945 Stettin became Polish. We found a new home for ourselves in Vorpommern (that part of Pomerania west of the Oder River). And there my father passed away in 1978 and my mother in 1994.

I studied dentistry at the Pomeranian University in Greifswald (1953-1958). In 1960 I married Renate Wurl and we started a family. Five children were born to our family, two boys and three girls. Today they all have families of their own; we have seventeen grandchildren.

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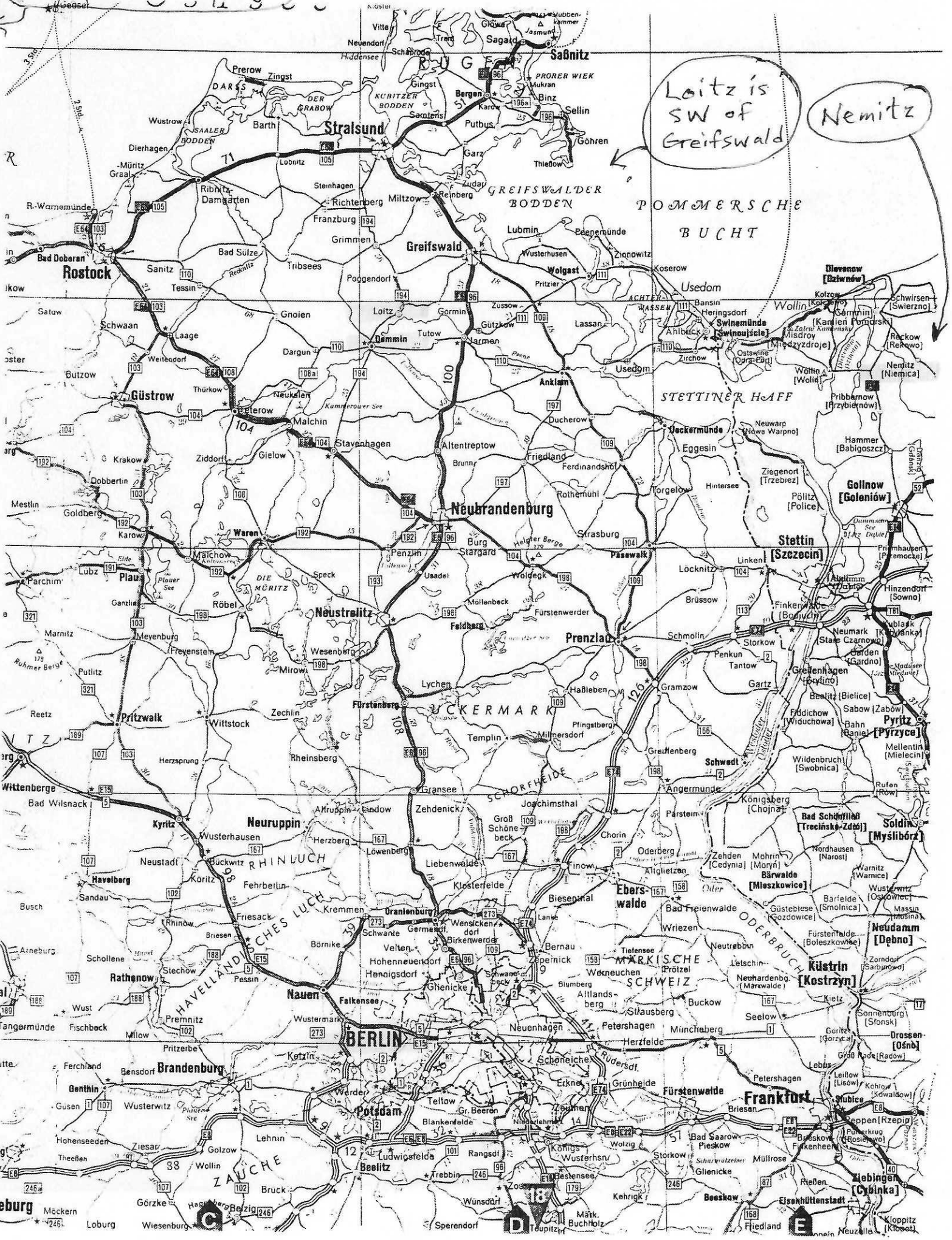
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[Feb. 10, 1998]

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February 10, 1998
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz
7311 - 52nd St. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115

Dear Jeffrey,

Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998

I know you've heard about me from LeAnn Bench. I've wanted to write to you for a long time, but my life has been very hectic. Now I want to urge you to come to Minneapolis in June when our cousin, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, is here.

This year Friedrich's wife, Renate, will also be coming; as well as his cousin, Hans-Joachim Nemitz, and his wife, Helga; and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes. They will arrive on Friday, June 19, and stay until Thursday, June 25, when they will go on to Milwaukee for the annual Pommerntag.

I have arranged for them to be at the Regency Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. It is the least expensive of the downtown hotels, but it is approved by the AAA, and it has all the features we need, such as a dining room and free parking. Rooms cost $66 for two in a king-size double bed, so I assume that relatives who come from out-of-town will want to stay there.

We could have quite a gathering. Including my family, there are about thirty Nemitz descendants in and near the Twin City metropolitan area, and I hope that at least half of them will be able to come during the weekend. Then I'm hoping a few will come from the state of Washington, from Montana, and from Iowa. It will be a great chance to meet many new relatives.

I know Friedrich is looking forward to meeting you and will be disappointed if you are unable to come. If you are married, I hope your wife will also be with you. LeAnn would love to come, if she can work it out, and maybe others from your area could come.

I am 83 years old and am a retired Baptist minister, but I spent the last 28 years of my ministry as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. My wife Elizabeth had Alzheimer's and died 2½ years ago. I have two sons, both of whom live in Minneapolis. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter, Rebecca. Tom and his wife Virginia have separated, and he now lives with me. Rebecca is with us about half the time. My other son, Jim, is gay, and he lives with

his partner, David Torborg, in an apartment about a mile from me, so I see them frequently.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope you will be able to join our Nemitz gathering in June.

Yours sincerely,

David

David E. Witheridge

JN 021098

[Apr, 14, 1998]

Call to Jeffrey Nemitz 4/14/98

He and his wife Marsha are coming to Mpls while Friedrich is here. They will fly from Seattle on Fri. morn. 6/19 and probably stay until Mon., 6/22.

Jeff and Marsha's sons

They have two sons - one is in Univ. of Vt.; the other has graduated from a college in Calif.

He thinks Jo Ann Beach and her son Karl are going to try to come. He will call them and report to me.

He has a cousin, Karl Nemitz, in Spokane, who might come. He will let me know.

His E-mail address is mjnemitz@aol.com

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[June 13, 1998]

davidew

From: Mjnemitz@aol.com
To: davidew@gateway.net
Subject: Reunion
Date: Saturday, June 13, 1998 7:47 PM

Dear David,
Jeff and Marsha Nemitz and cousin Lee Ann Bench will be arriving late Thursday night (June 18) and will leave early Monday (June 22--at least I think that's right). Jeff is currently out of town and he is the one with the details. I am just letting you know a rough itinerary and will send more when I have a chance to talk to Jeff. We are looking forward to meeting you and the other Nemitz relatives. More to follow the first of the week. Marsha

[Dec. 2, 1998]

12/2/98

Dear Jeff + Marsha,

I'm finally getting around to sending these pictures from our reunion. I've been intending to do this for a long time, as you can imagine, but I always seemed to be too busy. I know you took a lot of pictures, but these are some you may not have.

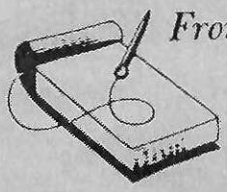
Thank you for making a special effort to come to meet our German relatives and the rest of us, and for bringing Le Ann with you. I think we all had a great time.

I hope all is going well with you. I am getting along fine.

Sincerely,
David

[Mar. 26, 2000]

3/26/00



From the desk of

JEFFREY J. NEMITZ D.D.S

Dear David

Thank you for your nice Christmas letter. We hope you are in good health and the winter hasn't been too severe on you.

I know you said you don't travel long distances any more, but if you change your mind & feel up to it, we would love to have you attend our Nemitz Family Reunion

Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000

JEFFREY J. NEMITZ
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From the desk of

JEFFREY J. NEMITZ D.D.S

in August. It would be wonderful to have you meet more of your relatives and share your genealogy expertise with all of us. We have heard from Friedrich and Renate and Dieter and Hilde and they are planning on coming to Seattle as well as each will bring one of their sons

Best Wishes

Jeff & Marsha

From the desk of

JEFFREY J. NEMITZ D.D.S

P.S. Our son, Brian, plays basketball on the University of Vermont team with a player from Minnetonka, Grant Anderson. His parents are Doug & Nancy Anderson. It would be interesting if our cousins, the Roses, knew them.

Also I see there is a Michael Nemitz who lives in Burlington, Vermont. Would he be related to us as well?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Hans-Joachim Nemitz

documents

[Feb. 1, 2001]

Subj: **How do you do**
Date: 2/1/01 1:43:03 PM Central Standard Time
From: Aginem
To: DWitheridg

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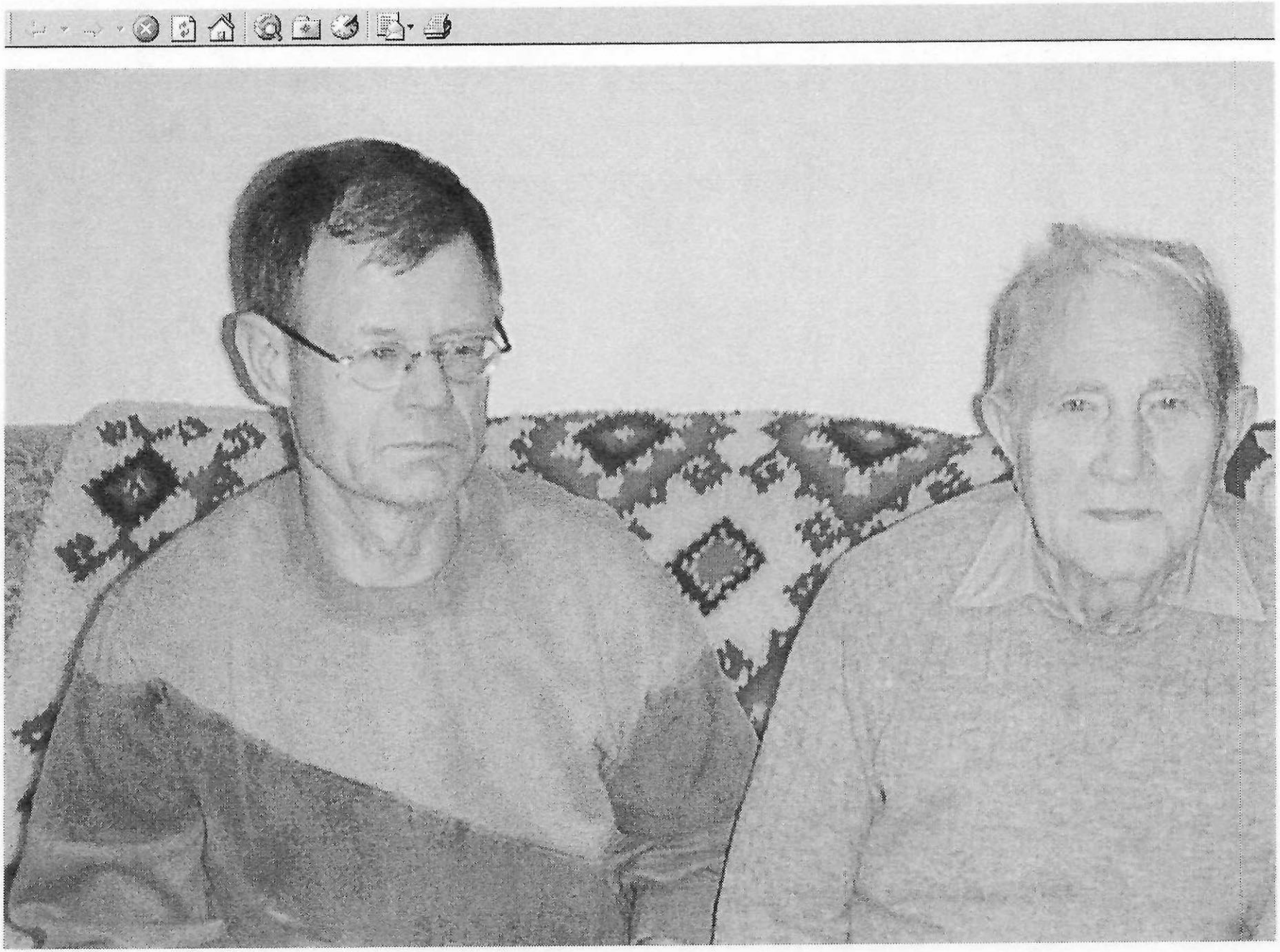
Hello, David,

i'm Hans-Joachim Nemitz, Friedrich had introduced me.
I'm living with me wife in Luebbenau, near Berlin, the east-part from Brandenburg.
Luebbenau is a little town with a great environs.
My age is 57 years, my profession is ingineer (Dipl. Ing.) for telecommunication.
I'm looking on ancestry research in the web-sites from www.familysearch.com and other.

My correct E-mai- Adress ist **aginem@aol.com,**
my home-adress Hans-Joachim Nemitz
Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 45
03222 Luebbenau
Germany

A picture is included, showed my father and me, recorded in the flat of my father in Neubrandenburg.
Please, write me in english.

Best wishes, Hans-Joachim



Hans-Joachim and Johannes

[Feb. 2, 2001]

Subj: **Re: How do you do**
Date: 2/2/01 12:10:36 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Aginem

← Lupow church book

Hi, Hans-Joachim,

Thank you for your e-mail and the picture. I'm glad to know that you are also working on family history. As Friedrich probably told you, I have been doing a lot of work on our Nemitz ancestry, and right now I am going through the microfilm of the Lupow churchbook at the branch Mormon library here in Minneapolis. Did he show you the photocopies that I recently sent him? If you are interested, I'd be glad to send you duplicate copies of any information I send to him.

Did Friedrich talk to you about the Mormon (LDS) branch libraries in Germany? I sent him some information about them, but he has not said whether or not he has made contact with them. Have you ever been at an LDS branch library (now called Family History Centers)?

Since you are in telecommunications, you probably do much more on the Internet than I do. I've done a little on FamilySearch, but I recently got an article about it in our Minnesota Genealogical Society quarterly journal, and I hope to spend more time on it.

Sincerely, David

Hans-Joachim with his father, Johannes

[The source for this picture may have been Hans-Joachim's first cousin, Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934).]

[5 10 '97]

[Mar. 3, 2001]

Subj: **Gottfried Nemitz**
Date: 3/3/01 11:39:10 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de ← Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)
CC: Aginem ← Hans-Joachim Nemitz (b. ca. 1944)

Dear Friedrich and Renate,

In your letter of August 5, 2000, you said that the day-laborer Gottfried Nemitz (1815-1863) had six children in Stamitz. Where did you get those birth and death dates? They are not usually given in the birth records of the children. Were those dates and the names of his children given in his burial record?

I have found an Ernst Gottfried August Nemitz, son of Franz Bogistaff Nemitz, born in Lupow on Jan. 28, 1816, who I believe is that Gottfried. I got the information about his children from the International Genealogical Index (IGI) of the Mormons on their web site, http://www.familysearch,org

Father: Ernst Gottfried August Nehmitz
Mother: Charlotte Caroline Wilhelmina Schulz

Children:

Friederike Wilhelmina Henriette (Wilhelmina)
Bapt. May 8, 1836 - Gross Duebsow
Johanna Charlotte (Did she have a third name Henriette, that she used later?)
Bapt. May 3, 1838 - Gross Duebsow
Wilhelm Friedrich (Wilhelm)
Bapt. Dec. 8, 1839 - Gross Duebsow
Carl Johann (Johann)
Bapt. May 25, 1843 - Gross Duebsow
August Ferdinand (August)
Bapt. Feb. 7, 1847 - Gross Duebsow
Carl Albert (Albert)
Bapt. Nov. 25, 1849 - Gross Duebsow

Unless you have a different record of the birth of these children, I think this is the right family.

Love, David

[Mar. 3, 2001]

[Email #2 with this date]

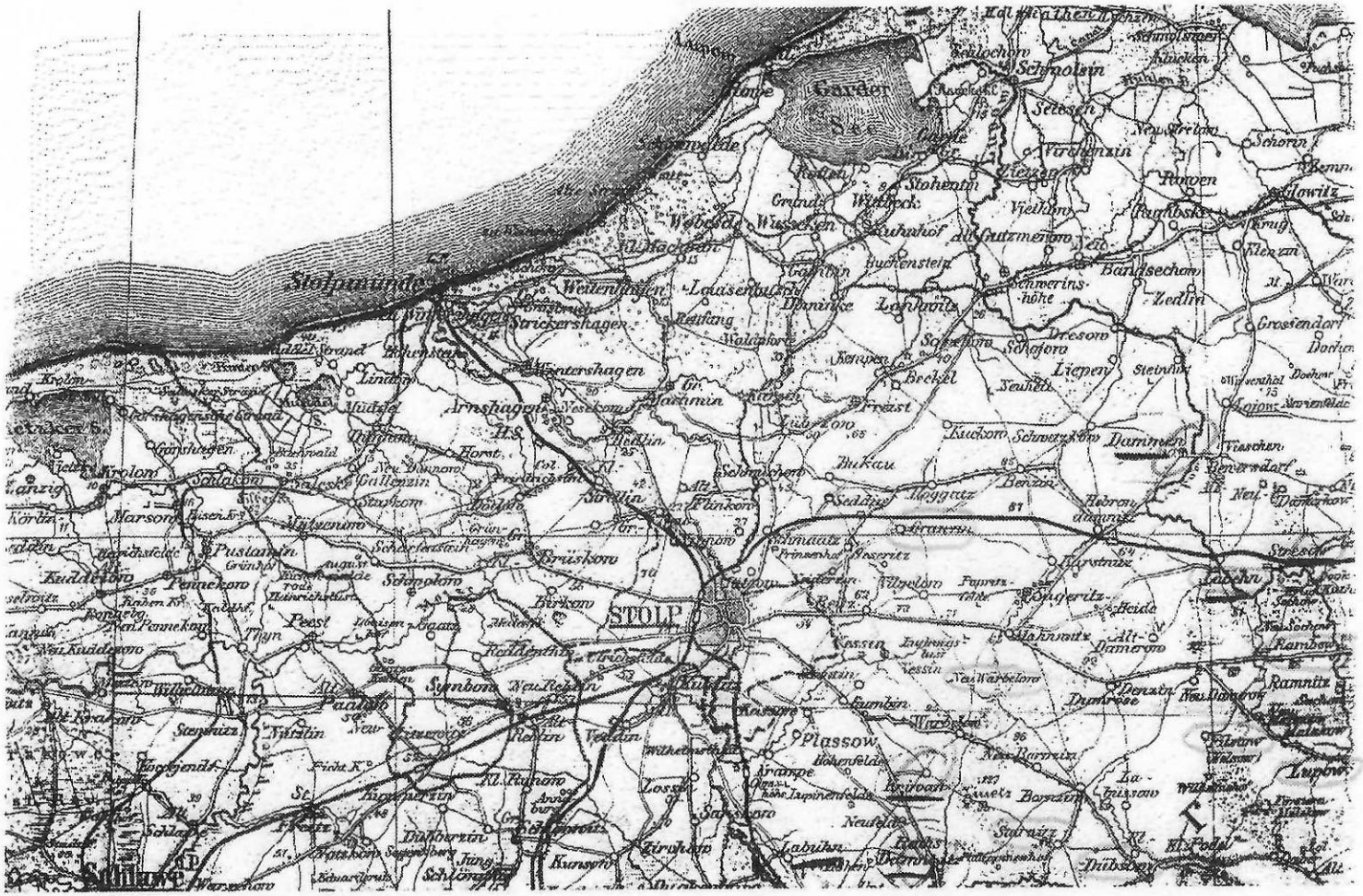
Subj: **Answer**
Date: 3/3/01 4:55:38 PM Central Standard Time
From: Aginem
To: DWitheridg

File: Kreis_Stolp.jpg (1452560 bytes)
DL Time (48000 bps): < 8 minutes

Hallo David,

thanks for your email. I will answer later.
I send your a map from Kreis Stolp with all communities. See next page
David, please tell me your home-address by email, i will send complete map.

Love, Hans-Joachim



← Dammen

Stolp and nearby locations

[Mar. 4, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Answer**
Date: 3/4/01 2:22:30 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Aginem

Hi, Hans-Joachim,

Thanks for the map. I was able to download it all right, and, of course, was able to view portions of it on very large scale. My mail address is:

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

Love, David

[Mar. 19, 2001]

Luebbenau, 19.03.2001

Dear David,

i send a map from district Stolp with neighbour-districts
and lists from communities at district Stolp.

I hope, it will help you and I'm sure you find all communities, where Nemitz-ancestors are from.

Love, Hans-Joachim

Hans-Joachim Nemitz

[Mar. 20, 2001]

Subj: **Stolp Nemitz Families**
Date: 3/20/01 3:23:56 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de
CC: Aginem

Ernst Gottfried August Nemitz (b. 1816)

Lupow church books

Dear Friedrich and Renate,

I'm glad that you agree that my Gottfried Nehmitz is the same as your Gottfried. Since he lived in Gross Duebsow, he was no doubt related to our family in some way. Did Mr. Nitzke say where he got the information about Gottfried Nemitz and his family? If we knew, we might be able to find more information about our family.

I have now finished going through the Lupow churchbooks from beginning to end--at least the parts that the Mormon library has. Baptisms from 1831 to 1865 and marriages from 1831 to 1870 are missing. However, as I said in January, I found on the web site www.stolp.de that there are copies of the Lupow churchbook in the Civil Registration Office (StA) in Koslin. These include the baptisms from 1831 to 1904 and also confirmations from 1831 to 1892 (but not the missing marriages). I'm sure we would find more Nemitz entries there. But, of course, Koslin is now in Poland, so these churchbooks would be harder for you to use. Perhaps you could get your friend who speaks Polish to go with you. You would want your friend to write or telephone them first to be sure the Lupow churchbooks are there.

In the part of Kreis Stolp where our family lived I now have the record of about 30 married couples or families with children where either the husband's name or the wife's name was Nemitz or Nehmitz. This includes the branches of our family who were there at that time (about 1770 to 1880). This also includes three, all in Rambow, whose name was Nemitzen. Two of these were women, who married men with different names, so the name Nemitzen would have died out. The man by the name of Nemitzen apparently had only one child, who died young. In addition, there were about 15 individuals in our part of Kreis Stolp by the name of Nemitz, whose relationship to the others is not given.

See also Apr. 12, 2001, below

I am now beginning the slow process of putting all of these people on a large chart, in the hope that someday we may be able to show how they are related. We certainly know more about our Nemitz family now than we did a few months ago.

Love, David

See pp. 13-23 of folder 2.5

[Mar. 22, 2001]

Subj: **Thanks and Information**
Date: 3/22/01 12:51:17 PM Central Standard Time
From: Aginem
To: DWitheridg

Hi, David,
thanks for the email.

I' ve sended monday an parcel with map from Kreis Stolp.
She contained all communities wehre had nemitz lived from.
I hope it will help you.

Love, Hans-Joachim

[Apr. 12, 2001]

Subj: **Happy Easter**
Date: 4/12/01 2:23:42 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de
CC: Aginem

Dear Friedrich and Renate,

(I am sorry that my English is so complicated. I hope that with your German--English dictionary, and perhaps with help from others, you will be able to understand it.)

A very Happy Easter to you and your family. Thank you for your Easter greeting. I was very sorry to hear that your computer went "kaputt" (or "on the blink," as we would say) and that you had to buy a new one. Computers are wonderful when they are working, but sometimes they can be a great problem. Because I hadn't heard from you for a long time, I worried that one of you was not well. I was glad to hear that it was not your health but your computer that was the problem.

Because you may not be able to recover my last e-mail from your old computer, I'll repeat a paragraph I wrote about my results from the Lupow churchbook:

"In the part of Kreis Stolp where our family lived I now have the record of about 30 married couples or families with children where either the husband's name or the wife's name was Nemitz or Nehmitz. This includes the branches of our family who were there at that time (about 1770 to 1880). This also includes three, all in Rambow, whose name was Nemitzen. Two of these were women, who married men with different names, so the name Nemitzen would have died out. The man by the name of Nemitzen apparently had only one child, who died young. In addition, there were about 15 individuals in our part of Kreis Stolp by the name of Nemitz, whose relationship to the others is not given. I am now beginning the slow process of putting all these people on a large chart, in the hope that someday we may be able to show how they are related. We certainly know more about our Nemitz family now than we did a few months ago."

I haven't actually begun to make this chart yet, but I hope to begin soon. Eventually I will send you a copy, and I think you will be amazed at the size of our Nemitz family in Kreis Stolp at that time. I call them "our family," because Nemitz was not a common name, and they were living very close together. *

At the present time with all the people named Nemitz in all parts of Germany and throughout the world, we cannot assume that any of them are related to us unless we know their ancestors came from Kreis Stolp.

Don't get discouraged because you don't see any "hot" leads ("heisse Spuren") right now. I am working on many minor leads that may bring new information, but this takes time, and we must be patient. Today there are many more people working on genealogy, and more new records are discovered every year.

I haven't heard from Hans-Joachim lately, and he may have some Nemitz information he hasn't sent me. He said on March 22 that he is sending a map, but it hasn't arrived.

Love, David

* See pp. 13-23 of folder 2.5.

[Apr. 14, 2001]

Subj: **Happy Easter**
Date: 4/14/01 4:17:46 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Aginem
To: DWitheridg

Dear David,

i thank fort he email and the easter greating and wish you and your family happy easter.
I am sorry that my post hasn't arrived. It wasn`t per airmail sended.
Please, answer me when the parcel arrived.
I have you email translated and to Friedrich sended.

Love, Hans-Joachim

[Apr. 29, 2001]

Subj: **Package Arrived**
Date: 4/29/01 4:29:41 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Aginem

Bonke family

Dear Hans-Joachim,

Your package arrived, and I am delighted with everything--the maps, the lists of villages, the family charts, and the pictures. I was especially glad to get the information about your part of the family, and also some additional items about the Bonke family. I see these Bonke items are not certain, but they are good clues for further research. You have a lovely wife and children and grandchildren.

Thank you.

Love, David

See the charts by Hans-Joachim on the next two pages.

See also next two pages

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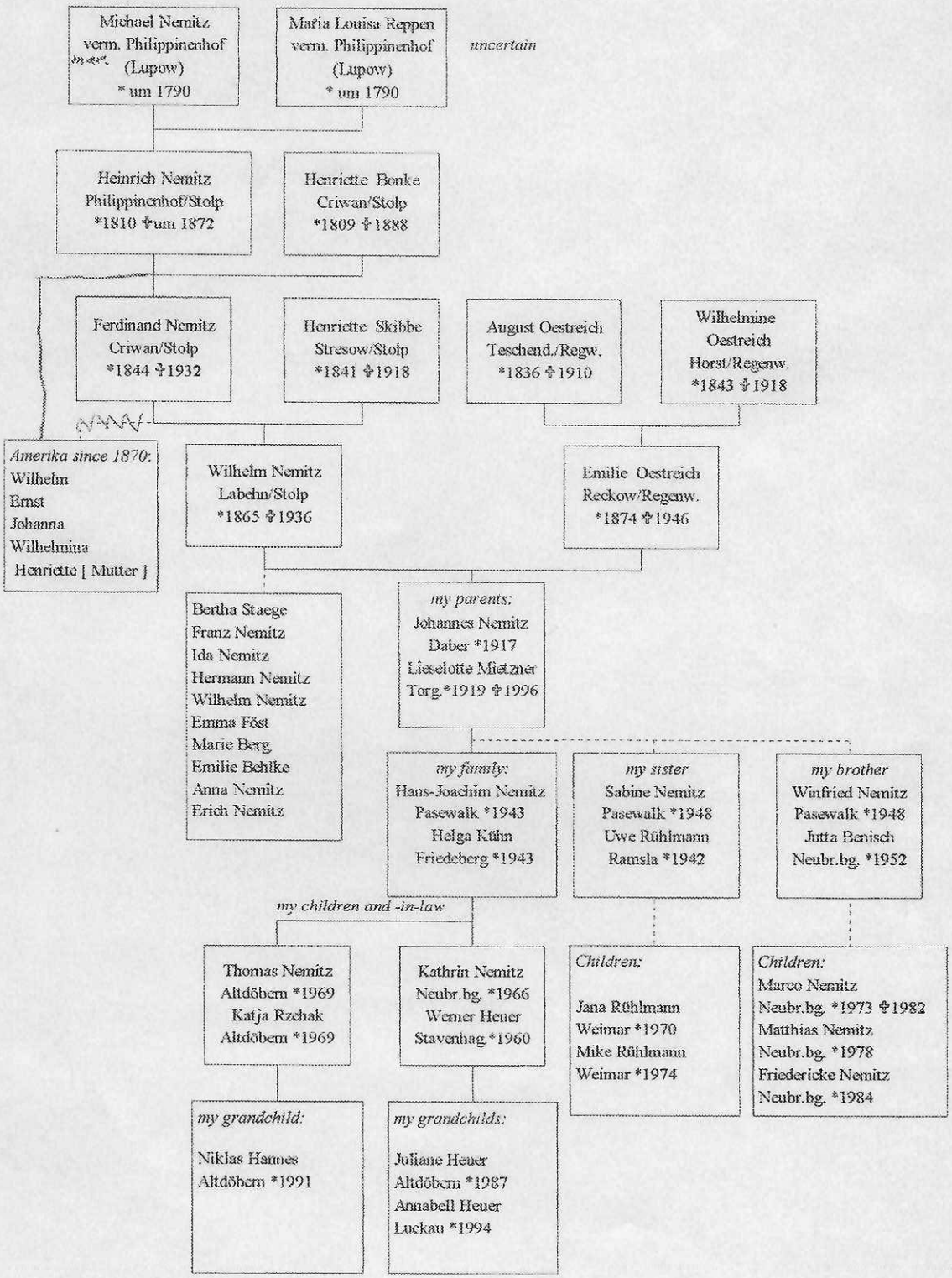
Nemitz - Ancestors

17. Dezember 2000



See DEW's comment about the "Bonke items" – that they are "not certain, but they are good clues for further research" – in his Apr. 29, 2001, email above.

Otto Johann Bonke
* 1727 Lupow
† ?

Christina Nowrek
* 1731 Lupow
† ?

Philip Zollweg
* 1727 Lupow
† 04.04.1759

h 21.02.1760

(1st mar.)
h 28.11.1752 (1. Ehe)

Franz Bogislaw Nemitz

Michael Nemitz
* um 1790
Philippinenhof

Maria Louisa Reppen
* um 1790
Philippinenhof

... [Sohn] ?
* nach 1760
after

Dorothea Maria
* 05.03.1753 Lupow

Joseph Friedrich
* 20.07.1755 Lupow
† 04.1756 Lupow

Louisa Elisabeth
* 30.01.1757 Lupow
h 03.12.1779
Georg Schonich
* 1754 Lupow

Otto Philip
* 04.02.1759 Lupow
† 07.09.1820 Lupow

Ernst Gottfried August Nemitz
* 28.01.1816 Lupow
† 1863 ?

Charlotte Caroline Wilhelmina Schulz

Heinrich Nemitz
* 1810 Philippinenhof
† um 1872

Henriette Bonke
* 1809 Criwan
† 1888

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Friedericke Wilhelmina Henrietta
get. 08.05.1836 Gross Dübsow
Johanna Charlotta
get. 03.05.1838 Gross Dübsow
Wilhelm Friedrich
get. 08.12.1839 Gross Dübsow
Carl Johann
get. 25.05.1843 Gross Dübsow
August Ferdinand
get. 07.02.1847 Gross Dübsow
Carl Albert
get. 25.11.1849 Gross Dübsow

ab 1870 nach Amerika:
Johanna * 1833 † 1894
Wilhelm * 1835 † 1921
Ernst * 1848 † 1901
Wilhelmine * 1851 † 1925

Ferdinand Nemitz
* 1844 Criwan
† 1932 Kolberg

Pommern / Deutschland

unser Urgroßvater

Legende:
* Geburt (born)
get getauft (bapt.)
† Tod (died)
h Hochzeit (mar.)
--- ungesichert (uncertain)

(für uns unwichtig) (unimportant)

Hans-Joachim Nemitz
12.03.2001

See previous page

[June 5, 2001]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
June 5, 2001

Cover letter mailed with the big Nemitz chart (see pp. 13-23, folder 2.5)

Dear Friedrich and Hans-Joachim,
(Same letter to both)

Here are the three charts I have made of the Kreis Stolp Nemitz families I have found. I think that most, if not all, of these people are somehow related to us. Those on Sheet One are probably closely related, because they were all living at the same time in the parish of Lupow.

Some day more records will become available, and we will be able to tie more of the individuals and families together.

Karl Nemitz (?) (b. ca. 1840?, d. after 1921)

I have placed Karl Nemitz in our family, because his probable birth date of about 1840 would fit right in. So, for now, until we find evidence to the contrary, I am considering him our "lost brother."

Nemitz "lost brother"

Ruth Grassow-Nemitz

Friedrich, I believe it is important for you to try again to get in touch with Ruth Grassow/Nemitz, either by letter or telephone. It is now two years since she first called you. We need to get more information about her family—names of brothers, sisters, spouses, and children, as well as when and where they lived in the years since 1800. Perhaps she would give you the names and addresses of some of her relatives, especially her sister-in-law. This is a "hot" lead that we shouldn't allow to get "cold." Since she lives in West Germany, perhaps you or Hans-Joachim should try to go and see her, rather than waiting for her to send you the information.

Love to all of you,

David

Hans-Joachim and Helga,
in 1997

Kathrin Nemitz (b. 1966)
and her daughter,
Juliane, in 1998

Thomas Nemitz (b. 1969)
and his son,
Niklas, in 1997

[June 18, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Thank You!**
Date: 6/18/01 12:12:15 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de
CC: Aginem

[Ruth Grassow-Nemitz]

Dear Friedrich and Renate,

See June 5, 2001, above

I have received your e-mail, and I'm delighted that you have again made contact with Ruth Grassow. We must keep in touch with her and learn more about her many relatives, who are probably our relatives, too. There are probably dozens and maybe hundreds of them!

This time she gave us the names of her mother and her grandmother, which we didn't have before. But she didn't give us the places where her father and grandfather were born. I assume they were in Kreis Stolp, in which case they were certainly related to our family. Neither did she give us the dates and places of their marriages.

We don't want to discourage (abschecken) or intimidate (einschuechtern) her by asking too much right away, but gradually we want to discover everything we can about her family. She had 15 brothers and sisters. If we had the names and addresses of all of them and their children and grandchildren, just think of all the relatives we would immediately discover! Certainly some of them would be close enough for you or Hans-Joachim to get in touch with, and maybe a few are also interested in family history. Eventually, we would also want to know the names and addresses of her cousins she is in touch with.

Obviously, the first one whose name and address you should get is her elderly sister-in-law who is supposed to have a great many family records. You should have the names and addresses of her sister-in-law's children, too, just in case something should happen to her.

I know you won't have time to do anything about this until after your trip to the hospital, but you can be thinking about it, and you can work on it after you are fully recovered. Of course, I was very sorry to hear about the rupture or opening up of the scar from your prostate operation. I hope it is not a serious problem, and with the excellent medical care you have in Germany, I am sure you will get along well. Please let me know how it works out.

Love, David

[July 14, 2001]

[More on Ruth Grassow-Nemitz]

Subj: **Ruth Grassow**
Date: 7/14/01 3:07:59 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de
CC: Aginem

Dear Friedrich and Renate,

I know I should translate this into German for you, but that is so long a process for me that I just don't have time. Maybe Hans-Joachim can help you translate it. I know it is very difficult English.

I am very glad, Friedrich, that you are through with your hospital stay and that you are looking forward to feeling better every day. I hope you keep improving.

Thank you for the additional information from Ruth Grassow. It is frustrating that she cannot or will not give us more information, but what she did give us is a help. It shows that her family for several generations lived in Franzdorf, so I would like very much some day to locate and go through the church books that have the records of Franzdorf--probably Lubben. She does not say where her great-grandfather, Martin Nemitz, was born, only that he lived in Franzdorf. I think that he was born about 1815 in Kreis Stolp (Ruth said her family came from near Stolp), and that he probably was a brother of our ancestor, Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz.

Since it was the family story "by word of mouth" that it was her father's "Uncle Heinrich and Aunt Henriette" who went to America, I think that was a mistake, and that it was her grandfather's aunt (Henriette) who went to America. (We know, of course, that Heinrich didn't go.) Since I first heard about this, I have thought there was an error of a whole generation in the family story. Ruth first told you (your letter of Feb. 18, 1999) that her mother said she had an aunt by the name of Henriette Nemitz who moved to America with her daughters. I think it wasn't her mother's aunt, but her grandfather's aunt.

My father had an uncle, Elijah Allen, who was a Baptist minister. The family always called him "Uncle Elijah," so that is what I always called him, even though he wasn't my uncle, but my father's. In the same way, Ruth's father probably called Henriette "Aunt Henriette," even though she wasn't his aunt, but his father's aunt.

It would save us a lot of work if they could just give us all their family records back to Martin Nemitz. But apparently they don't have those records, so we'll eventually have to try to reconstruct them ourselves.

Ruth says none of her brothers and sisters still living are interested in family history research. However, when she first called you, she said her sister-in-law had Nemitz family information back many centuries, so she, at least, must be interested in family history. I don't understand why Ruth won't give you her sister-in-law's name, address, and phone number, so you can contact her yourself. I feel very sure you could get more information from her, or possibly from one of her children to whom she may have given the records because she is so old.

I am still in good health, and so are all my family. Thank you for writing.

Love, David

[July 23, 2001]

[More on Ruth Grassow-Nemitz]

Subj: **Ruth's sister-in-law**
Date: 7/23/01 5:45:14 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Dr.F.Nemitz@t-online.de
CC: Aginem

Dear Friedrich and Renate,

I was very glad to get your e-mail. Since I sent my last e-mail, I haven't stopped thinking about Ruth's sister-in-law. At this time she is our best hope for more information, not about our relatives, but about our ancestors.

I agree with you that Ruth Grassow will probably not be much more help to us. But as I said in my last e-mail, what she has told us has convinced (u"berzengen) me that she is our relative, and that her ancestor, Martin Nemitz, was a brother of our ancestor, Heinrich.

I am also convinced that Ruth's sister-in-law has records that will give us more information about our ancestors. I assume (annehmen) that all the information you have given me back to Martin Nemitz is from Ruth and not from her sister-in-law. Is that right? Have you ever talked to Ruth's sister-in-law?

When Ruth first telephoned you, she said her sister-in-law has many Nemitz records going back a long way. I don't think she would have said this, unless it was true. But Ruth, herself, doesn't have any information back beyond Martin. If you can find Ruth's sister-in-law and see her records, I'm sure you will find information about Martin's (and Heinrich's) father and grandfather and probably Heinrich's middle name (Ludwig?), even if her records don't go back several centuries. I get excited (aufregen?) every time I think about the records her sister-in-law has. We must see them.

So I think you should talk to Ruth one more time and ask her for her sister-in-law's name, address, and telephone number. Then you should telephone her sister-in-law and make an appointment (eine Verabredung treffen) to go and visit her, so you can see her records.

I think you should not only write down what you can while you are there, but you should try to take the records to a place where they make photocopies and have them make three photocopies of all the records--one for you, one for Hans-Joachim, and one for me. I will be glad to pay for all the photocopies. I apologize (sich entschuldigen) for telling you what to do, but I think it is very important for us to have copies of the sister-in-law's records, whatever they are.

If all this sounds too difficult for you, Friedrich, maybe Hans-Joachim could help you with it, especially getting the photocopies.

Of course, Ruth's sister-in-law may have given these records to one of her children, and you would have to locate that person and get the information from him or her. The records are certainly there somewhere. They would not have destroyed (zersto"ren) them.

As you can see, I am very excited about the possibility of seeing these records, and I will be eagerly (begierig) waiting for reports as you progress.

I'm very sorry to hear about Renate's problem with phlebitis. I have had varicose veins (Kampfader) and edema in my legs, but never phlebitis. It must be very painful. I hope it improves soon.

Love, David

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LeRoy Nemitz

documents

May 11, 1975 [May 11, 1975]

Mr. LeRoy Nemitz
Charter Oak R. R. Box 133
Iowa 51439

Dear Mr. Nemitz:

I am writing to you because I think we are related in some way. My mother was Edith Nemitz, youngest child of William Nemitz, who was probably related to your grandfather, though I am not sure just how.

Ernst Nemitz (b. 1848)

It was not until a few years ago that I was aware that my grandfather had a brother who settled on a farm in Iowa. Now I understand there may have been two brothers in Iowa—Ernest and Fred or Ferdinand.

Editor's note: There was just one — Ernst. TFW, Apr. 28, 2023

Last summer I met a cousin of mine for the first time, and he told me his mother had corresponded with an Ernest Nemitz in Charter Oak, Iowa. I'm hoping that you are a descendant of this family and can tell me something about the early settlers and their descendents.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

My grandfather, William Nemitz, started out in Illinois, then lived in Michigan, Saskatchewan, and back in Illinois, where he died in 1921. His children were Bertha (Tomke), Emma (Schroeder), Mary (Reid), Louise (Storch), William, and Edith (Witheridge).

I was born in Bay City, Michigan, grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and worked there for a while with my father in heating and ventilating. Then I became a Baptist minister, and I am now the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Would you please write and tell me about your Nemitz ancestors and relatives? Anything you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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[June 9, 1975]

June 9, 1975
Charter Oak, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I hope the following information will be of some help to you:

Ernest Nemitz - born in Germany
Born Dec. 1, 1848 - Died April 20, 1901

Wilhelmina Nemitz nee Knuth - born in Germany
Born Dec 26, 1841 - Died Nov. 17, 1899

Their children were:

John
William
Dan
Annie (Schultz)
Louise (Schultz)
Emma (Rothe)
Fred

all deceased

Fred Nemitz, who was my Grandfather, was born in Chicago.

The Ernest Nemitz you mentioned in your letter is a son of William Nemitz.

Ernest and Wilhelmina Nemitz are buried at St. Paul's Cemetery, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover Township, Ricketts, Iowa. (A Country Church and cemetery.)

This is all I could find at present. Let me know if I can be of any more help. I would like to hear from you again. If you are ever down this way, drop in.

Sincerely,

LeRoy and Elaine Nemitz

LEROY NEMITZ
RR 2 BOX 233
CHARTER OAK IA
51439

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Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Nemitz
R.R. Box 233
Charter Oak, Iowa 51439
Phone 678-3505

[June 16, 1975]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 16, 1975

Dear LeRoy and Elaine:

This is a very busy week for me, but nevertheless I want to write and thank you for your very friendly and helpful letter. The reason I'm so busy is that in just four days we'll be leaving for a trip east that will take four weeks. I have a conference for about a week near Pittsburgh, and after that we'll be visiting friends and relatives.

The information you sent ties right into information I had previously secured in other ways. The Ernest Benitz who was your great grandfather is the same one whose family is listed in the enclosed 1880 census information. (I copied this at the Iowa State Department of History and Archives in DesMoines.) He also appeared in the passenger list of a ship that landed in Baltimore in 1872, unmarried at that time, as you see. He also appeared in the Chicago City Directory from 1873 to 1877.

"Bash" was actually Ernst Rasch, who died ca. 1877

The census record looks as though Wilhelmina Benitz had been married in Germany to someone by the name of Bash and had two children--August, born in Germany, and Berta, born in Illinois. Then about 1873 she married Ernest Benitz, and they had Fritz, John, and Wilhelm in Chicago. Then about 1877 they moved to Iowa, where Wilhelmina was born. She perhaps died young, as you didn't list her among the children of Ernest and Wilhelmina.

This is all very interesting, but I'm not absolutely sure this Ernest Benitz was the brother of my grandfather William or Wilhelm Benitz, though I assume he was. Do you happen to have an obituary of Ernest Benitz published at the time of his death in 1901? That would probably have listed the names of his brothers and sisters who were still living.

As a matter of fact, I have just written to the newspaper office in Denison hoping they can find and send me a copy of such an obituary. But if you or any of your older relatives has one in a scrapbook or somewhere, that would be a big help.

I shall certainly be writing to you again and asking for more help, but this is all I have time for now. And some day we'll surely be down your way and meet you. Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely, your distant cousin (I think),
David E. Matthews

P.S. Do you have any distant relatives by the name of Bash, or are there any Bash descendants in Crawford County who might know their family background? D.E.M.

[July 15, 1977]

July 15, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Nemitz
R.R. Box 233
Charter Oak, Iowa 51439

Dear Elaine and LeRoy:

Trip idea

I remember very gratefully your letter of two years ago in answer to my inquiry about your Nemitz ancestry. You were very kind to suggest that if we were ever down that way, you would like to have us drop in to see you.

We have some vacation time coming and would like to come down to Charter Oak on a long weekend in August. Of course, we would plan to stay in a motel, probably in Denison.

In addition to meeting you and your family and talking about your relatives and ancestors, we have several other things in mind.

Fred and August Nemitz

We'd like very much to meet the other Nemitz families and descendants in the Charter Oak and Denison area. I did write to Fred Nemitz in Denison, who referred me to his brother August. I wrote to August but did not get a reply. I assume you are related to them, LeRoy.

In addition, we'd like to do a little investigation in the records at the Crawford County Court House and in the Denison Carnegie Library. Since this would only be possible on a Monday, we're thinking of driving down on a Saturday, staying Sunday and Monday, and driving home on Tuesday.

The date we have in mind is the last weekend in August--that is, August 27-29. We hope that might suit your schedule, but if not, please let us know.

I might say that we are also trying to arrange a trip to Dubuque in August. Our preferred date to go there is the weekend of August 21st, but we may have to go to Dubuque on August 28th, in which case we'd like to switch and come to Charter Oak and Denison on the weekend of August 21st, if that would be possible for you.

Please write and tell us if you would be free on either or both of these weekends. If not, we'll have to try to come some weekend in September or October.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 3, 1977]

[Trip plans]

August 3, 1977

Dear David,

We enjoyed hearing from you again and are looking forward to seeing you whichever weekend you decide to come down this way. We plan to be home both weekends so let us know what you decide. My brother Erwin from Omaha would like to spend the weekend with us also so he and his wife can meet you. If we know soon enough in advance maybe we can get some of the relatives together for a picnic of sorts.

Erwin Nemitz (of Omaha, NE)

Otto Ernst
August
Nemitz
(b. 1898)

Dad is in a nursing home and is at present recovering from a mild stroke so we hope he too will be well enough to visit with us on that weekend. Hoping to hear from you again soon.

LeRoy & Elaine
Nemitz

LeRoy Nemitz
RR1 Box 233
Charter Oak, Iowa
51439

CHARTER OAK
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David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55405

[Aug. 7, 1977]

[Trip plans]

August 7, 1977

Dear Elaine and LeRoy:

I want to let you know right away that we'll be coming to Charter Oak on the weekend of August 27. Our trip to Dubuque will be on the previous weekend as originally scheduled. We're happy to know that your brother Erwin and his wife would like to come over from Omaha to meet us, and one of the reasons I'm replying immediately is so they can make their plans.

The idea of getting some of the relatives together for a picnic sounds great. We're sorry to hear about your father's recent stroke, LeRoy, but we hope we'll be able to visit with him at least for a while.

As you know, we plan to drive down on Saturday and drive back on Tuesday. We'll probably arrive in Denison late Saturday afternoon. Now I want you to be perfectly frank. Would it be a good idea for us to come over to Charter Oak for an hour or two on Saturday evening to get acquainted with you and with Erwin and his wife, or would that be inconvenient for you?

I don't know if you'll be going to church on Sunday; but if so, we'd love to go with you. Otherwise, we can come to your place any time on Sunday you say.

Graves of Ernst and Wilhelmina

As I mentioned in my last letter, we do want to spend some time in Denison on Monday looking up what we can at the Court House and the Library. Another thing we'd like to do is to visit the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery at Ricketts where Ernest and Wilhelmina Kenitz are buried. Perhaps we could combine that with a conversation with the pastor there about the old church records.

When you reply, you might send directions for finding your place. We are looking forward to meeting you with great anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

P.S. Have I sent you a picture? Here's one in case I haven't.

[Aug. 17, 1977]

Rt. 1, Box 233

August 17, 1977

Dear David:

We are looking foward to your visit. We would like for you to visit Saturday and to go to Church with us on Sunday morning. Our minister & his wife would like to meet you also. Our minister's name is Rev. Henry Friedrich and his wife's mother was a Nemitz and has relatives in Minnesota, mit Evelyn Meyer

Their minister's wife was a Nemitz (Evelyn Meyer [of Charter Oak])

We live 3 miles south of Charter Oak and 1/4 mile east on L 51. You enter Charter Oak by the car wash and go over the railroad tracks & go 1 block south 1 block west & take that highway south 3 miles.

then turn left & go ¼ mile.
If you would like you can
call from Charter Oak.
& LeRoy can meet you there
and you can follow him
out. Our phone number
is 678-3505.

Sincerely,

LeRoy & Elaine.

[Aug. 28, 1977]

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH---THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
Charter Oak, Iowa AFTER PENTECOST
Pastor Henry Friedrich August 28, 1977
Office Number 678-3630 Home 678-3618

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TODAY'S SERVICE

Matins: Hymnal Page.....32
Hymns:.....300 - 246 - 358
Old Testament:.....Jer. 23:23-29
Epistle Lesson:.....Heb. 12:1-13
Gospel Lesson:.....Luke 12:49-53
Sermon Theme: To See Christ as a Bringer not of Peace, but Division.
Sermon Text:.....Luke 12:49-53

Church Attendance:.....324
Communion Attendance:.....145
Sunday School Attendance:.....68/118
Bible Class:.....33/62

Church Offering.....Home.....$ 627.90
Missions.....$ 444.45
Miscellaneous Income:.....$ 2 .30
Total $1,094.65

Sunday School Offering.....$ 17.15
Bible Class Offering.....$ 7.70

SERVING OUR SAVIOR THIS WEEK:

Today: Circuit L.Y.C. Leaders' Workshop, St. John's, Battle Creek...3:00 p.m.
Monday: Confirmation Class Staff...4:00 p.m.
Board of Elders.....8:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Nur.-Kind. S.S. Teachers...7:00 p.m.
Pri.-Jr.H. S.S. Teachers...7:30 p.m.
Board of Education.....8:15 p.m.
Wednesday: O.H.M. Committee, Midway.8:00 p.m.
Thursday: O.H.M. Visitor Training...8:00 p.m.
Friday: Communion Registration 3:00-5:30 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WITH OUR MEMBERS: Mr. Henry Huelsman was hospitalized this week in Denison. Miss Regina Schultz suffered a broken collarbone. Mr. Otto Nemitz and Mrs. Roy Wiegel underwent surgery at Denison. May God, if it is His will, hasten their recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hogan, parents of a duaghter on Monday. To Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Kaiser, parents of a son born Friday. May God keep mothers and children in His care and protection.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: Kindly leave your name and the college you will be attending this fall in the church office. If you know your address on campus, this also will be most helpful. Do this before you leave for school. Your help is most appreciated.

CONGREATULATIONS to Miss Susan Stoltze and Mr. Randall Kult who were united in holy matrimony yesterday in our Church. May God bless their marriage with happiness for many years to come.

BAPTIZED TODAY: William Gibson Magill, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Magill, born July 6, 1977.
Heather Linne Henschen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henschen, born July 28, 1977.
Jesus Said: "Allow the little children to come to me; do not hinder them, for of such is the Kingdom of God.

OPEN HOUSE: An Open House will be held on August 28, from 2 - 4:00 p.m. in the Community building for Edward Goslar Sr. in honor of his 84th birthday. Flowers on the altar today are placed there in his honor by his family.

Tune in to Lutheran Vespers today over KDSN, at 4:00 p.m. Speaker today is Pastor Henry

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
September 9, 1977

Dear LeRoy and Elaine:

Here at last is the fruit of our labors (yours and ours) the weekend we spent together in Crawford County. I've put it all together on my genealogical record sheets, and I decided to send you a Xeroxed copy. It's hard to believe we collected so much material during those few days.

Of course, there is still more to be collected. Your own family sheet and that of your parents are still missing, as well as several others you will immediately be aware of. I'm counting on you, and the others who helped, to read these sheets over carefully and to make corrections and additions. Please be sure to add a footnote as I have done for every single bit of information. Then some day I hope to get all your corrections and additions.

I always put my footnotes on the back, of course, but I had to Xerox the back on another sheet and staple it to the front. I didn't realize that when I fastened them into the cover, the designating letters at the left-hand margin would be covered up. I decided to mail the sheets in this cover anyway, but I would strongly urge you to put them into a regular three-ring binder, so the footnotes will be fully visible. If the holes begin to tear, you'll just have to put on gummed reinforcements.

I'm sure you'll want to study my sheets carefully in order to figure out my system of recording the information and of designating the footnotes.

You may wonder about my numbering system for the sheets. I won't try to explain the entire system, but I will say that the "JPW" means that the numbers start from our son (James Penney Witheridge).

The sheet on which my grandfather (Wilhelm) and your great grandfather (Ernst) appears as brothers is JPW20, and for every other sheet that number is followed by a hyphen, and for each generation down the line a number is added representing the number of the child in order of birth. I hope you can figure this out. I'll be glad to send you a full description of the numbering system if you want me to.

By rights, you should adopt a numbering system starting with your own children. I'll be glad to show you how if you just ask; but I don't want to inundate you with information if you don't want it!

The reason the sheets at the end are not numbered is that these are not "blood relatives" of mine; but the Kenches would be your relatives and the Schultzes would be relatives of many of the other Nemitz descendants there.

One of the things we didn't have time for was a careful examination of all the articles in your scrapbooks. I hope you will go through them page by page and add anything that turns up. I'm still hoping that some other relatives will find old letters or items that will yield new facts. Keep searching! I hope this genealogical research will become an enjoyable new hobby for a number of people there.

Some day when I get around to it I promise to send you copies of the record sheets for all our other Nemitz relatives I know about. Farther into the future, probably, is our ability to jump the ocean to our ancestry and distant relatives in Germany (and Poland).

LeRoy, I hope your father has continued to improve in health. Please give him our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

[Dec. 6, 1977]

December 6, 1977

Dear David and Elizabeth;

It has been way too long since I should have written you thanking you for the family history and for the book written by Elizabeth. Also thanks for the cake and frosting recipies. We like the cake & frosting very much it is now one of my favorites.

We finally have all our crops out and our work fairly well caught up. We did check with the newspapers on some information but couldn't find anything back far enough as some copies have been lost or misplaced. We are going to check at the Court House when we go get our car license this month. We will also check the library again and hopefully we will find something new. (or should I have said something old.) We will let you know if we find anything

Dad has gotten over his operation very well and has improved quite a bit in his mental attitude. Hopefully he will improve more with time. Erwin had his checkup and all was well for the time being. We are all okay and looking forward to the holidays and school vacation. Now if the weather would improve we'd really be happy.

It is cold here this morning and windy which makes it really uncomfortable being outside.

Take care and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you & yours.

Love,

Elaine, LeRoy,

Roger, Mark & Linda

See also next page →

Again my apologies for being so slow in writing. Also thanks again for everything.

Elaine (over)

← See previous page

Enclosed in a letter from our pastor's wife.

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Editor's note:

This probably refers to the document dated "ca. 1977," located in the Nemitz Iowa Branch section at the beginning of folder 2.15.

See the index entry for Evelyn Meyer (of Charter Oak, IA).

TFW, Apr. 29, 2023

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
December 18, 1977

Dear Elaine and LeRoy:
(and also Roger, Mark, and Linda)

How delighted we were to get your letter and to hear the latest news of your family! We are deep in the Christmas rush, of course, but we must reply right away. We especially want you to have these pictures. We think some of them are very good. We've enclosed several copies of the two of you, Elaine and LeRoy, because we thought you might want a couple for some others.

We think of you when we read or hear about the farm strike, and we wonder if you are involved in any way.

We're glad to know you are doing some work on family history. It's a slow process, as you can see.

There is one thing you could do for me right away, if you would. I stupidly failed to get the information about your own immediate family while we were there. Would you please fill in these three sheets and return them to me the next time you write?

Say hello to your father for us, LeRoy. It's good to hear that his operation went well. Give our best regards to Erwin and his wife, too, when you see them. (I'm sorry to say we've forgotten her first name.)

Evelyn Meyer (of Charter Oak, IA)

Please thank Mrs. Friedrich for the information about her family. I'm putting it all down on the sheets I use, and some day we may be able to connect up her family with ours. No clue yet, though.

See index: Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

You remember the reference in one of the obituaries to a baptism by a Lutheran pastor, Rev. Wunder, in Chicago. Through the Missouri Synod office here I found out what church he had been pastor of at that time, and I wrote to the present pastor. Enclosed are some records he sent.

Johann Gottlieb Knuth (b. 1875)

I don't know who the Johann Gottlieb Knuth is--possibly a nephew of Wilhelmine. Further investigations on the Knuths mentioned on these sheets may lead the way to your great-grandmother's Knuth ancestry in Germany.

We've had a busy fall. Right after Thanksgiving we visited our son Tom in Chicago on a roundabout trip to Madison, Wisconsin for a conference. Now we won't travel very far until spring.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love to all,

Elizabeth and David

[Planning another trip through Iowa]

[May 22, 1978]

May 22, 1978

Dear Elaine + Ta Roy

This is just a short note to let you know that we are starting out on a trip to New Mexico on Saturday, June 17, and we would plan to stop in Denison and Charter Oak if you are going to be there at that time. We could stay over on Sunday and start out again on Monday morning.

We did enjoy meeting you and a number of the other relatives when we were there last August, and we would love to get together with you again.

This time we thought we would try the motel in the main road across from the restaurant where we ate a couple of times. Is that the Park Motel? What is its address?

Please let us know soon if this will fit into your plans, so we can begin to make arrangements.

Love to all,

Dave + Elizabeth

[May 31, 1978]

May 31, 1978
Carter Lake, Ia

Dear David & Elizabeth:

Nice to hear from you again and we will be looking foward to seeing you the weekend of the 17th of June. The address of the Park Motel is 803 - 4th Ave S. Denison, Ia 51442 - Telephone (712) 263-4144.

We had a nice rain over the weekend which was needed in this area. Everything looks fresh and green again.

Best get this mailed and wish you a safe journey down this way.

See you soon.

Love,

The Nemitz

LeRoy, Elaine & family.

[June 11, 1978]

6/11/78

To Roy

Dear Elaine, ~~Floyd~~, Roger,
Mark + Linda:

Things are all set now for our trip. We have a reservation at the Park Hotel, and we expect to arrive there by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday (June 17). We'll call you when we get there.

If you can spare the time, we'd love to do as we did last time — come at after supper on Saturday evening and then spend some time with you and/or other relatives on Sunday, including church.

We'd especially like to see Amanda. She did so many things for us while we were there. I don't seem to have her address. Perhaps you would let her know we're coming.

See you soon.
Love + Elizabeth

Adolph Johann Otto Nemitz (b. 1899) [July 1978]

There is a time to reap what is ripe,
to bring in what is grown,
to pluck what is fulfilled.
It is time to harvest.
The Father's own son
is reaper.
The Lord is the reaper,
the one who led home the prodigal,
gathered in the lamb,
waited on the thief,
and dined with the sinners.
It is harvest time.
He is fairer and wiser
than those who tend sheep and cattle,
those who till soil,
those who tend weeds,
those who store grain,
those who sow seed.
It is harvest time.
Time to give thanks
that Jesus is the judge.
He will reap and he will plant;
he will harvest and he will grow;
he will plant and he will raise.
The earth is in His hands.
So are those who till and toil.
It is harvest time.
Soon it will be seed time.
Jesus said so.
He is in charge of the harvest.

In Memory of
ADOLPH JOHN NEMITZ
1899 - 1978

Services
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
3:30 P.M. - Tuesday, July 18, 1978
Hanover Township

Officiating
Rev. E. E. Greene

Music
Joyce Greene, Organist
St. Paul's Choir

Selections
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Honorary Bearers
Henry Meseck
Herman Jepsen
Hans Schau
Alvin Hargens
Martin Bielow
Clifford Creese

Bearers
Charles Greene
Herman Neddermeyer
August Nemitz
Paul Bockelmann
Norman Bockelmann
Erwin Nemitz

Interment
St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery
Hanover Township

Huebner Funeral Service
Denison, Iowa

Services held for Adolph Nemitz

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 18, 1978 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hanover Township for Adolph John Nemitz with the Rev. E. E. Greene officiating at the services.

Mr Nemitz passed away on Sunday, July 16th at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Deniosn at the age of 78.

Mr Nemitz was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife Amelia of Ricketts; one daughter, Mrs Glenn (LaJune) Wolter of Homestead, Iowa; one son, Edwin of Charter Oak and three grandchildren; two brothers, Otto of Charter Oak and August of Denison.

Pallbearers included Charles Greene, Paul Bockelmann, Herman Neddermeyer, Jr., Norman Bockelmann, August Nemitz, Jr. and Erwin Nemitz.

Honorary Pallbearers were Henry Meseck, Alvin Hargens, Herman Jepsen, Martin Bielow, Hans Schau and Clifford Creese.

Funeral arrangements were made under the direction of the Huebner Funeral Home in Charter Oak with burial in the Church Cemetery.

Adolph John Nemitz was born on November 21, 1899 near Ricketts, the son of Fred and Emma Nemitz.

Adolph was raised on a family farm and received his formal education in the rural schools as well as the Hanover Parochial School. He was baptized and later confirmed in the Lutheran Faith.

On March 18, 1928 Adolph was united in marriage to Amelia Bockelmann at Charter Oak. Together they made their home on a farm in Hanover Township. In 1968 they retired and moved to Ricketts.

Adolph was a life long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hanover Township, serving on the School and Cemetery Boards.

[Jan. 1, 1979]

January 1, 1979

Dear Elaine and LeRoy:

Happy New Year to you all! We hope this will be one of the best for you. We had a good year in 1978, including our long trip south, which enabled us to see you again.

We probably haven't told you that about the middle of August we met another family of Nemitz relatives. They are part of your branch, descendants of Ernst and Wilhelmina Nemitz, and we're not sure you have met them.

Elsie Kohlmeyer (Elsie Emilie Augusta Nemitz [b. 1900])

Johann Nemitz (b. 1875)

Elsie Kohlmeyer is the daughter of Johann Nemitz (your father's uncle) and granddaughter of Ernst and Wilhelmina. So she is a first cousin of your father, and her children are your second cousins, LeRoy.

Elsie came to Minneapolis with her son John, his wife Donna, and three of their children--Kermit, Kevin, and Michael. She called from the motel where they were staying, and we went over and had lunch and a good long conversation with them.

I had written to Elsie asking for information on their part of the family. She had brought some information, and they added more as we talked and I asked more questions. (Remember?)

On the basis of this information, I have compiled the enclosed sheets about their family that you can add to those I sent earlier. I've also compiled your own family sheets and am sending them along. The sheet for Walter Nemitz must be a corrected sheet that you can substitute for an earlier one, if you have it. I think if you look at the family numbers, you can determine where to insert those into your book.

We have a beautiful sunshiny day here today with glistening snow all around. The recent blizzard passed around us. Hope you are all well.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

[Dec. 29, 1979]

Dec 29, 1979

Dear David & Elizabeth:

We all hope you had a merry Christmas. Ours was very nice. Linda was in the Sunday school program this year Christmas eve. She loves Sunday School. She has really grown. Her hair is still light brown. Everyone is in good health. Dad has been real good these past years and hope he continues in good health. Roger is still working at Farmland Foods in Denison and likes it real well. Mark is attending Western Iowa Tech. at Sioux City studying farm mechanics. He has a part time job at Condon Motors there and seems happy with his choice. LeRoy and I keep busy with farm work and don't get very much else done. Our neighbor had a new hip put in this past spring and we helped with his farm work too. When the winters are so bad like last year was it seems it takes all the next summer to get all the work caught up again.

Our crops were pretty good considering we had a couple of hail storms plus two bad wind and heavy rain storms. They were early ~~enough~~ in the year that the damage wasn't too bad.

I will write more later but did want to wish you & yours the best of everything in the New Year. Happy retirement. Love, Elaine

LeRoy & family

[Dec. 21, 1982]

12/21/82

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We have had some very happy and very sad times this past year. First the happy event was Roger and Brenda's wedding in August at our Church in Charter Oak. I am enclosing 2 snapshots but as you can tell I am no photographer.

Next the not so happy times Dad fell and broke his hip in September and was in the hospital in Sioux City for 17 days. Erwin was on his way to visit us and then was going to see his Dad October 6th. He had stopped at

Erwin Nemitz

Missouri Valley to have a cup of coffee and went to his car and suffered a fatal heart attack. His funeral was in Omaha October 9th and burial at St Johns Cemetary at Charter Oak. Dad was getting along really super and then he fell again so tomorrow we take him back to Sioux City for more X rays. He has a lot of pain so hope to get him back to feeling better again.

Hope your year was a good one and a happy one. We think of you often and wish you Happy Holidays.

Love, DeRoy, Eldine and Family.

[Spring 1984]

I found this letter I meant to mail last spring. We hope everything is fine with you. We are all okay. We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We think of you often.

Love, as always,
LeRoy, Elaine
& family.

1984

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy — Matthew 2:10

See next 3 pages

Wishing you
Peace and Love and Happiness
at Christmas and God's blessings
in the New Year

LeRoy, Elaine
Mark & Linda

See previous page

Spring 1984
(Mailed 12/19/84)

Dear David and Elizabeth,

I'm not sure if I sent a card at Christmas or not so thought I'd just drop you a line.

Death of Otto Ernst August Nemitz (b. 1898)

LeRoy's Dad died Dec 24th so Christmas didn't seem as bright as it should have been. He was in Sioux City at St Luke's Hospital only 2 days and was improving and he just fell asleep and that was it. He had been failing since his second hip surgery. I sent so many cards and letters but couldn't remember whether I wrote you or not.

Our family has been doing fine otherwise. Roger and Brenda are living in Charter Oak now and Mark is engaged to a real nice girl, her name is Sue Weber and we all like her a lot. They plan a long engagement, no wedding date is set as of now.

Linda is almost through 3rd grade which doesn't seem possible. The years just fly by.

LeRoy hurt his knee quite badly and the doctor says it will take from 12 to 18 months to heal. He tore ligiments and has fluid on the knee now. He hurt it on Jan. 13th. (Friday the 13th). He is getting around real well but has pain with it.

Field work is slow with all the wet weather. Right now we are getting baby calves and sows are having pigs so with chores and field work we are keeping busy.

Hope everything is fine with both of you. We think of you often and wish you the best of everything.

Love, as always
Elaine & LeRoy
& Linda

See previous 3 pages

Otto Ernst August Nemitz (b. 1898)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

In Memory of
OTTO ERNEST NEMITZ

July 21, 1898 - December 24, 1983

Services
St. John's Lutheran Church
10:30 A.M. - Tuesday, December 27, 1983
Charter Oak, Iowa

OFFICIATING
Rev. L.C. Gebhardt

MUSIC
Mrs. Paul Clausen, Organist
St. John's Choir

SELECTIONS
"How Great Thou Art"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

BEARERS

Darlo Pirwitz
Edwin Nemitz
John Meggers
Earl Schultz
Raymond Kuhlmann
Henry Klockgether

INTERMENT
St. John's Cemetery
Charter Oak, Iowa

Huebner Funeral Service
David R. Jackson

[Dec. 18, 1985]

December 18, 1985

Dear Elaine, Le Roy,
Mark + Linda,

Otto Nemitz's death

I can't remember whether or not we had received your letter about Le Roy's dad's death before I wrote last year's Christmas note. In any case, we were very sorry to hear about it, and we know you miss him greatly.

We hope you are all well, and we especially hope Le Roy has recovered from his knee accident. We are gradually growing older, but have no serious problems.

We're looking forward to having Tom and Virginia home from Chicago for Christmas. We'll all be together, as Jim is still in Minneapolis.

David Ash Witheridge (b. 1986)

The most exciting news is that Tom and Virginia will present us with our first grandchild in late April, if all goes well. We expect it will, because the test they give to pregnant women over 35 shows that the baby is fine and that it is a boy!

Ilse Babiel

Did I tell you of my efforts to find a Hanity relative in Germany? I wrote to an organization that has an index of millions of names and addresses of persons forced out of Eastern Germany when Poland took over. They sent the name of a woman whose maiden name was Hanity who was born in Stolp, where my grandfather had lived. I wrote to her and finally got an answer, and I have written to her again. So far we haven't discovered any relationship, but I hope we will.

We send our warmest love and Christmas wishes,

David + Elizabeth

[Dec. 21, 1988]

Dec 21, 1988

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

We are all fine and hope you are too.

We will have Christmas here Christmas Eve. We will all go to the Church program first then have our annual soup supper and finally open gifts. We have 2 new grandchildren. Roger and Brenda have a girl, Bethany Marie born Feb. 10th and Mark & Sue have a boy Michael Robert born July 6th who joins Ashley Kay who was three Dec 18th. Christmas will be really special.

children and grand-children

Linda is in 8th grade this year and is out for sports, music and is on the student Council plus she will be confirmed in May so her schedule keeps us busy plus we still have lots of livestock so we keep pretty busy. Our crops weren't too bad considering we didn't

have much moisture. Our oats crop was really bad but our corn & hay crop wasn't really that bad.

Nothing really new to write about although I could brag about our grandchildren for a few pages but I'd better not.

We think about you often but I don't write letters. Usually I can't think of anything interesting to write about.

Happy holidays,

Love as always,

LeRoy, Elaine &
Linda

[Dec. 19, 1989]

12/19/89

Dear David & Elizabeth.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Just a short letter telling some of our past year.

We started out with a dry spring, just enough moisture to squeak by. In May Linda was confirmed and in August she got her drivers permit to learn to drive. In August (the 31st to be exact) Le Roy was trimming trees and I was helping when the ladder he was on, which was fully extended, was knocked loose by a falling limb. He fell about 22 feet and really broke his ankle. He was in surgery about 4 hours and a plate and 7 screws were used to patch him together. A few days later several blood clots moved from his ankle to his lungs after 17 days he finally got home again. He is still on blood thinner and taking physical therapy. He is walking with a cane now, and improving slowly but surely.

Le Roy injured

The dry weather continued all summer and even to date. Our crops weren't bumper but better than we thought they would be. Friends & neighbors harvested for us and Roger & Mark help with the daily work after they get off work. Thank God for good friends, neighbors and family.

Enclosed is a funeral card for Rick Kuhlmann. He died after a long bout with

Death of Richard Kuhlmann (b. 1947)

a brain tumor. He was the oldest son of Gerald and Ina Lee Kuhlmann and the grandson of the late Amanda Kabe.

This doesn't sound like a Merry Christmas letter but we are sure thankful we will all be together for Christmas Eve with all our Children and precious grandchildren. Linda will not be in the Childrens program at Church this year but she does have to acolyte for the program and LeRoy and Mark always usher the month of December.

It was nice hearing from you again and we wish You and Your family a Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy year to come.

Love, as always,

Elaine, LeRoy & Linda

[Mar. 20, 1990]

March 20, 1990

Dear Elaine, LeRoy & Linda,

Thank you for your Christmas letter, Elaine, with all the interesting family information. I especially appreciated receiving the memorial folder for Richard Fuhlmann. From the biographical sketch it was clear that he was an outstanding man, and it was tragic that he died at such an early age. I have just finished a letter to Ora Lee and Lorall.

We were horrified to hear about LeRoy's accident on the ladder. He could have killed himself! It's good that his ankle has healed reasonably well and the problem from blood clots has improved. We hope it continues until he is back to normal soon.

I recently found some old pictures that had become lost on my desk, including a few that I had intended to send to Amelia and Adolph soon after we were there in 1977. I know Amelia would like to have these, even though they are so late in coming. I feel sure we did send copies to you at that time. Please pass them on to Amelia, as I do not have her address.

I'm also enclosing a picture of our darling little granddaughter Rebecca taken when they were here at Christmas time and a picture of Elizabeth and me taken in England during our 1988 trip.

In a couple of weeks we are going to Chicago to spend a weekend with Tom, Virginia and Rebecca.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

[Dec. 1990]

Dec. 1990

Dear Elaine, Ray, + Linda,

We're looking forward to your news about 1990, and we hope it has been a good year.

We have had a very busy year, much of it spent in traveling four times to Chicago to see Tom, Virginia, and little Rebecca. She is growing beautifully after a rather precarious start.

Most recently we spent Thanksgiving in Chicago and had a delightful visit. For Christmas we'll have our son Jim with us here; but Tom, Virginia and Rebecca will be with Virginia's family this year.

Another trip we took was a six-day drive around Lake Superior in late September, when the fall colors were at their peak.

We had some snow earlier, but then it suddenly turned warmer, and we lost practically all of the snow. Now they're forecasting 3" to 5" of snow in the next four days, so it looks as though we'll have snow for Christmas.

We are both in reasonably good health and we hope all of you are, too.

Love,

Elizabeth + David

[Feb. 13, 1992]

Feb 13, 1992

Dear David and Elizabeth;

It is always nice to hear from you. We are sorry to hear that Elizabeth isn't well and that you aren't too well either. You two are always in our thoughts and prayers. You are very special to us.

Now a short update on us; LeRoy is doing quite well with his ankle. He was to have additional surgery one year ago but he refused to go have it done. The plate should be removed and some reconstruction done but that remains his decision. I am fine. Roger & his family are doing fine as are Mark & his family. Linda is a Junior in high school and enjoys her school & church work plus she has a part time job as a checker in a grocery store here in Charter Oak.

We had quite a year last year. First it was so wet we had a tough time getting crops in the ground then it got hot and dry and crops didn't look too well although the crops yielded far better than we hoped. We had a bad snowstorm in the middle of getting our corn harvested but finally we got everything out.

I'll close for now with hope for a better year ahead for all. All our love,

Elaine & LeRoy Jernigan

(712) 678-3505

[Dec. 14, 1995]

December 14, 1995

Dear David;

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

EPW's death

Thank you for your Christmas letter. It is always nice to hear from you. Sorry to hear about Elizabeth. She was such a great lady and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Updates on the children and grandchildren

Our family is doing well. Roger, Brenda and Bethany live in Charter Oak. Roger works at Farmland Foods in Denison and is Fire Chief of Charter Oak volunteer fire department. He is also an E.M.T. Brenda does babysitting for several families and does volunteer work at the school. Bethany is in second grade. Mark, Sue, Ashley, Michael and Matthew live in Dunlap, Ia. Mark works at Farmland Foods in Denison and is Union steward. Sue works for Hoffman Insurance Agency in their Dunlap office. Ashley is in 4th grade, Michael is in 1st. grade and Matthew is just a year and a half old and is quite a busy boy. Our youngest, Linda, is a Junior at Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska taking pre-med classes and is doing well. LeRoy works at Charter Oak Ag and works with grain and fertilizer mainly. I work at Wal-Mart in Denison. You can see we all keep busy. We rent out our farmland to a close neighbor. We still have a few head of cattle but after January we are going to sell them too, so we will not have any chores.

Again, Thank you for remembering us at Christmas. We have many fond memories of your visits.

Our sympathy to you and your family.

Keep in touch.

Love
LeRoy & Elaine

[Dec. 19, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
December 19, 1996

Dear LeRoy and Elaine,

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I have the most wonderful news! I have found a cousin of ours in Germany! A little over a month ago I had a letter from a dentist in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, who said he was looking for relatives in the United States. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother Henriette, had emigrated around 1870 to Milwaukee. They had all lived in the district of Stolp in Pomerania. His great-grandfather had been married in Dammen, a town near Stolp. (My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in Dammen.) He wondered if I could give him any information about these three Nemitz brothers.

See * below

He had learned about me from Martha Riggle in Wichita, Kansas, who grew up in Germany and now writes for a German publication for Pomeranians and their descendants. She had seen my ancestral data going back to Wilhelm Nemitz in Dammen and published it in this journal, where Friedrich saw it.

At first, I was sure he was at least distantly related to us because of the connection with Dammen, but the three brothers going to Milwaukee didn't make sense. Grandfather and his brother Ernst started out in Chicago. Then Ernst went to Iowa, and grandfather went to a farm in Illinois and then on to Michigan.

However, as I thought about it and looked at my records, I saw that Wilhelm and Ernst did have a brother in Germany named Ferdinand, and their mother's name was Henriette, though she didn't come with them but with one of their two sisters, Johanna (Tomke) and Wilhelmina (Schroeder), who came to Michigan with their husbands. So I figured that the information about three brothers and Milwaukee was a mistake, and that Friedrich's great-grandfather and my grandfather and your great-grandfather were all brothers.

* Friedrich's error

So I wrote and told Friedrich what I thought, and said that my mother's cousin (Wilhelmina Laderach) had said that her uncle in Germany lived in Stolp and was a mail carrier, and that he had a daughter who was a nurse. I told Friedrich that if his great-grandfather was a mail carrier and had a daughter who was a nurse, there was no doubt that I am his father's second cousin.

In a couple of weeks I got a reply that confirmed this and included a lot more information about his family. I am sending you a copy of his letter in German and my attempt at a translation. I have composed a letter to him and have sent it to Martha Riggle to translate into German. She did this for me when I first wrote to him. I told him he does have a great many relatives named Nemitz over here, but they are descendants of the Iowa brother, Ernst. My grandfather's son only had two daughters.

Another wonderful thing is that Friedrich is coming over to the United States next year to attend an annual event called the Pommerntag held on

the last Sunday in June in Milwaukee. Of course, I've decided to go, so I can meet him, and I'm hoping that you and a number of other descendants of Ernst will make a special effort to go, too. Maybe there are even some who live in Wisconsin. I know he is especially hopeful of meeting some relatives here by the name of Nemitz, and I know that among your relatives there are quite a few. But even those with other last names (like me) should try to go. I'm also urging his relatives in Michigan who descend from Johanna and Wilhelmina Nemitz to go, and there are a great many. We might end up having a mini Nemitz reunion as a welcoming party for Friedrich and his wife. (I think she may come, too.) Doesn't that sound exciting?

Le Roy and Elaine as DEW's best contact in the Iowa Nemitz branch

I know you have dozens of relatives who are descended from Ernst, and I have met or corresponded with very few of them. So I am counting on you to get together with some others and figure out a way to get the word around about our surprising discovery and the possibility of our meeting Dr. Friedrich Nemitz next June in Milwaukee. (You could send them a photocopy of this letter.) Several years ago I had some correspondence with Janice Nemitz, David's wife, about family history, so I believe she would be interested in helping to work out a way to reach the other relatives.

David Nemitz (b. 1956) and his wife, Janice Carstensen (b. 1953)

Also, I wonder if you or one of your relatives or close friends reads and writes German. It would be good if someone from the Iowa family could correspond directly with Friedrich. I think he would be very happy to correspond with a number of relatives in America.

I look forward to your reply when things settle down after the Holidays.

Love,

[DEW's phone call trying to stimulate interest in ~~Friedrich's visit from Germany~~] [Apr. 9, 1997]

David Nemitz → 1.712-263.6250 Timothy Greene
Audubon,
Iowa
(about 6 mos. ago)

Call to LeRoy + Elaine Nemitz - 4/9/97

How are all of you getting along these days?

Called to talk about visit of our German cousin, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz to this country in June.

Wasn't that an amazing discovery - to have him turn up right out of the blue?

His plans have changed over past few months - First, he and his wife. Then a cousin of his' wife. Now just he alone. Coming with a tour group from Germany. Land in Los Angeles June 12. Then bus tour across Southwest, ending at Milwaukee Thursday, June 26. Stay there over that weekend for special event on Sunday, then fly back to Germany from Chicago on Monday.

I'll be going to Milwaukee on Thursday to be with him, and I know of several other relatives who will be going from Michigan and Wisconsin.

Hoping that a few can get there from the Iowa branch of the family. Have you given serious thought about trying to go?

What about Roger and Mark and their families? Young people always seem to like to travel. (Did Linda graduate from college last year?)

Have you talked it over with others in the Iowa family? (I can't remember much about the others there.)

Have you asked if anyone knows of relatives in Wisconsin or Illinois who might find it easier to go to Milwaukee?

I just remembered yesterday that Amanda Rabe had a son, William Greene, living in Minneapolis, whom I had never looked up. It seemed to me that he had died, but I looked in my file and found the name of the company he owned, and a letter from Amanda in which she said his son, Timothy, was taking over management of the company. So now I'm going to contact that family to tell them about Friedrich Nemitz and see if they might be interested in going to Milwaukee in June.

Did you ever talk to David and Janice Nemitz in Denison about Friedrich? Janice was very interested in family history when she wrote a few years ago.

Do you happen to have the names and addresses of the Greenes in Long Prairie, Minnesota - descendants of Amanda's sister Edna, who married Erwin Greene? (Maybe other towns than Long Prairie)

Glad to talk to you and hope you have a good summer.

William Nemitz (b. 1880)

documents

Editor's Note

I have no clue about the author(s) or date of the first two-page document in this section, which was also the first document in the William Nemitz file. It appears to have been part of an employee humor sheet distributed at the workplace of Dad's Uncle Will (William John Ernest Nemitz [b. 1880]).

The whole thing is silly, including the rhyme entitled "B I L L" by one George R. Jackson about an elevator operator ("pilot on a lift") by the name of William Nemits.

My Great Uncle Will was, in fact, an elevator operator, quite possibly at a bank in downtown Chicago. See his death certificate, document N97, located chronologically at Christmas 1974 in the Leona Nemitz section of folder 2.13. See the reference to "Know Your Bank Week" in his May 10, 1954, letter, located below in this section.

Tom Witheridge
April 30, 2023

"B I L L"

His name is William Nemits
And he's pilot on a lift;
He steers the fractious cage all day
Until the evening shift.

Although his surname's Nemits,
He's always "Bill" to me.
As jolly as a pirate
Upon the restless sea.

He calls me "Georgie Porgy,"
And claims I kissed the girls;
I deny the allegation,
'Cept one with golden curls.

His soup he sips in silence -
His etiquette is fine;
He's courteous to passengers
Who travel on his "line."

And when I want to meet him
I ring a little bell;
He asks me where I'm going,
I joke, "Straight down to Hell."

At that he saddens quickly
Because his heart is kind,
And when I say "I'm sorry,
He smiles, "Now never mind."

Sometimes I cadge a "snifter"
And drink to Billy's health;
He queries "Where you going--
To liquidate your wealth?"

He wisecracks and he comics
To pass away the time,
So that's the motive for this verse
With little sense or rhyme.

I've known a host of friendly folks
Throughout my stormy life,
But no one to compare with Bill
In this tough world of strife.

Let's drink a toast to Billy Boy
And wish him "Best of luck;"
You'll never meet a finer pal
Or one that packs more pluck.

George R. Jackson

LOONY LINES

A farmer brought some produce to the city and sold it. With the money in hand he thought, "I will surprise my wife." He bought a suit of clothes, a new hat, and a pair of shoes and put them under the back seat.

On his way home, he stopped at the river went under the bridge, took off his old clothes, and threw them into the stream. Then he looked under the seat for his new clothes. They were gone!

Finally he got into the buggy again and said, "Giddap, Maude - we'll surprise her anyhow."

BILLIE ANNE'S CHATTER POST

Yours truly has acquired a journalistic bug in the worst way and has taken a fiendish delight in hounding department stores and lurking behind salesgirls' skirts collecting news that would be likely to interest my vast public (meaning you, of course!) I finally hit on something sensational. Something that will send shoebags off in a turmoil, upset the settled positions of corns and bunions and will cause a stir that will shake the feet of all our feminine beauties. Next year, our army of shopping women will parade in wooden shoes and so help the poor desolate male shopper that by great misfortune darest get in their way. I can see now the supposedly timid little woman taking revenge upon her equally fierce competitors at a bargain counter, mind you not by shoving but merely by swinging her little feet clad in heavy wooden shoes!

To give the walker some flexibility while walking, there are little hinges in the center of the sole and little round tack-like gadgets are put about the sole to prevent some energetic housewife from sliding to the butcher's since walking has long become the accepted and proper method of traveling short distances and sliding would be rather undignified. The tops of these shoes will be very attractive in dark leathers and corduroys.

-Billie Anne-

WHERE ARE THE ADS OF YESTERYEAR

Those lovable characters of Sapolio's Spotless Town, Miss Phoebe Snow, the immaculate lady who rode the "Road of Anthracite" the Lackawanna, Kennedy Biscuit Company's "Oysterettes" Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey with the cute little Xmas bells dangling in the street car with the carol "Ring out the old, ring in the new.". Blue Jay corn plaster's tramp with his jacket fastened with a barn door hinge. Wool Soaps' babies, one of which exposed a___lack of an understanding mother.

Then there was the Pears' Soap baby in the bathtub - "He'll never be happy till he gets it." The whale with the clean spot on his side with the slogan "Soapine did it." Grandpa's Tar Soap, Orangine for headaches, "Danderine grew this hair, and we can prove it!" Not the least was the attempt to popularize tobacco-chewing with the extensive series of bill-boards entitled "Men who chew are men who do." Cremo cigars, Warner's rust-proof corsets and Kabos. Lydia E. Pinkhams pink pills for pale people, and Peruna, and Carters little liver pills which are again being given a whirl on the radio.

How many of you oldsters can add to this list?

-Bun-

[Jan. 1947]

10 story City Hall occupying central position in new civic center, completely air-conditioned.

Mebota, Texas

Well we are finally on our vacation arrived here Sun P.M. at 10:30 nine hours late, The weather here is about 55° and misty Hope we have snow. How are you folks? Aunt Alma is fairly well - the trip was hard on her but she is better now. Aunt Alma & Uncle Will

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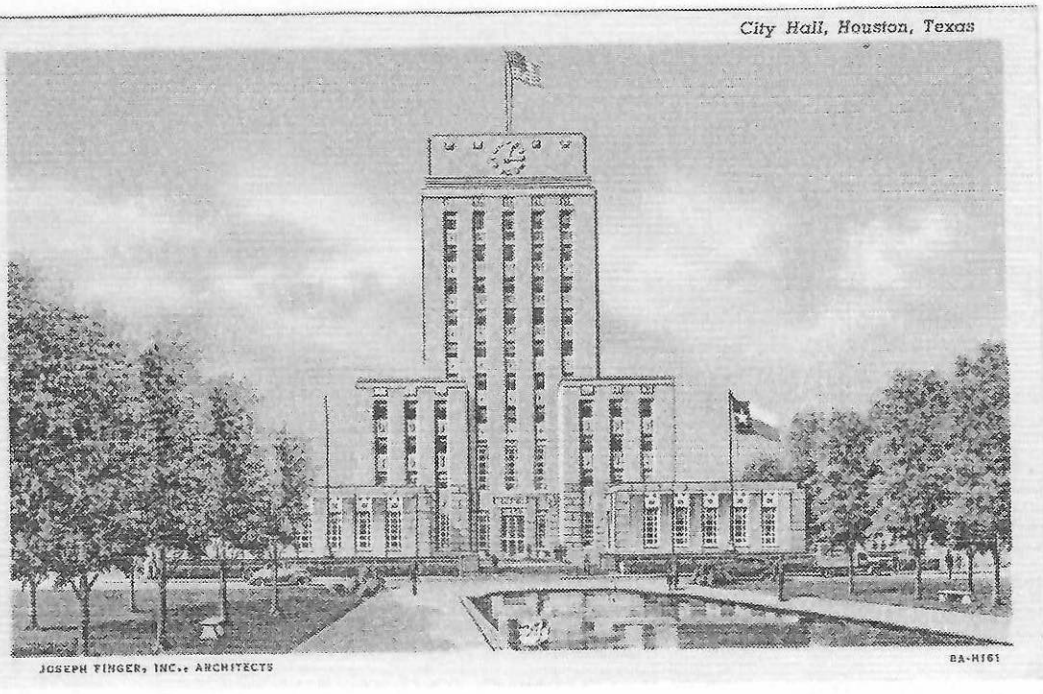


[Jan. 21, 1950]

Sat. P.M.
Jan. 21st, 1950

Dear Dave & Elizabeth-
I was quite pleased to recieve the picture of the "Boys!"
I think they are fine, I hope both are in perfect health
I feel fine and am working every day for which I thank God from the bottom of my heart.
I hope you both are also well and happy. How is the church coming along?

First Baptist church, Marengo, IL
(DEW was pastor there for 3 years)

We took in 10 new members last year but this was offset by about as many to leave us. I have a couple of "jobs" in the Church. Last spring I was voted in as Treasurer and last week I "got the job" as Secty of our Brotherhood. This does not necessitate very much work.

I had a letter from Aunt Louise stating that John & Janice had been there ~~and~~ to

Must be Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

"John and Janice" must be John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922) and his wife

"there" must be Marengo

#2

visit you and also were in Chic. I would of been pleased to have heard from them while in Chic, but I suppose they were quite busy while here.

Almalita Jim + Jeffery were here for one week over Thanksgiving.

Leona + I had our weeks vacation coming, so we took it at that time. We were on the go every day while they were here, and the weather was fine for which we were very

← Chicago

Almalita (Lita) Lucille Nemitz (b. 1926)
James W. Lynch, Jr.
Jeffrey Michael Lynch (b. 1949)

Leona Eloise Nemitz (b. 1924)

thankful. We all stayed at Lomax at Naperville. We took some pictures while they were here. I'll send you a picture of Jeffery.
The winter has been quite mild this year hasn't it?
Do you remember the night Olualita & Jim were married? That A.M. the temperature was 15° below zero, and still 7° below when we were at the Banquet. Well I'll close for now, and may God bless all of you.
Lovingly Willie Will

[Christmas 1950]

1950

Dear David & Elizabeth:—

How have you all been since we saw you last summer? I hope you have all been in good health.

I feel quite well myself. Last spring I had touch of arthritis but its much better now and doesn't bother me at all, for which I thank God. I went to visit Amalita & family a couple of weeks ago. I went by train this time, didn't want to drive 670 miles alone this time of the year.

I still had one weeks vacation coming

DeWitt, Arkansas

and I had to take it before Jan 1st Dept
so I went to De Witt. They are all well,
Almalita has a dandy little girl, or "big"
girl I should have said she weighed 9 lbs &
6 oz. when she was born, which is Oct. 5th:
They will call her Maroha Gay. Jeffrey
is also quite a boy, looks like he will
get to be over 6 ft. They have their own home
now built it last summer, its 5 room
frame on a 90 ft. by 210 ft. lot. They have all
the conviences, and they like it very much
Well I'll close for now and may God Bless
you all - I bet your boys have grown Lovingly Uncle Will

[Feb. 13, 1951]

Ohio, Ill.
Feb. 13th 1951

Dear Dave & Elizabeth —

I was quite surprised to hear about your transfer to Minn.

I hope you will be pleased with the new work. It will be colder there in the winter won't it?

How are you all? I bet the boys are getting big by now.

I hope you are all well? I am pretty well and thank God

DEW's new position in Minneapolis

that I am able to
work every day.
This has been a
very cold winter
hasn't it? Its been
the hardest one we
have had for several
years.
Did Aunt Louise
write you lately? If she
has, you no doubt have
heard that Aunt Bertha
passed away. I am
enclosing a couple of
snaps taken when I
was at Alualitas. Well
Dear Folks, I'll close
now and may God Bless
you all. Lovingly Uncle Will

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

Editor's note:
Either this note was misdated (Feb. 13) or DEW's information on Bertha's death date (Feb. 14) was incorrect. See the one-family record on p. 7 of folder 2.1.
TFW,
Apr. 30, 2023

[Jan. 27, 1952]

Ohio Jan 27th 1952

Dear Dave & Elizabeth -

I was so pleased to hear from you again and also very much pleased with the picture of the "Boys" They are surely growing, I know you are both happy with them and my Prayer is that they may develope into healthy & christian children.

So you really did get that beautiful home you told us about last June in Battle Creek! Well that

Battle Creek, MI (home of Louise and Jim Mark, DEW's sister and brother-in-law) →

is "dandy" and I am
also thankful Dave,
that you enjoy your
work so much I am
sure God will Bless
you in it. The weather
must be a lot different
from what you both
have been used to.
I know it gets much
colder there than here
or even in Saginaw,
but its drier there and
of course you don't
feel it so much.
We have had a hard
winter here this year,

Minneapolis weather

#2

More snow than I have seen since Feb 1918 when it snowed for two days & nights, and on Sunday when the storm was over about twenty of us got out and cleared the street & walks from 75th to 77th on Vernon Ave. I then lived at 7637 Vernon Ave.

In 1918 Uncle Will lived at 7637 Vernon Ave., on Chicago's South Side.

I have some snaps that we took on that day.

I am feeling fine and am working every

day for which I thank
from the bottom of my
heart, I would much
rather work than lay
around home all day
long, which I hope
won't occur for many
a year. Almalita & Jim
are fine and the "Babies"
also, Marsha was one
year old last Oct. 9th
& Jeffie will be three
March 2nd the time
sure moves on doesn't
Mrs. Leona had to quit

Almalita (Lita) Lucille Nemitz (b. 1926) and her husband, Jim

Leona Eloise Nemitz (b. 1924)

working on account of
a nervous breakdown
She is getting along
very well ~~at~~ now, she
first left Sept. Aunt
Louise & family are all
well they have a nice
home in Joliet I go there
about once a month
and sometimes oftener.
Its just as far to their
home as it was to Reeda
32 miles and 2 hour
drive it is in about an
hour or sometimes less.

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877) and her husband, John Storch

yes there certainly have been some changes during 1951 with all of the Rutherdge families, and the Stock's

Well Dear's guess I'll close for now, and May God continue to Bless all of you and give you Health, Peace + Happiness.

Lovingly —
Uncle Will

[May 5, 1953]

Chic. Ill.
May 5th 1953

Dear Dave & Elizabeth:-

Just an - your note I read at Christmas time. I was glad to get the picture of the "Boys" I think it was wonderful

I am glad you like your new location and home so well.

I suppose it gets quite cold up there in the winter, we had a very unusuall winter last winter, the temperature reached zero only once all winter and remained for only a few hours, neither

did we have much snow and no sleet at all.

Driving was very comfortable last winter. However it seems as tho we are paying for it now, so far we haven't had any spring temperature to amount to anything. looks like we'll go from winter right into summer.

I had a card from your parents Dave, from Florida they were on their vacation early weren't they? but they told me the reason why.

I hope you have all been well since you

#2

wrote to me, I am fine
and thank God that I
am able to work every
day. Almalita + family are
well they expect the
third baby real soon.
They are thinking some-
what about returning to
Chic or near by to live
don't know just when
tho, not this year I
don't think. Leona + Mike
are well Leona hasn't
worked for a couple of
years. She wants a baby
now, but had a miss-
about a week ago, it

Daughter Almalita

Daughter Leona

didn't hurt her any
because it was only
about 2 mos. standing.
I hope God will Bless
her with success next
time. Storch's are about
the same. They are lost
in their large house
now since Wayne got
married. They have it up
for sale but haven't had
any luck so far. I hope
& Pray that they may dispose
of it before next fall.
Well Dears guess
I'll close now, & may
God Bless you all & give
you health & Peace
Lovingly Uncle Will

Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908)

[May 10, 1954]

Ohio, Sep. 10th 11 54
May

Dear David & Elg:—

I think its about time I answered your Christmas card, don't you? I hope you are all in good health, I am fine and thank God that I can work every day.

I think the picture of the boys is fine they are getting to be fine big boys aren't they?

I had I told you that Almalita has another boy? he will be a year old to-morrow his name is Scott, she has two boys & a girl now. They were all

Almalita's son, Scott

Well when I last heard from her, last fall they were here for their vacation the last week in Aug. or the first one of Sept. At that time they talked about coming to Ohio this spring, but they have given up the idea, at least for the present. Leona is well she hasn't worked for a few years now, she would like to raise a family. I hope God will be good to her so she will have health to enable her to have some children, she has had

#2

Two miscarriages, I do hope she will have better luck the next time.

How has the winter been up there? We had a mild winter, but we seem to be paying for it with a cold & wet spring. Do you have daylight saving time there? We are on it again now since May 1st. I like the long evenings.

We are having "Open House" at the Park to-morrow from 4 to 6 P.M. in celebration of "Know

"Know Your Bank Week" at Will's place of employment

Your Bank Week." We'll
serve coffee & fancy
sandwiches, I suppose
I'll not get away much
before 8 o'clock. I go to
Joliet about every other
week, ~~they~~ are all about
the same. This week
end I was quite busy,
washed the bath room walls
Fri. nite & cleaned & washed
the living room Sat. finished
about 4:30 P.M. My land
lord has raised my rent
twice since last Sept. Now
I pay $52.50 for two rooms.
Well Mears, guess
I'll say good bye & may God
Bless you all & give you Health
& Peace. Lovingly Uncle Will

[Undated Christmas card, probably 1954]

Edward Frederick Hass (b. 1883)
and
Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Dear Mamie & Elizabeth -
I hope you all have a very
Merry Christmas & a happy New Year -
and that you Ruby & Ed & Joan are
all in good Health -
Joan Healthy now & fine again.
Robert & Joan were here a week.
We were glad to see them again
I'll say good bye for now and
may God bless you all & give
you Health & Happiness
Lovingly
Uncle Will

[June 11, 1955]

Chicago, Ill.,
June 11th '55

Dear David & Eko & Doga —

I have been wanting to write to you ever since Mother sent me a copy of your book and tell you how much I enjoyed it. I think its really a very good book and and sure you will have very good success in the sale of it. Do you intend to ever write another one telling about the future life of Mara? I think that would be good also, don't you?

I haven't heard from Mother for a long time and have often wondered how

"Mother" is almost certainly Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

EPW's first book, "Mara of Old Babylon"

EPW did write a sequel, "Mara Journeys Home"

her eye is doing, I
hope its better that it
was. And I wonder how
Dad is, also how their new
building is progressing, or
if they are in it by now.
Well how are you all?
I can imagine how
tall the boys are by now.
I am fine and thank
God that I can keep on
working. Uncle John has
undergone an operation
for prostrate gland, he was to
come home to-day, I hope
he progresses and that God
will bless him with better
health now, Aunt Louise

"Dad" must be William Allen Witheridge (b. 1881), who was building a new office facility for his company in Saginaw, Michigan

John Storch (b. 1878)

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

#2

I'm quite tired out by this ordeal, I guess when we get older we "can't take it" anymore, I can tell the difference from yesterday to year, can't keep going so much anymore.

Leona's little boy is doing fine he is going to be baptized to-morrow and Mikes dad + I are going there to Church for the services.

Alvalita + family are fine her oldest boy has just finished Kinder Garten.

Well guess I'll say good-bye for now and may God Bless you all —

Lovingly Uncle Will

[May 6, 1956]

Ohio, May 6th 1956

Dear Dave & Elizabeth & Boys:—

Thought I would have your Christmas Card, its about time isn't it?

How are you all? I am OK. now, was at home for a few days with the "Runs" but am alright now. I went back to work Friday, Aunt Louise & Uncle John aren't a bit well, maybe you have heard. Uncle John is in a Nursing Home, has been for three weeks, and Aunt Louise has a stomach tumor, she has had three blood transfusions and is feeling a little better

DEW's Aunt Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877) and her husband, John Starch (b. 1878)

now. Uncle John seems
to be getting weaker every
day. Amalita + Leona +
their children are all fine.
I have been investigating
Old Peoples Homes, have
been in touch with you
but haven't gotten very
far with either of them.
I am still working
and feel good but
my age its time I was
looking around. Have did
you ever hear of your
Aunt Bertha's sister in
law Hannah Tomke? she
is Mrs. Fred ~~Shaw~~ Shaw
now, I understand she is
in the Masonic Home in

Will's daughters

Johanna (Hannah) Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b. 1871)

Minnesota Masonic Home, Bloomington, MN

#2

your town. She must be in the eighties now. If you can have time call on her and give her a word of comfort & cheer. I don't know if she is a Christian or not, if not, you might be able to help her a little to get closer to our Lord & Savior. Are you kept quite busy these days Dave? How are all of the Saginaw folks, the last letter I had from your mother, she said that Dad was feeling OK. now, thank God for that.

DEW's parents in Saginaw, MI

How was the winter there this year? We had a very mild winter only once the temperature got to 2° above zero and never below, and very little snow. April has been a very cool month, and May hasn't started out any better.

Well dear "Kids" guess thats all for now, and May God Bless you all and give you Health & Peace & Joy.

Lovingly
Uncle Will

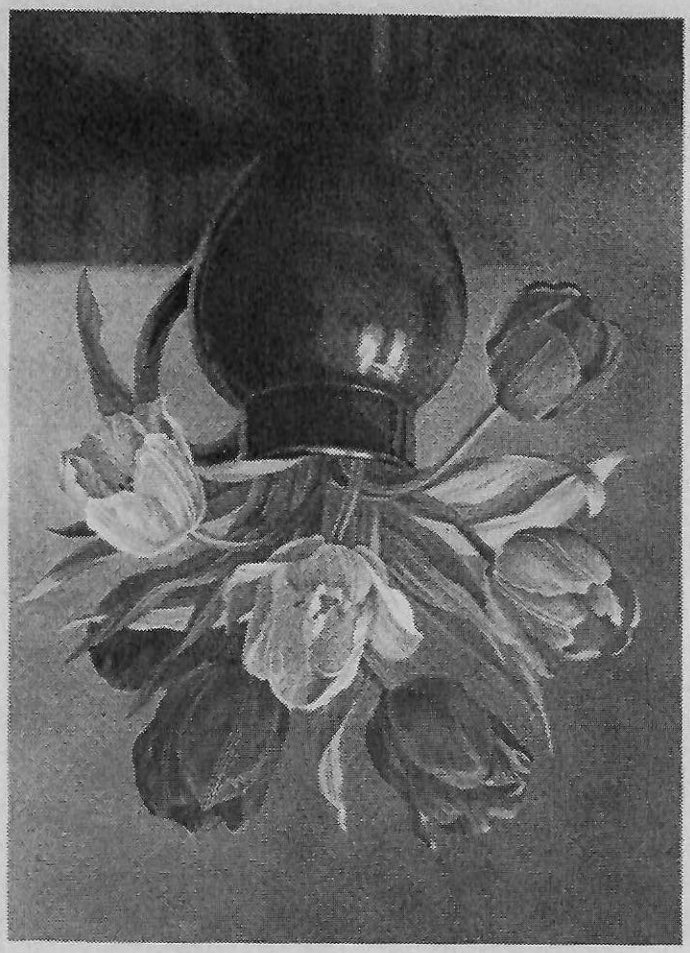
[Christmas 1956]

He that dwelleth in
the secret place
of the most High
shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty.
"I will say of the
Lord, He is my refuge
and my fortress: my God;
in him will I trust."
-Psalms 91:1-2

Dear David & Elizabeth & Boys
I came to the Peotone Old
Peoples Home on Oct. 11th.
Got a new Home with 12 rooms.
ten are taken so far. My room
is on the S.W. cor. 2 windows
So & 1 West - plenty air & light
Room is 12X12 feet, have a nice
wash bowl, & Med. heat in
the room. Just alone my easy
chair, chiffrobe, small rocker
& sewing stand. I'll enclose
a picture of the Home.
May God Bless you all &
give you Health & Peace
Lovingly
Uncle Will

Peotone (IL)
Old People's Home,
Nov. 1956

[Jan. 12, 1958]



Daughter Leona in Naperville, IL

Daughter Leona in Arkansas

Pestone, Ill.,
Jan. 12-1958

Dear Dave + Elizabeth:—
Was glad to get your Christmas Note, and that you are all well + Hoppy, I am fine.
I hear you have had a lot of snow there, we have had very little so far. About two weeks ago I shoveled snow for two hours. To-day I am going to Chicago to my Church, + then to Naperville to Leona's for dinner, her father-in-law will ride along with me from Chicago. Almalita + Children are all well, she has two children in school now, the youngest boy will be 5 yrs. this fall.
Well Dears, guess I'll say Good-Bye
May God Bless you all,
Lovingly
Uncle Will

Thank you very much for your Photo

[June 4, 1958]

Peotone, Ill.,
June 4th 1958

Dear David + all:—

I was glad to get your letter yesterday + that you will stop off here on your way to Lake Geneva. I have written Leona + Aunt Louise this a-m.

I don't suppose you know that Jack + Norma have seperated, and that Jack is married again + is living here in Peotone now. They have a baby boy.

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"Jack" must be John William Storch (b. 1921)

Jack and Norma

now who is a couple
of months old. I'll tell
Ken + Jack also about
your stop off here. Did
you ever meet Mr.
Schroeder? Aunt Emma's
son? They live here also,
they used to be farmers,
but he quit that a few
years ago + lives in
Pastore now, + does a few
odd jobs now.

How are you all?
I hope well! I am
ok. I haven't heard
from your Mother for quite
some time. How is she

Kenneth Lee Storch (b. 1903)

"Aunt Emma" must be Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

#2

I wonder? and your Mod also? I hope they are both doing better.

Its been quite cool here so far this spring, most to cool for the crops.

I stopped at Ken's this eve. to tell him about your coming, but he had read a letter from you telling about it. I think your plans will be O.K. as far as I can see now. I hope you'll have a nice trip & that the weather will also be good & no rain

Well Dear Folks, guess
that's all for now, so
I'll say Good-Bye &
may God Bless you all &
give you all Peace & Joy
in your hearts

Lovingly
Uncle Will

[Jan. 18, 1959]

Peotone Ill.
Jan. 18th '59

Dear David Elizabeth
+ Boys! –

I was glad to hear from you again, & to hear that you are all in Good Health. I cannot say the same, I just got back Home from the Hospital at Joliet where I was with a severe case of a Carbuncle on my neck. The Dr Kane sent me there for 10 days. I am still in much

#2 Pain + the Dr. says that it will take at least another two to three weeks longer to heal.

Aunt Louise is not so well either, she is going so much weaker from week to week.

Eloise is O.K. but I cannot see how she stands all the work she has to do at home + her Church Duties. Its only by God Grace that she is able to carry on I am sure.

Eloise Therese Storch (b. 1910)

#3 How is your Mother + Father doing David? I never hear from them anymore, except just a Xmas Card, but Mother says she would try to write a little soon. I hope her eyesight is improving. How has the weather been there? Here have not had to much snow here, but have had a lot of days below zero so far this winter.

#4 I'll be glad when its spring again. I haven't done any snow shoveling this winter at all except a little during Oct., + Nov., I miss it too. My Girls + Grandchildren are all well.

Well Dears, guess I'll say Good-Bye for now + may God Bless you all + give you all Health + Peace + Joy in your Hearts.

Lovingly
Uncle Will

[July 6, 1959]

["Leona Linz" was
Leona Eloise Nemitz (b. 1924),
William Nemitz's (b. 1880)
daughter.]

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DAD PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY TODAY FUNERAL WEDNESDAY 2 PM IN
PEOTONE
LEONA LINZ.

Muriel Hass

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[Nov. 30, 1974]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
November 30, 1974

Mrs. William H. Otto ← Muriel Bertha Hass (1920)
1514 First Street
Havre, Montana 59501

Dear Mrs. Otto:

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

Dorothy Louise Hass (b. 1925)

No doubt you have heard from your sisters Florence and Dorothy that my wife Elizabeth and I visited them in Westby ← Westby, MT early in July. We had been on a long trip west to Washington and British Columbia. Our stop in Montana was one of the most enjoyable parts of our trip. We would surely have loved to meet you.

← Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

I am a first cousin of your mother, and it hardly seems possible that I had never met her before we visited her at Plentywood this summer. As a matter of fact, I met four of my first cousins for the first time this summer--one on my father's side and three on my mother's.

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

My mother, Edith Nemitz, was the youngest sister of your grandmother, Bertha Nemitz. Of course, their paths separated when my mother was in her teens, and we--or at least I--lost track of her descendants (Bertha's) until I got interested in genealogy about ten years ago.

Florence and Dorothy didn't really tell us much about you, so I hope you will write and tell us about you and your family. As I said, I am greatly interested in family history, so I would be very grateful if you would go over the enclosed sheet, make whatever additions and corrections you can, and return it to me. Please also send me the names and dates and places of birth for all of your grandchildren. I'd also like to have your childrens' addresses.

Just a word about myself. I was born in Bay City, Michigan (Aug. 15, 1914), but grew up in Saginaw. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, graduating from the University of Michigan. After working for my father four years in Saginaw, I decided to become a minister (Baptist) and went to the seminary in Rochester, N.Y. Then I spent six years in Chicago as an assistant minister, while I was working on a master's degree at the University of Chicago. After three years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came here 23 years ago to my present position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife Elizabeth also grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and was a kindergarten teacher for many years. She is the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, 27, is a student at the University of Minnesota. Tom, 26, is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Chicago. This year he is working in psychological research in Chicago.

Adolph Paulferd Anderson (b. 1908)

Enclosed is a picture of Florence and Adolph I took at their house and one I took of the Knuths when we visited them in Richmond. I think they turned out pretty well. There's also one of me; I wasn't able to find one of our whole family to send. We'd love to have a snapshot of you and your family, if possible.

British Columbia

Emil Otto ("Amiel") Knuth (b. 1889) and Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

Now I will close, and I hope you will be able to write soon and give me some information. Some day I hope we'll meet each other.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Havre, Montana
January 16, 1975

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
Executive Director
Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
122 West Franklin Avenue
Room 218
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

Dear Rev. Witheridge:

Thank you for your letter. It was very interesting to hear of you and your family and I enjoyed knowing of you as my second cousin. You have a nice family and your sons are about the same age as our oldest son and daughter, Art and Barb.

To get started on our family--I came to Havre in 1940 and attended Northern Montana College here for two years and then accepted a stenographic position here, where I worked for two years before getting married. Bill is a native of Havre and attended school here. He is employed at the Burlington Northern Diesel Shop as a foreman. He has worked in this position for thirty years.

In 1964, while our children were attending college, I took a position as stenographer with the Hill County Welfare Department and worked at this for ten years. I have just as of the last of August resigned from this position to take it easy, but found I have lots of work at home.

Our children are Patricia, Arthur, Barbara, and William. Patty passed away in 1970. She was a student at Northern Montana College at the time of her death.

Arthur attended school here in Havre and graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1967 with a degree in Biology. He married Gretchen who also attended St. Olaf and they were married after graduation from college. He then attended Officers Candidate School in Rhode Island and after that was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia and carried out his Navy duties there. After three years in the Service they came back to Montana and he applied to Veterinary School of Medicine at Colorado State University, where he was accepted and is now in his senior year there. They have one child, Joshua. Baby David passed away last year at one month old. This was a crib death and very sad to all of us.

Barbara attended school here and also graduated from St. Olaf College with a degree in teaching. She is presently teaching in Coon Rapids Jr. High in Anoka. This is her fourth year of teaching. She married Steve in 1972, who works for Control Data in Minneapolis. He teaches karate some nights a week and also attends college at, I believe it is Anoka Community College. He works as Manager of Exports and Imports in his position. They don't have any children and live in a farm house on the outskirts of Anoka. Their address is 18466 Nowthen Boulevard, N.W., Anoka. They love animals and have two cats and a Siberian Husky dog.

Bill is attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana and is a senior majoring in Fish and Wildlife Management. He attended school in Havre and two years at Northern Montana College before transferring to Montana State. He is very interested in the out-of-doors and does a lot of hiking in the Bear Paw Mountains and Havre Badlands, and is interested in studying animals and classifying rocks, plants, and insects. He is engaged to a young lady by the name of Darbie Schlotfeldt who is attending college at North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota. I've been busy typing letters of application for him, and am enjoying typing again. He would enjoy working possibly in a museum and has applied to a couple of them in Minneapolis.

I am sure your work as Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches is interesting and very rewarding. We belong to the First Lutheran Church here in Havre. All of our family are also First Lutheran. Gretchen, Art's wife, has a brother who is a Lutheran pastor in Merrimac, Wisconsin. (Pastor Charles Larson)

Thanks for your interest and for all your work gathering information on our families. I am sure this will be an interesting book when you have it finished and will be glad to have one.

Thank you also for the pictures. They were very good. I surely hope the enclosed family sheet is satisfactory. I am also enclosing some pictures of our family.

Whenever we visit Barb and Steve, we will try to look you up. We would like to meet you.

Sincerely,

Muriel Otto

(Mrs.) Muriel Otto

[This record was created by Muriel Bertha Hass (b. 1920)] [ca. Jan. 16, 1975]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname Otto Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

William Henry Otto

Father's Name:
Arthur Henry Lee Otto

Mother's Maiden Name:
Gertrude Frances Pauline Heeter

	Date	Place
Birth	December 16, 1921,	Havre, Mt.
Marriage	March 20, 1943,	Havre, Mt.
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Muriel Bertha Hass

Father's Name:
Edward Frederick Hass

Mother's Maiden Name:
Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke

	Date	Place
Birth	November 2, 1920,	Westby, Montana
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	Patricia Ann Otto	Birth	July 9, 1944	Havre, Hill, Montana USA
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death	February 15, 1970,	Havre, Montana
2	Arthur Edward Otto	Birth	September 27, 1945	Havre, Hill, Montana USA
	Married to	Marriage	June 11, 1967,	Thief River Falls, Minn. *See reverse side
	Gretchen Blanche Larson	Death		
3	Barbara Jean Larson	Birth	July 28, 1949	Havre, Hill, Montana USA
	Married to	Marriage	June 17, 1972,	Havre, Hill, Montana USA
	Steven Clarence Larson	Death		
4	William Alan Otto	Birth	November 29, 1953,	Havre, Hill, Montana USA
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
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	Married to	Marriage		
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	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		

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* Children of Arthur and Gretchen Otto:

Joshua Christopher Otto, born September 2, 1972, Ft. Collins, Colorado
David Arthur Otto, born June, 18, 1974, Ft. Collins, Colorado
deceased July 17, 1974, " " "

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Mr. and Mrs. Steve Larson
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Anoka, Minn. 55303

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Havre, Mont. 59501
School address:
Mont. State University
Langford Hall
Box 224 A
Bozeman, Mont. 59715

[July 20, 1978]

7/20/78

Dear Muriel and Bill:

When I wrote to you and you replied our three years ago, I had no intention of waiting this long to write to you again. I really did appreciate the careful way in which you filled in my genealogical forms, as well as your interesting letter and the pictures you enclosed.

All I can say is that I find I have undertaken too much in trying to track down all my wife's ancestors and relatives, in addition to my own. I have so many current responsibilities that I often must go months without doing anything on genealogy or corresponding with relatives.

As you know, Elizabeth and I finally managed to get in touch with Bart and Steve and Carol. We spent a most delightful evening with them in November. Ever since then we have hoped to invite them here, but can't seem to find the proper time.

We were so enchanted with the pictures we took of them that evening that we just had to send you copies. Maybe this will atone for our tardy reply to your gracious letter.

Now, I want you to promise that the next time you are visiting the Lowens you will try to reach us by phone. It would mean

Daughter Barbara and her husband, Steve, lived in Anoka, MN.

be great to meet you, but we won't expect that if time is short.

We wish you the best of everything in 1978.

Sincerely,

Dave + Elizabeth

Evelyn Philpot

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Editor's Note

Evelyn Philpot remains pretty much unknown to me, just as her particular Nemitz line remained pretty much unknown to Dad. I'm not even sure of Evelyn's birth surname and other birth facts.

I do know that Evelyn was descended (somehow) from Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835) and Theresa Jacobs (b. 1843), Dad's maternal grandparents. Evelyn's Nemitz line went through Emma Nemitz (b. 1869), Wilhelm and Theresa's second oldest child. Emma arrived in America with her parents and older sister (Bertha Theresa Nemitz [b. 1866]) in 1872; see the ship arrival record on p. 53 of folder 2.2. Emma married William Schroeder (m. Emma Nemitz); see p. 15 of folder 2.1, with Dad's questions about the marriage location.

As of today, the generation(s) and surname(s) between Emma = William and Evelyn are a mystery.

Tom Witheridge
May 4, 2023

[Dec. 18, 1964]

Dear David, Elizabeth + Family,

May all the hours
of CHRISTMAS
With its joy and laughter,
too,
All combine to make this
Season
A very happy one
for You!

WITH
VERY BEST WISHES

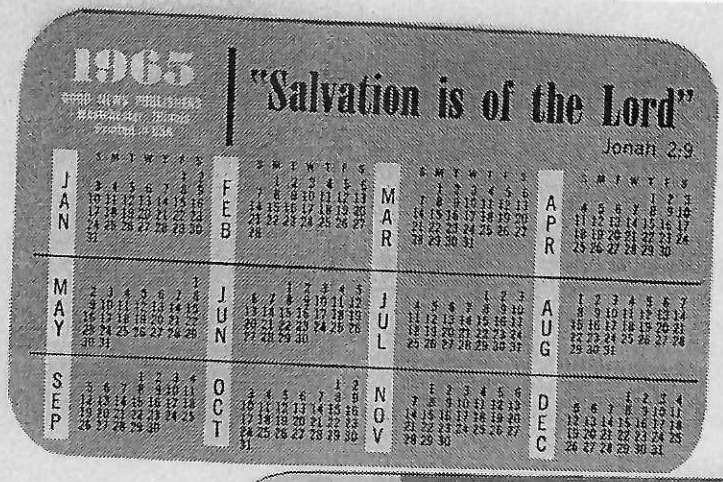
☆

Evelyn, Ron, Ronnie + Faith

"The shepherds . . . came with haste, and found
Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."
– Luke 2:15-16

Stop and see us when you come this
way.

1964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"Salvation is of the Lord"
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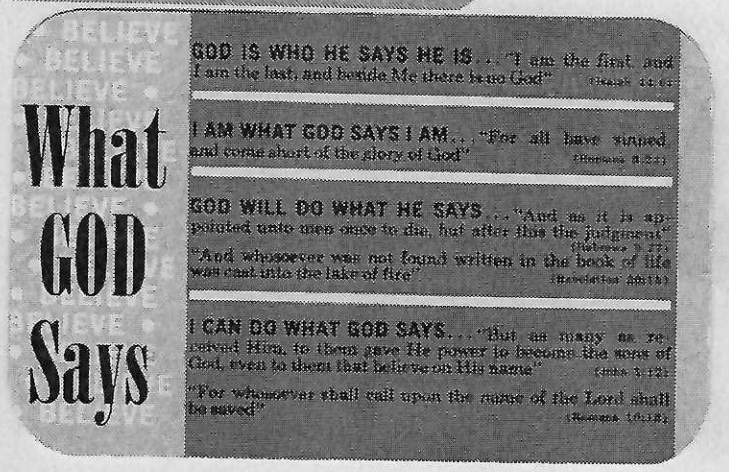
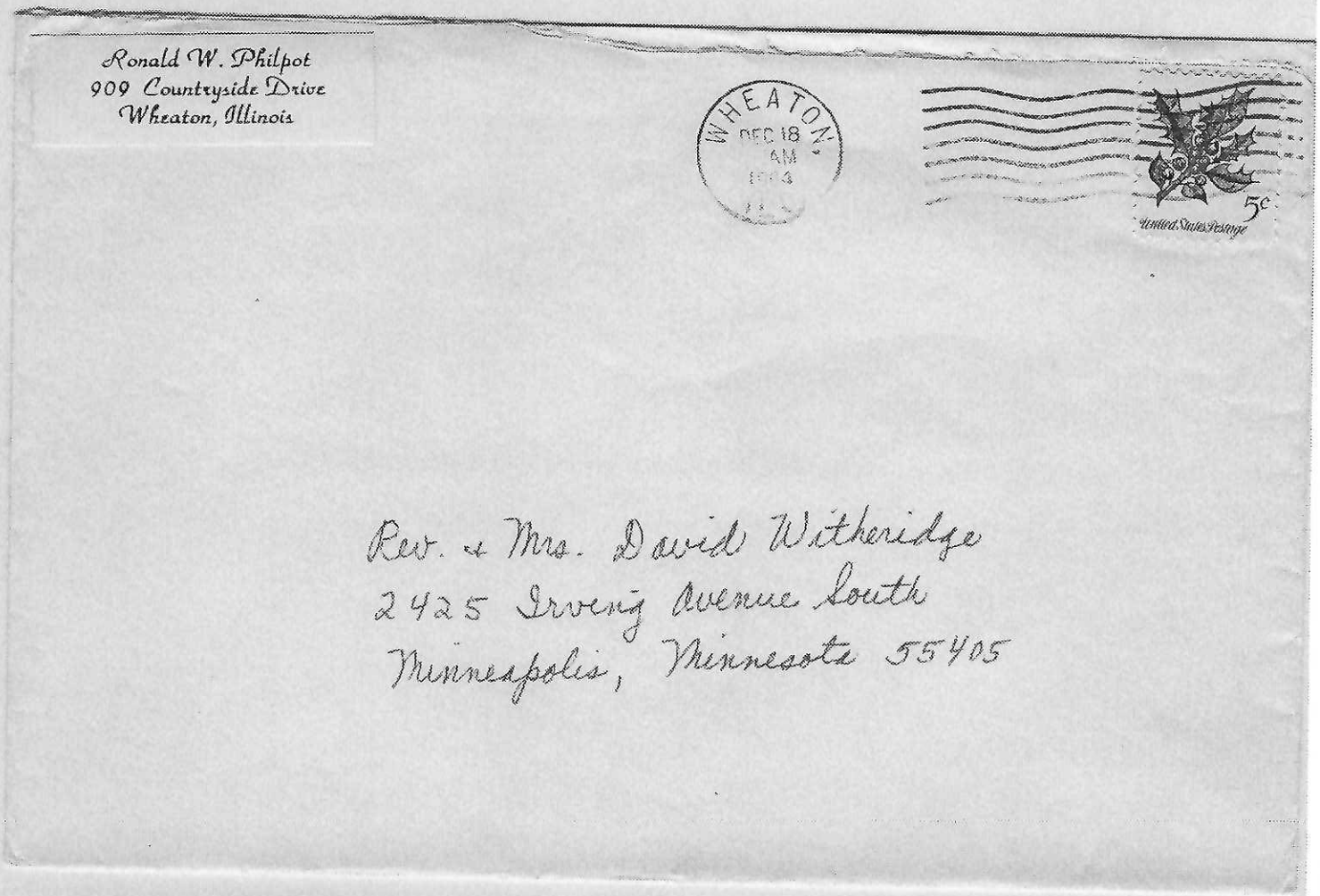

What GOD Says
GOD IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS . . . "I am the first, and I am the last, and beside Me there is no God"
I AM WHAT GOD SAYS I AM . . . "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"
GOD WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS . . . "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"
"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"
I CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS . . . "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name"
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"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[Mar. 9, 1975]

Mrs. Ronald W. Philpot
813 E. Main St., #207
West Chicago, Ill. 60185

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
March 9, 1975

Dear Evelyn:

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

You may have heard from Florence Anderson that we took a trip out to the Northwest coast last summer and visited them in Montana on our way back. It was a wonderful trip, and one of the best parts was meeting some relatives I had never met before--including several first cousins: Florence Knuth, Ruby Hass, and Ed Tomke.

In the process I was able to have long talks with Florence Knuth and with Ed Tomke about their early memories and experiences through the years.

Elizabeth and I had a very pleasant overnight stay with Florence and Adolph Anderson. During the evening Dorothy and Edwin Fransen came over, too. They were such lovely people we were happy to get acquainted and to know we are related.

As you see, I got a very good picture of the Andersons and another of the Knuths. I thought you'd like to have a copy of each. I'm also enclosing a recent picture of our family taken at Christmas time.

My experiences of the past summer have stirred my interest again in working on Nemitz family history. I have picked up so much more in the past ten years than I knew before! But still there are gaps to be filled in and no clear tie to strands in Germany.

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

Last summer, of course, I got a lot of information about Aunt Bertha's family. Then I got a good long letter from one of Aunt Mary's children--Mrs. Jack Stewart (Anna). She told me a great deal about that part of the family. Unfortunately, she and her husband were out of town on a trip when we were in British Columbia, so we didn't get to meet them.

Now, the only Nemitz branch I have very little information about is yours--Aunt Emma's. After you were here in Minnesota when we met you that time, you did send me some information on the forms I sent you. I have these, but I can't find any correspondence between us, though I think we each may have written at least one letter.

What I want to try to build up is a record of all the descendants of Emma Nemitz and William Schroeder, including addresses of any still living. I hope you can help me.

As a start, I'm enclosing a sheet on which is shown the family of William and Emma Schroeder. I hope you will add or correct anything you can. Were there just the three children shown? (They are first cousins of mine, and I never met any of them!) Are any of them still living? If so, what are their

addresses? What are the addresses of any of their children--your cousins--still living?

What do you remember about your grandfather and grandmother, either personally or from others who knew them? Do you have any pictures of them?

Green Garden Twp., IL

I see that your mother was born in Green Garden Township, Illinois, in 1893. I have an old hymn book in German that belonged to my mother, Edith. She had written her name in the front and "Green Garden, Illinois, 1897." My guess is that she was living with her sister, Emma Schroeder, at that time. She would have been about ten years older than your mother.

I really haven't time to write more at this time, but I'd love to hear from you again. What are your children doing now? Our son Jim is back in the University of Minnesota and living at home. Tom got a master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago last June and is working on a psychological research project at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Apr. 4, 1975]

Ronald W. Philpot
813 E. Main St.- # 207
West Chicago, Ill. 60185

April 4, 1975

Dear David:

What a joy it was to receive your letter with pictures.

I've been trying to track down more information for you but I'm not having much success. I've questioned my Mother, but since she was only 7 when her mother died she doesn't remember very much about her grandparents or mother.

My Mother lives in Wheaton now and her address is: Mrs. Ida Burkart-Apt 102
2126 W. Roosevelt Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
We just live about 5 minutes away from her. I am very thankful, that at 81, she is still able to take care her own apartment. She has arthritis in her knees so does have some difficulty in walking. I'm enclosing a picture of our 4 generations.

My Uncle Wilbur had only 1 daughter and her name is Pearl (Mrs. Franklin Dipperman 312 E. Crawford Street, Peotone, Illinois 60468.

. . . His seed shall endure forever. . .
PSALM 89:36

My Aunt Rickie lives with her now. Pearl has 1 daughter, Joy, who is a freshman in college.

I do have a picture of my grandfather.

Our Bonnie and Dave live in Geneva, Illinois, just 7 miles from us. Dave is associate pastor at the 1st Baptist Church. They have Debra Lynn who is 7, and last August adopted 5 day old Candace Jean. It is such a joy to have them close by.

Our Ronnie and Leslie live in Merritt Island, Florida. Ronnie is dean of boys at the Middle school in Cocoa, and Leslie teaches 1st grade. We had a delightful visit with them in February.

Our youngest, Faith, and her husband Bob, live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Bob is an optometrist. They have 4 year old Gregory and 10 month old Heather. We are so happy they aren't too far away.

Ron is still in his own woodworking business and I still work for Scripture Press.

I'll try to get some more information on the Schroeder side from another cousin so won't send back the information sheet yet.

Where is your sister Louise now?

Please write again soon and if you ever get in the Chicago area, please call and stop to see us. We live about 40 miles west of Chicago.

Our love,

Evelyn + Ron

~~Left to~~ right to left Oh dear!
Faith, Debbie - Bonnie
Mom is holding Heather
I'm holding Candy
Gregory is between us.

anyway — Bonnie is behind me
+ Faith is behind my Mom!

1975

February 9, 1975

Cocoa, Florida

Ron, Leslie - Bonnie

Esther Tomke

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[June 30, 1986]

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Frances Anna
Viola Tomke (b. 1910)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 30, 1986

Miss Frances Tomke ← sister of Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)
206 N. Chilson
Bay City, MI 48706

[see N52]

Dear Miss Tomke,

Ronald Putz

You must have been surprised last month to get a call from Ronald Putz telling about my letter to him and my interest in family history. I was pleased to hear that he had called you and found that your sister and niece have a great deal on the subject. (He didn't give me their names, however.)

I don't know how much you know about me or my family, but I'll give you a little background. My mother was Edith Menita, who married William Witheridge in Bay City in 1909. She was the daughter of William Menita, the brother of your grandmother, so she was your father's first cousin. That makes you and me second cousins.

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

I'll have to admit I was unaware of your existence until Ronald mentioned talking to you. Then I looked through my records and found you on a list of the children of Charles Tomke and Annie Spangler given to me by Florence Knuth, the daughter of Herman Tomke and Bertha Menita (my mother's sister). Since Florence is your first cousin, you probably know her, or at least know about her.

Some years ago I became quite interested in genealogy, and I've been working on my wife Elizabeth's lines, as well as on my own. In trying to trace my grandfather's ancestry in Germany, I have been stymied by the fact that that part of Germany is now in Poland. Nobody seems to know where the records are. They were either moved or destroyed when the Poles and Russians moved in.

Every expert genealogist says that in order to find one's ancestors in the old country, one has to collect more and more information about the immigrants and their families; so that is what I am trying to do. I sincerely hope that you will be able to provide some information about our family--especially, of course, the Tomke branch. Letters, certificates, albums, clippings, family Bibles, or other items would all be very helpful. Together we may be able to come up with just the right clue to lead us to some records in Germany.

Matilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

Ronald may have told you that I did know Mathilda Schroeder when I went to Bay City Junior College. I also talked to her sister Wilhelmina Laderach, about family information many years ago, and I recently wrote to her son Robert, who had agreed to help on this project when Ronald telephoned him. ← Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)

I was born in Bay City in 1911 and moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. After graduating from Saginaw High School in 1931, I attended Bay City Junior College, as I mentioned, before going on to the University of Michigan. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer in Saginaw in partnership with my father. We were manufacturers' representatives and covered most of the northeastern part of the Lower Peninsula and frequently came to Bay City on business.

After four years I decided to be a minister and graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York. Elizabeth and I were married just before my last seminary year. Then we went to Chicago for six years, where I was assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church and got a graduate degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After 2½ years as minister of a Baptist church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis and was the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for over 29 years until retiring at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church there. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant, now Central Michigan University, and was a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw before we were married. Later she was the author of seven books for children and young people.

We have two sons: James, who is 39 and unmarried, lives in an apartment not far from us in Minneapolis, so we see him occasionally. He works for a furniture store. Thomas, who is 38, lives in Chicago with his wife Virginia. They are both psychiatric social workers and work for Turnaholds, a rehabilitation Center for mentally ill persons. They are also both working on their Ph.D.'s from Northwestern University. Their first baby was born very prematurely in February and lived only 18 days, so this has been a very sad year for all of us.

As you see, I am enclosing copies of three family group sheets. The first is the family of our Wenitz grandparents as I have it. The second is the one that lists your grandparents and their children. The third lists your parents and their children. You can see that my knowledge of the Tomke family is very sketchy. I hope you will go over all three of these sheets and make any corrections or additions you can. JPW 20 JPW 20-2 JPW 20-3

I had thought I had lost all track of my Tomke relatives in Bay City, and now it is very exciting to discover you and to look forward to some interesting correspondence in the future.

Yours very sincerely,

David L. Witheridge

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3465 E. Diesel Road #66
Bay City, Mich. 48706
Aug. 4, 1986

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Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Mn. 55405

[see N43]

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

My sister Frances to whom you wrote shared your letter with me and asked me to respond. I may be able to give you some information which will be helpful in your search for roots.

Johann Friedrich Tomke (b. 1829) and Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833)

Our grandfather and grandmother are both buried in the cemetery of the Zion Lutheran church in Beaver Township. Our grandmother's mother a Nemitz is also buried there. I will make a trip out there soon and gather what information the gravestones have that will be helpful.

Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

Esther's uncle: Herman Martin Tomke (b. 1866)

Esther's father: Charles August Tomke (b. 1862)

Herman Tomke many years ago died in Bay City. My father had him buried on the public cemetery next to the Lutheran cemetery. He did not erect a

stone marker. If there is any information on him it would be in father's records that remain with John Tomke's family namely John Tomke Jr. whose address is 2006 Wilmington, Midland, Mich. 48640

John Albert Theodore Tomke (b.1898) and John, Jr.

John's Jr. oldest daughter has constructed the family tree of the Charles and Anna Tomke. She is Mrs. Anita Schmidt, 1907 West Beaver Rd. Auburn, Mich. 48611. She has written to Germany for information on my father. I'm sure she will be happy to share this information.

Anita Tomke Schmidt (Esther's niece)

On Albert Tomke one of the nieces corresponds with a member of his family.

This must be Albert T. Tomke (b. 1858?)

Detroit area?

Hannah Shaw's daughter Carrie lives in Minneapolis. We hear from her about once a year. I called her when I went through Minneapolis last summer during a short wait at the airport. She lives at 1010 N. E. Lake St., Hopkins Knollwood Towers Apt. 520 Minn. 55343.

Johanna (Hannah) Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b.1871)

Carrie Ruth Shaw (b.1897)

Anita may also be able to give you information on the Kohn family, the grand children live near her.

Kohn family (Bay County, Michigan)

Ronald Putz knew the Bertha Tomke who was married to Charles Popp. She died possibly before I was born. I was the eighth in line and Frances is number 9. – We are the only 2 remaining of the family.

Bertha Tomke (b. 1866)

My name is Esther L. Plamp. I was born in 1907. Graduated from Midland High School. Then I attended Central Mich. in 1926 and went out to teach in the rural area after a year and summer. My whole career lasted 33 yrs ending in Owosso Public Schools in 1969 – I spent summers at Central and U. of M. until I had attained my Bachelors degree.

Elmer G. Plamp

I met my husband at Central. He was from Saginaw. We were married in 1936. He worked several years at Second National Bank,

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Then taught High School but due to low salary managed a credit dept. in a auto accessory store then returned to teaching Jr. High for 22 yrs. We both retired in 1969.

We have two daughters:-

Joyce Plamp — Joyce Rienecke married an engineer and lives in the Detroit area. She has a degree A B from Eastern U. and expects to return to teaching by subbing this fall. They have 2 children boys: Paul age 12 and Steven 9

Carole Plamp — Carole Stephan is married to a counselor, pastor who is a counselor at Child and Family Services here at Bay City. She is teaching a nursery school at Faith Lutheran Church. She graduated from U. of Mich. with a AB and Masters in Music and also a Masters in Early Child Education. Her husband has a Masters in Social Work from the U. of M. also.

They have 2 boys Tim age 15 and Mark age 13.

Now back to our retirement of my husband and me. We spent 10 years during winters at Arizona and Fldrida. He died in 1980. Then I sold our retirement home in Petaskey, Mich. and took an apartment in Bay City so I would be near my daughter and the other relatives who still live in this area.

Elmer's death

I will get dates of our grandparents and great grandparents soon and send them on. Also can give you information on my sisters and brothers, date of birth and death.

Sincerely,
Esther L. Plamp

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 20, 1986

Mrs. Esther L. Plamp
3465 E. Kiesel Road, #66
Bay City, Mich. 48706

Dear Cousin Esther,

Thank you for your most interesting letter in answer to my letter to your sister Frances. It looks as though the information you are collecting will be of tremendous importance in our search for our ancestors.

I assume you have the letter and enclosures I sent to Frances, so I won't go over the same information again. But I will repeat that I am glad to have established contact with your branch of the Tomke family.

Henriette Bonke (b. ca 1810, 1800?)

The most exciting bit of information in your letter was your statement that your grandmother's mother was also buried in the Zion Lutheran cemetery in Beaver Township. If this proves true and you can get her name and other information from the gravestone or burial records of the church, we'll have our ancestry established a generation further back than I have it now. As you can see from my family group sheet #JPW20, until now I have had absolutely no information about either of our Nemitz great-grandparents. Please let me know what you find out. I can hardly wait!

Johann Friedrich Tomke (b. 1829) and Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833)

Of course, I'm also anxious to get whatever information you find on the gravestones of your grandparents, John and Johanna Tomke. In fact, I'd be glad to receive the information on any other Tomke or Nemitz relatives buried there. This would help me complete some of my family group sheets. If you can locate any obituaries of any of these people, I'd love to have copies, and I'd be happy to pay the cost of making them.

Referring to my family group sheet #JPW20-22, if you were child #8 and Frances was #9, which child did I miss? You said you could give me the information about your sisters and brothers. I'll be pleased to receive a list of the dates and places of their births, marriages, and deaths when you have time to compile it.

Bertha Tomke (b. 1866)

In my records I don't seem to have Bertha Tomke who married Charles Popp. Whose daughter was she, and what other data do you have on her?

Thank you for the addresses of John Tomke, Jr., and of Anita Schmidt. I haven't had time to write to them yet, but will do so when I am able. I'm especially interested to know what information Anita received when she wrote to Germany about your father. I wonder if she wrote to some record office or to a relative.

Editor's note: This was written before DEW knew about Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934), so crossing the Atlantic was still a major goal. TFW, May 7, 2023

Do you know whether anyone in your family is or has been in correspondence with any relatives in Germany? It would be a terrific discovery if we could find any correspondence between any of your ancestors and someone in the old country.

When I talked with Wilhelmina Laderach many years ago, she said that Mathilda Schroeder had visited cousins in Germany before the First World War. Wilhelmina thought that one of her sons might have Mathilda's old

papers, which could possibly include some correspondence with relatives in Germany. I've written to Robert Laderach, and hopefully he may be able to come up with something.

EPW's time at central Michigan University

Elizabeth and I certainly enjoyed reading ~~about~~ your background and about your husband, daughters, and grandsons. As you know, Elizabeth graduated from Central Michigan University and taught kindergarten in Saginaw many years. She was probably not in Mt. Pleasant while you were, but you and she may have had or at least have known some of the same faculty members. I think I'll have her write a little about that.

Now I'll close and once again thank you for your friendly and helpful letter.

Yours sincerely,

David

[This letter by EPW — one of her last lucid writings before the worsening of her Alzheimer symptoms — was attached to DEW's Aug. 20, 1986, letter (document N53).]

Dear Esther,

I have enjoyed your letter to David so much and was delighted when he invited me to add a bit of reminiscence to his return letter to you. I've been having such fun traveling back in memory to those long ago days at Central!

I was born in 1907 as you were, and grew up on my maternal grandparents' farm after my mother's all too early death when I was only six years old. My father, Alvah Edward Kendall, re-married after my mother's death, and allowed my beloved grandparents to adopt me.

So I had a wonderful childhood on Grandpa Plumb's retirement farm where he bred registered Guernsey cows. My mother's sister, unmarried, lived with us and really became the mother in my life. She was a teacher in the Saginaw Public Schools, and later principal of two schools, with the aid of a secretary.

So it was very natural for me to look forward to teaching as I grew up. I graduated from Saginaw High in 1925.

Helen Irene Plumb (b. 1877)

Alvah Edward Kendall (b. 1870)

Frank Plumb, Sr. (b. 1852) and Josephine Fenella Penney (b. 1855)

Alberta E. Plumb (b. 1887)

EPW's Saginaw High School graduation (1925)

but waited all of 1926 before I was sure of where I wanted to go and exactly what I wanted to do! However, thanks to the friendship of Dr. Jessie McLean, a close friend of my Aunt Alberta and who had known me all of my life, I was convinced that I should go to Central ~~Cattle~~ to be trained as a kinder-garten teacher by one of the country's greatest, Prof. Helen R. Emmons. I took "Jessie Mack's" advice, thank goodness, and it set the pattern for my whole life until David and I were married Sept. 5, 1941 at the beginning of his senior year at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Jessie McLean

Prof. Helen R. Emmons

I suspect that you may have known Dr. Jessie McLean and also Prof. Helen R. Emmons while you were at Central because they must have been there. Miss Emmons was my idol, and taught me all that I know, even now, about early childhood education. She saw me through my Life Certificate at Central and gave me her blessing as I went home to Saginaw and was established for 13 years as the

but waited until 1926 to try to decide exactly where I would go and what I wanted to do.

At the end of that year I enrolled in the Early Elementary Education Dept.

Kindergartener at Emerson School, where both David and I, and all his Witheridge siblings went to school.

Like you, I finally by dint of correspondence courses and summer schools took my AB degree from Central. In order to speed things up near the end, I took a leave of absence in 1939 (I guess it was '39!) I planned to be through and back in my Kdg. in April of '40 but was roped in by the powers that be to stay longer and act as supervising teacher in every grade from 1 to 6 while the critic teacher taught a class in the core curriculum. It would have been invaluable experience for me if I had gone on for an MA in supervisory work as I had planned to.

But that was where David intervened. ~~with~~ He proposed to me on a boiling hot day that summer after we had been playing tennis! We had grown up together in the old First Baptist Church in Saginaw and been good friends always. I had signed my contract for 1940 and besides I had many "loose strings to tie up" so we planned our marriage for early Sept. of 1941.

That was the end of my teaching career, as such; but somehow I've always been teaching something or working with children — even when I was writing books for them. Also I did private tutoring of children who had reading problems. I won't tell you about our two boys because I think David did. Of course having them was the great joy of our lives.

Now before I leave you with this long and involved tale, I'm going to try to make a list of some of the people whose friendship, or at least acquaintance we may have shared at Central. I'm sorry that I can remember so few of the students. I saw very few of them after graduation:

Faculty members:

Prof- Helen R. Emmons - my love!
" - Jessie McLean
" - Harry Miller - Eng. my favorite
Dr. Nelson - History
Mrs. Miller - Art + Ceramics
Prof. Powers - Music - I loved him.
Prof. Calkins - Geography - scared me to death!
President E.C. Warriner
" Anspach - I liked him.
Edna Heillbron - 6th grade critic

Could you even have known me? We may both have been at summer schools by chance some time. I was Elizabeth Plumb then. And my dear friend, Frances Hamlin was finishing for her degree the year I was there for nine - 1940. Another friend, Mabel Fitch, just might have crossed paths with you. She taught at Emerson with me. And all these years later we're still very close - she lives in Lapeer - now - Butterfield

Frances Hamlin

Mabel Butterfield (of Lapeer)

Editor's Note

I apologize for the fact that the following document is disorganized. I'm presenting it to you exactly as it appeared in Esther Tomke's file, even though you will notice that some of the pages are in the wrong order, and Esther made corrections to some of the page numbers that don't seem to make sense.

It's purely coincidental that this document comes on the heels of my mother's letter to Edith — one of Mom's last lucid writings before the onset of constantly noticeable Alzheimer symptoms. You probably noticed that her letter showed a few signs of intervention by Dad, who must already have been growing worried about her.

In short, this was a difficult couple of documents for me.

Tom Witheridge
May 7, 2023

[See the preceding editor's note.]

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[Sept. 22, 1986]

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Sept. 22, 1986

Carole Plamp

Dear David and Elizabeth,

See index: Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

My daughter Carole Stephens + I just returned from a drive out to the Beaver cemetry where we were able to gather some of the statistics from the gravestones. We think we read it correctly. Since Henriette Nemitz's stone has been there since 1888 much of the stone has been worn away by the rain and wind. Her husband was Heinrich Nemitz She was born Feb. 23, 1869 and died Nov. 22 1888 (these dates just do not make sense) check with Anita.

Impossible dates

Anita Tomke Schmidt

Zion Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Beaver Twp., Bay Co., MI

Anita now lives in the old homestead, goes to Zion Lutheran church and knows the historian of the church who is now collecting material for a history of the church. My mother and father were charter members of the church.

Johann Friedrich Tomke (b. 1829)

The grandparents stones were more visible Johann Friedrich Tomke was born Oct. 1829 and died May 24, 1897.

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Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833)

✓ Johanna Tomke born Nemitz born Aug. 9, 1838 and died August 30, 1894.

Bertha Tomke (b. 1866)

I still lack something on Bertha Tomke. Frances knows where the Papp's are buried. If Anita doesn't have the information I'll have Fran drive to that cemetery in Bay City. — E.L.T.P.

Response to EPW (see previous letter)

Now in response to Elizabeth's letter:

You have had a well organized life — mine has been sort of helter skelter — Since I was No 8 in line and no one before me had attended high school, it took me a whole year to convince my parents that I wanted to become a teacher so had to go to high school. Only after one of the neighbors were going to permit their daughter to attend high school was I permitted to go. I spent my freshman year at Handy High in Bay City and stayed with my sister Clara. — After

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the first year Handy increased the tuition so I transferred to Midland high and stayed with my sister Alice for my sophomore and junior year. I had accumulated enough credits that I was accepted at Central so entered Central Sept. 1925 instead of senior year.

I took the course which led to a limited certificate at the end of 1 year and 1 summer. In the fall of 1926 I went to teach in a rural school in Bay County. It had 40 children and grades (Beginners thru 8 grade). I really learned a lot that first year.

I returned to Central the next summer then back to my 40 students in the fall.

At the end of the second year I again attended school but went to Ferris Institute as it was then called. I was able to attend 12 weeks instead of 6 so was closer to my Life Certificate. My father expected me to pay all my college education when

I started teaching. While at Ferris the Upper Peninsula was lacking teachers and so those who had certificates were drafted to fill those positions. I remained in the Upper Peninsula 2 years then transferred to Pellston, Michigan since I now had a Life Certificate. I remained there 3 years then decided to go back for a year as I had completed a 4 years work during summers. So the Great Depression had set in and Pellston was badly hit. So here I was for my senior year at Central.

Here I met my husband. He was also in his senior year. We were looking forward to graduating at the end of summer. My mother became very ill in June so I decided to spend the summer at home.

I had a contract for a job at Vernon, Mich. Salaries were at their lowest point $65 and $75 a month. When Elmer had taught for 2 years ~~that~~ he was in disgust gave up and went

back working for business in Saginaw. As a boy of 14 yrs. his mother had found a job for him at Second National Bank as an errand boy. He remained there for 4 yrs. and had worked up to a book-keeper. He longed to attend high school and college so he went to Ferris and finish his high school there in 1 yr. and 9 months then entered Central and was a senior at the same time when I returned.

After working in business he decided to go into law. His friends encouraged him to do that. So he attended Law School at the U of M while I finished my last summer session at Eastern. I found a job near Pontiac while for financial reasons he transferred to the Detroit Law School at night and got a job at the Detroit Bank. We had been married but as jobs were scarce and married teachers were not wanted — we were

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quietly married ~~and~~ and continued to teach for 2 years with my Tombee name.

Since a recession was in progress he was laid off at the bank and the people learned I was married & too wouldn't go back. Elmer then got a job training running the credit business in a store in Grand Rapids. We stayed there 6 months when we were transferred to Mt. Pleasant. His next transfer was to Owosso, Mich. to run the credit business. Here I said we stay and so we settled for 30 yrs.

When salaries increased we both went back to teaching. Joyce was born in Mt. Pleasant and Carole was born in Owosso.

We retired in 1969 from the Owosso Schools. I had completed 33 yrs. of teaching and Elmer finished 22 yrs.

Elmer spent all his spare time building homes for us

to live in, first a 2 bedroom, then a 3 bedroom in Owosso, next our retirement home in Petaskey. We lived there 10 yrs. In the summer and spent 6 winters in Tucson, Arizona, and 4 winters in Florida.

Life has been a very busy one, we have made many friends in many places. Many have passed away but I still correspond with a friend from Arizona who was originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. Her father was an attorney and she was a special ed teacher in the Detroit, Mich. Her husband was a captain in the police force. A very interesting people. Another couple whom we were attached too was a couple from St. Louis Mo. - She too was a teacher her father a pastor. Another friend I still correspond with is from Syracuse, N.Y. she was in business (a secretary). So many, many interesting people on our travels, we met.

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Now in answer to faculty at Central -

I do remember Miss McLean I had Edna Heilbron for my 3rd grade critic teacher. I had Harry Miller for 1 course in English - Dr. Beck was my favorite. I had many classes from him as English was my major - I also had Powers for music but I had Carey for Geo. - With my varied life I remember courses I took but don't remember the proffessors. The names of people you mentioned I don't recall. Lila Woodin, Helen Roberts were people of my first year. The last year Margaret Heddy, Lucile Ash, Kathy Davisson, Esther Rutkowsky were gals I knew.

Since I had my own car I went home a lot over the weekends.

I don't think our paths ever crossed. - Given time we may meet - Sincerely - Esther.

Course: mistakes and measures
In Tho tired to re-write E.L.P.

Esther's parents

1 Charles Tomke 1862 - 1952

Anna Tomke (Spengler) 1867 - 1955

Esther's siblings

Sisters:

Augusta Emma Johanna Tomke
April 1890 - Sept. 1890

Caroline Tomke
Nov. 7, 1891 October 13, 1978

Clara A. Ittner
Dec. 11, 1893 - Sept. 15, 1955

Alice K. Schroeder
April 4, 1896 - Aug. 3 1966

Brothers:

John A. Tomke
Nov. 16, 1898 - Sept. 1982

Martin H. Tomke
Jan. 13, 1901 - June 19, 1979

Edgar Tomke
Jan. 1, 1903 - June 1916

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Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

✓ Esther Ottelia Loretta Plamp
May 5, 1907 — —

Esther's husband

husband
✓ Elmer G. Plamp
June 13 - 1904 - Mar. 9, 1980

Esther's sister: Frances Anna Viola Tomke (b. 1910)

✓ Frances Tomke
Oct. 4, 1910 —

✓ Alice's husband
Paul Schroeder
May 16, 1898 — June 5, 1976

Paul Schroeder (b. 1898)

✓ Clara's husband
Fred Ittner - If Anita doesn't include dates I can get them from one of his daughters.
June

Fred Ittner

✓ John's wife
Flora Tomke (Riess)
June 1903 — Sept. 1984

Flora Riess

✓ Martin's wife
Laura Hoff Tomke
March 1906 —

Laura Hoff

(3)

Charles August Tomke (b. 1862)

Anita Tomke Schmidt

Father was born in Stolp, Germany. Anita has all that information. She had received your letter and was excited to be of help as she also is completing the family tree.

also Mother

The whole family were born in Beaver Township of Bay County.

But see index: Anna Barbara Spengler (b. 1867)

Paul Schroeder (b. 1898)

Paul Schroeder was born in Munson, Pennsylvania.

Elmer Plamp, my husband was born in Saginaw County.

He died of a heart attack in Kissimmee, Florida. He is buried in Floral Gardens at Bay City.

Martin Emil Herman Tomke (b. 1901)

Martin Tomke is buried at Floral Gardens Mausoleum

Fred Ittner and Clara A. Tomke (b. 1893)

Fred and Clara Ittner are at Oakwood Mausoleum Saginaw, Mich.

Paul Schroeder (b. 1898) and Alice Kundi Gunda Wilhelmina Tomke (b. 1896)

Paul and Alice Schroeder are also at Oakwood Mausoleum and so is Caroline Tomke.

John Albert Theodore Tomke (b. 1898)

John Tomke and his family members are at Zion Lutheran cemetery in Beaver Township

N62 Log 927 [Jan. 3, 1987]

January 3, 1987 | N62 Log 927

Dear Esther,

Elizabeth and I were very pleased to get your letter of September 22nd with all the family records and the information about your career and family. You have no doubt been wondering why I haven't responded. The reason, of course, is that I wanted to wait until I had transcribed all the material onto my family record sheets, and I have just now completed that process. I won't try to go into all the reasons I have been so busy.

In addition, I was waiting for a letter from Robert Laderach, which has not arrived so far, as well as a second letter from Anita Schmidt, who promised to send some additional material when she got it together. However, I really shouldn't have waited to acknowledge your most welcome letter.

Robert Paul Laderach (b. 1924)

Anita Tomke Schmidt

I'm especially pleased to have the birth and death dates relating to your brothers and sisters and other relatives. I have been able to make many additions and corrections to my record sheets. One of the most interesting discoveries was that my grandfather's sister Johanna was two years older than he was.

I'm still perplexed, however, about Heinrich and Henrietta Nemitz. I still hope we'll find some confirmation that they are our great grandparents. Do you remember where you picked up the information that Henrietta was your grandmother's mother? If this is so, then it's possible that the worn-away date of birth on Henrietta's tombstone was 1809, rather than 1869. That would fit in with the year of Johanna's birth, which was 1833.

Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz (b. 1810) and Henriette Bonke (b. ca. 1810; 1800?)

What we need is more information about Henrietta,

Since she was buried in the Zion Lutheran cemetery, I'm hoping her burial record is recorded in the church register. This should give her age, perhaps, and something about her relatives. I'm going to ask Anita to work on this through the pastor or the church historian whom you mentioned.

Another possibility is an obituary of Henrietta. I don't know if anyone in the family has one hidden away in an old scrapbook or box, or whether there was a newspaper in Bay County in those days. In some areas there were German papers that carried death notices. There might have been a Lutheran publication somewhere that mentioned her death. We'll just have to keep looking!

Albert T. Tomke (b. 1858?)

On another subject, you said that one of your nieces corresponds with a descendant of Albert Tomke. Would you please give me her name and address? I'd like to find out all I could about that family, especially since Albert was the oldest child and was born in Germany. There is always the possibility that they have some old letters or records that none of the rest of us have seen.

You will remember my suggestion that we should keep searching for old letters, certificates, albums, clippings, family Bibles, and so on. I hope you will mention such items when you speak or write to relatives and encourage them to hunt for them. Ronald Putz said he would be glad to help with translating them, if necessary.

Ronald Putz

Carrie Ruth Shaw (b. 1897)

A few weeks ago I was delightfully surprised to get a phone call from Hannah Shaw's daughter, Carrie Gillooly. Some time early in 1987 we plan to go and visit her. She was interested to know that I had been hoping to meet her for several years.

I don't think I told you about my contact with a Nemitz

family in Germany. Through an index of Germans who were displaced after World War II I got the address of a woman, Ilse Gabiel, who was born in Stolp and whose maiden name was Nemitz. We have corresponded a couple of times, but haven't been able to tell if we are related, since all their family goods and records were confiscated when they were evacuated by the Poles. However, she gave me the name and address of a cousin of hers in the Chicago area, Gerhard Nemitz. Elizabeth and I met him and his wife when we were there last summer. We're still working on this angle.

Now I'll close and turn this over to Elizabeth to say a few words.

Sincerely, David

Dear Esther,

I've just finished reading again my part of your letter, and strangely enough, after all these long, eventful years it has left me with a wee bit of homesickness for our Central! However I don't want to go back to visit. All these alumni invitations come to return for various events but I never want to go. David feels the same way about the U. of M. where he graduated. We always say to each other, "What is there to go for? The people we knew and loved, our professors and our special friends, are all gone." So when I say "homesickness for Central," I mean for my beloved campus as it used to be, peopled with President E. A. Warriner and Harry Miller and Dr. Nelson in History and Mr. Powers in Math. But most of all my Professor Helen R. Emmons whom I practically idolized and who taught me all I know about very young children. A beautiful framed picture of her hangs beside our bed. My major was Early Childhood Education. Miss Emmons was head of that department. English was my minor, and I loved that, too. David told you that a good deal of my life in Minneapolis has been spent in writing for children - strangely enough not for very young children, my great love, but for "middle-aged children" and even young adults.

But backing back to my teaching days, I spent thirteen years teaching the kindergarten at Emerson School in Saginaw and loved every minute of it except cleaning up the clay table & the easels & paints!

Now, I'm running out of time & energy. So let's try to get together some time to continue our "memories"!

Sincerely, Elizabeth

N67 Log 942 [Jan. 26, 1987]

N67 Log 942

Jan. 26, 1987

Dear cousins,

I received your letter sometime ago but have been too busy lately to respond. Last fall Frances and I drove out to the cemetery. Seemed as tho the sun light was so that Henriette Nemitz's tombstone was more readable. The date birth was Feb. 1800 and the death date was 1880 in November. The grave is next to our grandmother's grave and our father claimed her as his grandmother. Mother never mentioned her but father's parents lived with them and grandmother died when Clara was a baby. She described her condition as T.B. as she was always coughing.

Better view of Henriette Bonke's gravestone.

I'm glad Carrie is meeting with you. I gave her your address at Christmas time. She wrote me that she had contacted you.

Carrie Ruth Shaw (b. 1897)

I called Anita a week ago and she has collected a lot of

Kohn family

material about the Kohn family and had also checked the history for church records so you should be hearing from her when she has time to organize it. She is a very busy person as she is involved in so many church activities and has just had a shower for her niece.

Anita had an operation on her feet in the fall which has limited her activities. She also isn't too well at times. So be patient.

She said she will include Velma Tomke Wilds address she is the grand-daughter of Albert Tomke. Wm Tomke was her father — all the members of that family are gone.

I leave Monday for a month in Arizona. We will be 12 days in Tucson. Elmer and I spent 6 winters there. We loved it so it will be great to visit the places and some friends who still live there. It will be great to get away from the cold.

Sincerely,
Esther

N68
Log 943

[Feb. 24, 1987]

N68
Log 943

Feb. 24, 1987

Dear Esther,

Thank you very much for your letter with the information about Henrietta Nemitz's gravestone inscription. You can imagine how happy I was with your report that her date of birth was actually 1800 and that it was your father who said she was his grandmother. It's a wonderful feeling to have another generation of Nemitzes "pinned down."

Henriette's gravestone inscription

"Another generation of Nemitzes 'pinned down'"

Your explanation of Anita's busy life and health problems was very helpful. I'll be grateful when her materials come, but I'll be patient, of course.

We hope you have been having a delightful time in Arizona. It was certainly grand that you could be with some of your friends. However, this is one of the warmest winters we've ever had here, with no snow on the ground for weeks. Perhaps it has been the same in Michigan.

Sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

[June 3, 1987]

[Mable Butterfield]

Trip plans

June 3, 1987

Dear Esther,

Elizabeth and I are planning a trip to Michigan next week. We'll be visiting our very close friend, Mabel Butterfield, in Tapes for a few days. One of her grandsons is graduating from high school, and we'll be attending a party in his honor on Sunday, June 14. The following Tuesday we'll be bringing Mabel back to Minneapolis with us to stay about a week.

It occurs to me that it might be a good idea to try to meet you and a few others with whom I have recently begun to correspond. I could come over to Bay City on Monday, June 15, while Elizabeth and Mabel are doing some other things.

Are you going to be there on that date? How would it be if I tried to drop in to see you about 10:30 a.m.? I really couldn't stay very long, as I also have some others I'd like to meet that day. Perhaps you could go with me to see your sister Frances, and perhaps your daughter might also be free that morning.

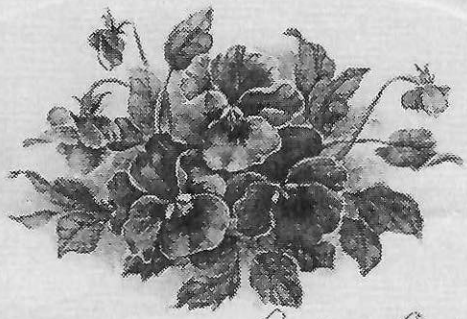
I had in mind suggesting to Ronald Pitz that I take him to lunch that day. I know he works at the hardware, but maybe he could spare lunch time so we could get acquainted. Then, in the afternoon, I thought I'd drive out to Unita Schmitt and perhaps go to the cemetery at Zion Lutheran Church. This may not all work out, but perhaps some of it will.

Could you drop me a line when you get this and let me know if you'll be home that day? If so, please tell me how to get to your place from Hwy. 15 coming from Vassar. We'll be leaving Minneapolis Thursday morning, June 11, to drive to Chicago and spend the night with Tom and Virginia. If I don't get an answer before we leave, I'll call you from Mabel's: 1231 Second St., Tapes, MI 48446; phone (313) 664-2834. I hope I'll be able to meet you.

Sincerely,

David

[June 9, 1987]



June 9-1987

Dear David,

In late Feb. and Early March I had several severe falls which ended in a hospital ~~fo~~ stay for a few days. The Dr. ordered when I returned to my home that I could not stay alone nor could I drive my car. So I am all packed to move to Sterling Heights where Joyce daughter lives.

I will be staying at an American home in that city. I will be moving quite soon.

At Present I am living at my daughter Carol's in Bay City. So if you go to Francis home I shall see you there. She lives at 206 N. Chilson street on the west side of Bay City. I will either be there or she will call me.

I have a lunch appointment at noon on that day you will be here, at Linden Hoff so Fran will take me there. We can make further arrangements when you arive here.

Sincerely,
Esther

Kindly
Excuse writing)

[Aug. 7, 1987]

[DEW meets Esther and other relatives]

August 7, 1987

Dear Esther,

I hope you are now well established in your new situation in the American Home, and I hope your health has been improving during the past several weeks.

I am still looking back with pleasure on my visit to Bay City in June. Getting to know you and Frances and Laura, along with others in Bay City and Center Township, was quite a thrill after so many years of complete separation.

My trip was useful also in providing information about some of my previously unknown relatives and in turning up some addresses I had not known before. I have started to write to some of these relatives who represent branches of the family where my records are practically non-existent.

Enclosed is a copy of a picture I took of you and Frances and Laura. I think it turned out rather well.

Thank you again for your part in helping me find the records of the Bonke and Tomke families. I especially enjoyed finding the gravestone of our great-grandmother, Henriette Tomke with Anita at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Love and best wishes,

David

DEW sees grave of Henriette Bonke with Anita Tomke Schmidt

[Sept. 11, 1987]

Sept. 11, 1987

Dear second Cousin -

Thank you for the snap shot of the 8 of us. It certainly turned out well.

Well I'm all settled in at the American House here at Sterling Heights Michigan. It is located about 10/15 minutes drive from Joyce's home so she comes here often and I go with her to places. This morning it was to the bank and shopping at K-Mart. for the children's school supplies.

Last week I went by bus to Carole's in Bay City. I stayed in the home with Tim her 16 yr old son who didnt want to go with them to Mackinac to walk the bridge to the upper peninsula. This is an annual event, about 3000 people did the same. It was good for me to get away

but was good to get back here, again it does seem like home here as I have a lot of furniture that belongs to me. I feel quite a bit stronger on my feet now.

Each person here has their own apartment. We all eat in one common dining room. There are around 70 people here. We do get 2 meals a day at noon and at 5:30 P.M. - Breakfast our own

We practically get maid service - they have plenty of activities such as games, exercises, crafts, and cards plus special activities now and then. We also go out to eat now and then plus shopping.

It at least mixes me with other people and I don't have my car to drive which were the doctors orders.

It is like going away to college,

It was good you got to see Anita, as she is the only one interested in the heritage deal. and you got to meet our auntie Kohn's family. Uncle Albert's family I believe is in Florida. Anita would have Velma's address, I'm sure she could fill you in about their family and Carrie Gilbaally in Minneapolis would be helpful too. She is better equipped than I am.

Joyce just called to say they are going out to eat tonight and will take me with them.

I had a friend from Arizona stopped here this week but I was still at Carolee.

Laura and Fran have already visited me here.

Excuse my writing - will do better next time -

Best wishes to you,
Esther

[Dec. 1987]

December 1978
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Dear Cousins,
Christmas is near again and around 50 greetings are in the mail. I have heard from a number already. It seems a good time to catch up on our friends. We already sent greetings to Carrie.

I'm now settled in my apartment along with 75 others. They are having a huge party this week. All our families are invited. They expect 400+. - plenty of drinks and food.

Joyce lives here in Sterling Heights. Our family will have dinner on Christmas. We were at Carole's on thanksgiving. Laura is going to California to be with her Son Tim and family. Fran is fine and busy making cookies

Love,
Esther

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AND THE COMING YEAR

Have a happy holiday Season. I hope some of your family comes to visit you. Gods Blessings

Esther

[Jan. 26, 1989]

January 26 1989

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Thanks for the greetings at Christmas. Time seems to go so fast but I usually get around to write some letters. I just got one today from Germany. These people were in Bay City and were my neighbors for a year. The sugar company had bought some machinery from Germany and the man was sent to install it. I hadn't heard from them for a couple years. Carole, my daughter has a son who is going to be an exchange student so will host a young man then return to Germany where Mark plans to return his visit. The boy will be here in March.

In August the second Sunday is the Tomke family reunion. You may be interested in meeting all of us.

Another news item a Howard Kohn a grandson of Augusta Kohn, dad's sister has written a book about the Kohn family who have lived

in Beaver Township almost a century which has just passed around to all of us. Joyce has the book now. Its something about the farming. It has been interesting to me to read a book where you know all the characters.

Carole's oldest son is a senior at high school and will be entering college in the fall. It seems he is aiming for Michigan. Both his mother and Father are graduates of Michigan.

I'm still living at the American House in Sterling Heights a short distance from my daughter Joyce. She does sub teaching in Utica she gets about 3 days a week. Carole my other daughter has a nursery school in Bay City for 3 yr. old and 4 yr. old children. She has between 70 and 80 children a week. So the whole family keeps busy.

My health has been fine with no illness this past year. We have 80 apartments here and all apartments are filled.

Stay healthy — Love
Esther

[Christmas 1989 + 1990]

1989

Remembering you
with love always!

God Bless
Your Christmas

Esther Plamp

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men."
LUKE 2:14

1990

May the spirit
of the first Christmas
be with you
during this holiday season.

Love,
Esther

[Dec. 7, 1990]

December 7, 1990

"'The Lord bless you and keep you.'"
Numbers 6:24 NIV

Dear David and Elizabeth,

We hope you have had a good year and are preparing to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

During July, Frances, my sister, passed away. She had brain cancers and tumors and was very sick for a month. This will be my first Christmas without her and I miss her greatly. Now I am the last of eight Tomke children. Frances was 79 yrs. old and died Sunday, July 15 in the afternoon.

I am still living at American House which is near Joyce's home.

We get together almost daily and last week we baked fruit cake and some Holiday cookies.

Death of Esther's sister, Frances Anna Viola Tomke (b. 1910)

Joyce and family helped me decorate my studio apartment. I have a table top tree, poinsettia, candles and all the trimming; so it is very pretty.

On Wednesday night we had a big Christmas party. The snacks, desserts and music was fun. Joyce's boys really enjoyed it.

Carole, my other daughter, lives in Bay City. Her boys are full grown as Tim is at U. of M. and Mark go there next year to Engineering School.

Have a very Merry Christmas and many happy days in the coming New Year.

Love,
Esther

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POMMERNTAG

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1997

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Pommerntag - 1997

WELCOME to our 22nd annual Pommerntag. A special welcome to Joachim Peters and the Pommersche Landsmanschaft, who have traveled from Germany to tour the United States and to spend time with us at our annual celebration. If you would like, please stop by to sign our guest book at the reception area.

FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY - 2:00 PM

Participants:
Mr. Thomas Ehlert, President of the Pommerscher Verein Freistadt
Mr. James Moriarty, Mayor of the City of Mequon
Rev. John H. Worth - opening prayer
Mr. LeRoy Boehlke, Master of Ceremonies

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh say can your see
by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming;
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh say does that Star-Spangled
Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?

ENTERTAINMENT

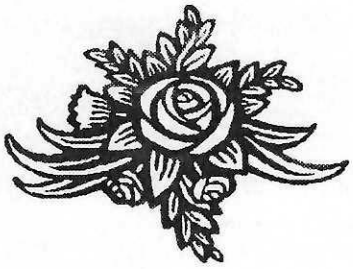
Rollie Braun, zither
Peggy Mueller, accordian
Alte Kameraden Band
Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt

DAS POMMERNLIED

Wenn in stiller Stunde Träume mich umweh'n
Bringen frohe Kunde Geister ungeseh'n,
Reden von dem Lande meiner Heimat mir,
Hellen Meerestrande, düsterm Waldrevier.

Weisse Segel fliegen auf der blauen See,
Weisse Möwen wiegen sich in blauer Höh,
Blaue Wälder krönen weisser Dünen Sand;
Pommerland mein Sehen ist dir zugewandt.

Jetzt bin ich im Wandern, bin bald hier,
bald dort,
Doch aus allen andern treibt's mich immer fort,
Bis in dir ich wieder finde meine Ruh',
Send' ich meine Lieder dir, o Heimat, zu.



REFRESHMENTS

MENU: German potato salad, Knackwurst, hot pork sandwiches, sauerkraut, pickled herring, Pomeranian cherry soup and homemade desserts. Hot dogs are available for the children.

BEVERAGES are available in the beer tent. Try a root beer float.

IN THE CULTURE TENT

GENEALOGY information and computer data base. Free print-out if you find a name of interest.

SALES AREA - books, maps and Pommern souvenirs.

CULTURAL DISPLAY of Pommern places and people.

TRIAL 6-MONTH MEMBERSHIPS TODAY - Members receive the Rundschreiben, our quarterly newsletter.

POMMERNTAG- 1998 could possibly be held at a different location. Please keep an eye out for next year's publicity, or contact us about where we will be in '98.

THE POMMERSCHE TANZDEEL is always ready to welcome new dancers (ages 625, approximately). No previous dance experience or training is necessary. For information, contact Norman Boehlke at 251-8677.

POMMERN TOUR - We have in the past sponsored tours to that area of Europe which was once Pomerania, the most recent in May, 1997. Watch for future tours in the Rundschreiben and on our Website. For information write PO Box 204, Germantown, WI 53022.

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MEETINGS OF THE POMMERSCHER VEREIN FREISTADT are held the second Friday of the month at the Lindenwood School, located on the Granville Road in Mequon between Freistadt Road and Highland Road. An 8:00 PM program (usually related to the Pomeranian culture) is followed by a business meeting. The building is open by 7:00 PM for those wishing to access our library holdings or attend our beginning German language class. We welcome guests and new members to our meetings. PLEASE NOTE: there is no meeting in August.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

JULY 4th AT TRINITY FREISTADT The public is invited to the picnic grounds of Trinity Lutheran Church on the corner of Granville Road and Freistadt Road. A parade at 1:00 PM will be followed by an old-fashioned church dinner in the school gymnasium. The Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt and the Alte Kameraden Band will perform. The Church was founded by Pomeranian immigrants in 1839 and is the oldest Lutheran church in Wisconsin. Historic buildings, with artifacts donated by early pioneer families, will be open to visitors.

GERMANFEST - July 25, 26 and 27 at Milwaukee's lakefront on the Summerfest grounds. Our Verein will be in the Culture Tent to help those researching family names. FREE computer printouts. WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM Sunday at the Marcus Amphitheater will include the Alte Kameraden Band. From 9 AM to 10 AM Sunday, Germanfest tickets can be purchased for $3. 00 at the south entrance.

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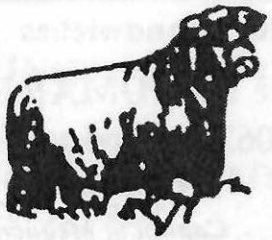

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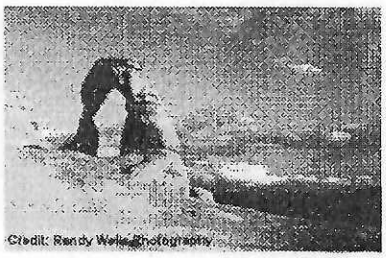

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These are just a sampling of the travel adventures planned by Blue Highway Tours in the near future. For more information, our quarterly newsletter, or travel shows contact Karen Rinaldi (797-0566) or Cecil Moon (414-625-3163.)

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 1997

Sunday, June 29, 1997, Noon to 6:00 p.m. — **22nd Annual Pommerntag**

Our big event of the year. See details inside.

Friday, July 11, 1997, 8:00 p.m. — **Report on '97 Tour of Pommern**

Members of the present Verein-sponsored tour to Germany and Poland will share their slides, stories, and experiences with the rest of us.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 25 - 27, 1997 — **German Fest**

Three-day celebration for all German societies at Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's picturesque lake front (Summerfest grounds). Details inside.

August — **No Verein Meeting!**

We traditionally do not meet in the month of August.

Friday, September 12, 1997, 8:00 p.m. — **Rakow, Kreis Grimmen**

In 1994, Rev. M.D. Hilgendorf, professor emeritus of Concordia University, Mequon, traveled to the Wohnort (place of residence) of his branch of the Hilgendorf family in Vorpommern. He was successful in finding church records and has written a family history. Like many of us, Rev. Hilgendorf knew very little about his ancestors when he started his research. His presentation should inspire us to keep searching.

OPEN LIBRARY DATES

Sunday, June 22, 1997, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. — **Open Library**

Need help climbing the Pomeranian branches of your family tree? Come to our library room at Lindenwood School and get some individual attention from seasoned researchers.

Sunday, July 20, 1997, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. — **Open Library**

August 17, 1997, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. — **Open Library**

If there is enough interest, we will have a help session. Call (414) 376-7641 if you plan to come.

Sunday, September 21, 1997, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. — **Open Library**

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Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings start at 8:00 p.m. at the Lindenwood School, 12351 N. Granville Road 111 W., Mequon, WI 53092. Note that the building is usually open by 7:00 p.m. for members who would like to attend the German class conducted by *Irmgard Meyer* or for those who would like to access the library holdings.

Briefly Noted

Do you wish you could read those church records that are written in the old German Script? Each year in June, the Moravian Archives, 41 W. Locust St., Bethlehem, PA 18018, run a German Script Seminar. The seminar runs for two weeks, and an ability to read German is required. For details, write the above address, or phone (610) 866-3255.

Plattdeutsch, the dialect of Northern Germany, has about died out in America. Our friends at the Pommerscher Verein at Wausau are doing a good job of trying to keep it alive. There is also a Plattdeutscher Verein in Watertown, WI. Now we learn that the Ostfriesen Heritage Society, 18419 205th St., Grundy Center, Iowa 50638, has as one of its main goals to keep the Plattdeutsch language alive. The Friesiens are of interest to us Pomeranians, because it was Friesiens who settled Treptow in Kreis Greifenberg.

We tend to pity the medieval serfs, who had to work three days a week for the nobleman estate owner. Paul Craig Roberts, writing in Business Week, points that today in America many people pay over 50 percent of their income in federal, state, and local taxes. So who should be pitying whom?

David Schuman, 1501 Oconomowoc Ave., Watertown, WI 53094, is compiling a book of German proverbs (Sprichwoerter). One such is "Der Pommer spricht nur in Sommer", (the Pomeranian speaks only in summer), which pokes fun at the Pomeranian trait of speaking very little and being very stingy with words. If you have any proverbs to share, send David a letter.

The Vorpommersches Landesarchiv, M. A. Nexo Platz 1, Greifswald 17489, Germany, recently furnished copies of the 1717 census of village families in Pomerania. They sent a microfilm, rather than paper copies. It took seven months for the reply. What is of interest is that the 1717 list is not a list of the village inhabitants, but is rather a list of only the farmers in the village. Anyone not managing a farm is not listed. ■

German Fest July 25, 26, and 27

Continuous entertainment, German bands, German food, and lots of fun are again on tap at the lakefront in Milwaukee on July 25, 26, and 27. The Freistadt Alte Kameraden brass band will be playing, the Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt will be performing Pomeranian folk dances, and our club will be selling bratwurst and pretzels at the north end of the grounds.

We can use volunteer help, so call Elsie Mae at (414) 782-0474 if you can help. The gate price is $7.00, and advance tickets are $6.00. For advance tickets, write:

Pommerscher Verein Tickets
Box 204
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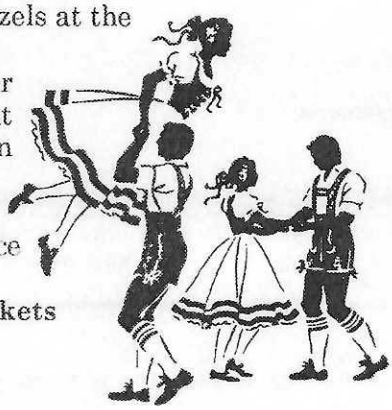

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At our annual Anniversary Dinner on April 20, the following received pins for 10 years as members of our Verein. Our congratulations, and our thanks for their dedicated service to our club.

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You are invited to our Verein's 22nd annual Pommerntag celebration. Our event will again be held at Mequon City Park, 11333 N. Cedarburg Road ("old" Hwy. 57 just north of Mequon Rd.). Food service begins at noon and will include Kirschesuppe, or cherry soup, which is an authentic Pomeranian dish. The flag-raising ceremony and singing of the national anthem and Pommernlied are scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Day-long entertainment in the great outdoor setting will be provided once again by the Alte Kameraden Band and the very talented members of the Pommersche Tanzdeel group of folk dancers who range from Kinder (children) to Erwachsene (adults), all in colorful Trachten (ethnic dress). The culture tent will offer genealogy displays, computer printouts of Pomeranian pedigrees, and sale items, such as hats, caps, T-shirts, mugs, maps, u.s.w. (und so weiter = etc.).

This year's flyers and posters feature the Hochzeitsbitter. He's the one who rode from farm to farm, inviting people to the celebration. Today he's inviting you to Pommerntag. We'll hope to see you there.

Remember: Pommerntag runs on volunteer help. If you can donate a few hours of your time, contact Elsie Mae Arenz, at (414) 782-0474. She must know in advance which workers she can count on and will schedule them where they are most needed. All registered volunteers receive a free meal.

Family Names from the Church Parish Records In Kreis Naugard 1655 and 1666

Gieskow
Einwohner: Ertmann Strymer
Jürgen Vteche
Michel Jante
Chim Schaddeloke, armer Mann, Bauern

Görke
Jakib Remplin

Plastichow
Einwohner: Hanß Knolle
Jacob Vteche
Tewes Krüger
Michel Selle, je 1 1/4 Hufe

Baldebus
Einwohner: Jochim Schmeling, Frau, Knecht, Magd
Jochim Wend
Jochim Ohm
Marttin Hahen, Frau, Knecht, Magd
Drewes Rauen, Frau, Knecht, Magd
Jürgen Marttin, Frau, Knecht, Magd, Halbbauern, je 1/2 Hufe
Jochim Lang, Frau
Jochim Lange, Frau, 4 Kinder, Kossäte

Poberow
Einwohner: Peter Zilmer
Michel Zilmer
Jochim Rökau
Steffen Labes, Halbbauern
Jacob Rawen, Kossat

Pustchow
Einwohner: Erttman Placke
Michel Schmitt
Peter Köne
Valentin Köne, Fischer.

Wietstock
Einwohner: Strase
Brendemahl, je 2 Hufen
Schulze, 1 1/2 Hufen, Bauern

Martentin
Einwohner: Vormann, Bauer
Görges Reuz
Krummenhufe, Bauer
Maneke, Kossat

Trebenow
Einwohner: Hans Krüger
Fritz Stacke, je 1 1/2 Hufen

Wustermitz
Einwohner: Jochim Kope, 1 1/2 Hufen
Casten Parlow
Jakob Stacke
Hans Schnell (?)
Marten Kope, je 1 Hufe.

Nemitz
Einwohner: Peter Wulfgram
Marten Teshe, Bauern, je 2 Hufen
Hanß Heitkie
Jochim Rinezel, Kossäten, je 1/2 Hufe
Karsten Storke, Schmied

Garz
Einwohner: Carsten Schaddeloke (armer Mann)
Hanß Krohne, Bauern
Chim Strymer
Chim Kallibe, Kossäten

Schnatow
Einwohner: Erttman Krüger
Chim Gniddike
Hanß Hintze
Jakob Gniddike
Chim Stefen
Hanß Siefert, Bauern, je 2 Hufen

KIRCHSPIEL TRIBSOW

Bandesow
Hanß Erick, Bauer, 1 1/2 Hufen
Michell Köpgesell, Kossat

Brendemühl
Einwohner: Peter Geredum
Marten Krockrick, Bauern
Peter Hintze
Peter Warman
Drewes Zubke, freier Mann, Kätner
Hans Schram
Carsten Palbrecht, Kossäten
Joachim Brates
Peter Brates, bewohnen Katen
Jochim Palbrecht, Kätner
Hans Hoyer, Schmeid (sein Bruder Jochim Hoyer ist vor 8 Jahren entlaufen)

Marquardsmühl
Einwohner: Carsten Ströde, Bauer
Jakob Piper, Kossat

Mokratz
Einwohner: Michel Riemer
Peter Ströde
Jochim Möller
Jochim Zwiehteburg, Bauern
Kasten Zubke, freier Mann,
Arrendarius
Marten Kufahl, Kossat

Schwenz
Einwohner: Jochim Wulff
Dreweß Westphale
Marten Wulff, je 1 1/2 Hufen
Hans Nedelbeck
Marten Bercko, je 1 Hufe, Bauern
Peter Scheer, Knecht
Steffen Wyhnter
Pagel Piper, Kossäten
Joachim Höpner, Müller
Michell Jäger, Schäfer
Marten Roth Schäfer
Hans Schmelingk
Triebs Bercko, wohnen in Katen
Hans Braun, wohnt in der Müllerkate
Hans Zanow, seit 1654 Verwalter

Tribsow
Einwohner: Jochim Ströde
Marten Ströde

Joachim Hietze, Bauern
Marten Tamke, Kossat.

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Benz
Einwohner: Jochim Schaddelock (Schulze)
Hanß Völcker
Lorenz Starke
Lorentz Tewes
Peter Tewes, Bauern, je 1 1/2 Hufen

Krummin
Einwohner: Steffen Butz
Marten Hoyer
Jochim Warman
Peter Hietze, je 1 Hufe, Bauern
Peter Buteß, Krüger, 1/2 Hufe
Hanß Volbrecht, Kossäten
Jochim Krumen
Hanß Jochim Woldt
Jochim Wittenberg. Kätner

Morgow
Einwohner: Jochom Schmidt
Christian Medenwolt, Verwalter
Michel Vdech
Jochim Richts
Jochim Berko, Bauern, je 2 Hufen
Marten Wendt, Bauer
Herman Wind, Kossat, Krüger
Jochim Höpner, Kossat
Jochim Udech, wohnt in der Schäferei.

Moitzow
Einwohner: Marten Zimdarß
Adam Schueknecht
Davidt Latzke, Bauern, zusammen 5 Hufen
Peter Tancke, Bauer, 1 1/2 Hufen
Carsten Schueknecht
Richardt Schueknecht
Davidt Tancke
Prange, ein,,fagibund"(=Vagabund), Kossäten

Muddelmow
Einwohner: Peter Bentert, Schulze
Jochim Goiar
Jacob Warkow
Peter Ohmb
Hans Böden
Jochim Lindeman
Peter Brendemöhl, Bauern, je 4 Hufen
Richardt Hoyer
Jürgen Sohrweide, Kossäten, je 1 Hufe

Parpart
Einwohner: Jochim Stubbes
Hanß Stubbes, je 1 1/4 Hufen
Jochim Ohm
Hans Peter
Peter Volkmar
Jochim Jarvin
Hans Moller
Jochim Jarvin, Bauern, je 1 1/2 Hufen
Tewes Stubbes
Christian Ramthun
Claus Schale
Martin Hanneman, freier Mann
Jochim Schmechel, Kossäten
Marten Lütticke, Halbbauer
Pagel Bute
Davidt Wilke
Peter Ohmb
Jochim Moller
Hans Matz
Jochim Battye, Schäfer
Berndt Timpe, Schäfer
Peter Buggenhagen, Müller
Jochim Bloyedorn, Kuhhirt
Peter Rindt, Holzaufseher

Schwirsen
Einwohner: Rovenhagen, Bauer, 2 Hufen

Tressin
Einwohner: Jochim Lübbecke, Schulze
Hanß Treptow
Hanß Stephan
Michel Zimdarse
Marten Volckmar
David Volckmar
Daniell Parpartt
Michel Zimdarß
David Büye
Michel Thies
Hans Wilde, Bauern, je 4 Hufen
Casten Robe,,pauper"
Casten Karmisch,
Michel Volckmar
Hans Hake, Kossäten, je 1/2 Hufe.

Zirkwitz
Einwohner: Jochim Zimdarße,
David Zimdarße
Peter Zimdaße, Bauern
Jochim Ohm
Casten Niemoth
Michel Gantzke, Kossäten

Zitzmar
Einwohner: Jochim Ohmb, Schulze, 4 Hufen
Die übrigen 9 Bauern sind abgebrannt
Hinrich Tancke
Jochim Wilcke
Hinrich Wendt
David Tancke
Peter Brendemöhl
Casten Sellin, Kossäten, je 1/2 Hufe.

Gützelfitz
Einwohner: Jochem Nordtwich
Davidt und sein Vater Casten Latzsche
Casten Tesche, Bauern, je 2 Hufen
Jochim Warner, 1/2 Hufe

Küssin
Einwohner: Jochim Labes, Schulze, 3 1/2 Hufen
Peter Labes
Jochem Smidt
Jochem Ohm
Jochem Bantze
Davidt Böldeke, Bauern, je 2 Hufen
Hennik Böldeke
Peter Hoyer, Kossäten, je 1/2 Hufe

The Port of Hamburg

It is probably safe to say that most of the Pomeranians that settled in Wisconsin passed through the port of Hamburg. This article was taken from German Life magazine.

Hans Günther Bjick's trained eye easily reads the registration on the approaching ship. British. From his cassette-tape catalog of some 350 national anthems, he selects the appropriate one, slips it into the tape player and goes outside to hoist the Union Jack above Hamburg's *Willkomm-Höft* (Welcoming Point). As the freighter passes, "God Save The Queen" booms greetings from outdoor speakers and English words welcome ship and crew to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. Back in his glass-windowed control room, Bjick announces in German from a neatly printed card the ship's port of origin, cargo, destination, and vital statistics to visitors sipping coffee and munching cakes at the Welcoming Point's Schulau Ferryhouse restaurant fronting the Elbe River.

Our coffee cold and whipped-cream topped *Rote Grütze* yet untouched, we watched the exercise, fascinated by the elaborate effort put forth to welcome ships from around the world.

Every day from sunrise to sunset (summer 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) the ceremony is repeated anywhere from 30 to 60 times a day. Each incoming and outgoing ship above 500 GRT is greeted and bade farewell in the national language and with the national anthem of the ship's home country. Fluttering from atop a 130-foot mast, the flag of the Hanseatic City of Hamburg is dipped in salute as each ship passes.

It's easy to get quickly caught up in this stimulating scene of international patriotic music, multicolor flags, and sailing ships. Spying the next ship approaching, we decided dessert could wait and dashed to the dock to take our place among the other excited visitors waving and shouting greetings in a variety of native tongues.

Hamburg is the only port in the world that gives this unique and very moving welcome. "It's tradition," said Captain Bjick, obviously proud to be part of its daily orchestration for the last seven years—a tradition many devoted veteran seamen like him have volunteered to carry on at the Welcoming Point in Wedel, 20 kilometers (12 miles) from downtown Hamburg, since 1952.

But Hamburg's love affair with the sea stretches much farther back in time. And, after all, Hamburg is not even on the sea. Germany's largest port straddles the Elbe River 104 kilometers (56 miles) from the North Sea, or five to six hours by modern freighter, depending on the tide and cargo. The Lower Elbe is Hamburg's lifeline and one of the busiest shipping routes in the world.

It was A.D. 832 when the city's founding father's sunk the first artificial mooring into marshy ground next to the Hammaburg Castle, a fortification that later developed into a town-like trading center and bishopric. Emperor Friedrich Barbarossa, in 1189, initiated the development of Hamburg into a world class port when he granted the town freedom from taxes and custom duties and the right to govern trade throughout the Lower Elbe region. By 1321, Hamburg held an important position in the fabled Hanseatic League, a league of cities promoting safe trade. The HAPAG company (Hamburg-Amerikanische-Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft) was founded here in 1847, and later became the world's largest shipping line. When the city was integrated into the German Empire in 1888, it gained its Freedom Port Zone—still in effect today, and the *Speicherstadt* (Warehouse City) warehouses were built. The St. Pauli-Elbe tunnel opened in 1911. World War II leveled 80 percent of the port facilities, but by 1951, Hamburg was back in business as an industrial shipbuilder.

It is the date of Barbarossa's document, May 7, 1189, that Hamburgians herald as the foundation of their port, and they celebrate it annually in grand style with a huge water-born harbor birthday bash.

One of Europe's principal transit points, Hamburg ranks among the 12 leading container ports worldwide. Sophisticated Hamburgians would have to do without some of their favorite foods and household items were it not for some 14,000 ships that off-load about 60 million tons of goods annually. With dock space for more than 500 ships and some 270 bridges linking the multitude of quays, the entire port area extends over 87 square kilometers (40 square miles).

It's even more imposing from an on-water vantage point. Harbor traffic moves at a swift clip and supertankers take on the towering perspective of cargo giants gently nudged by tiny tugs. We plied past moored museum ships, the *Rickmer Rickmers*, a three-masted windjammer christened in 1896 that now lures guests to its on-board restaurant, and the carefully restored freighter *Cap San Diego* where visitors can dine dockside, *Das Feuerschiff* (Fireship) is a former fire-fighting vessel now housing a lively ship pub with jazz and pop music, cozy dining rooms, and on-board cabins to rent.

Topped by a fish-shaped weather vane, the Fish Market is easily spied from the water. Licensed in 1703, it is Hamburg's oldest market. Open only on Sunday from 5 to 9:30 a.m., the market adheres to historical guidelines that require all fish be sold before 10 a.m. so employees can get to church on time. Early on Sunday mornings, the market teems with the sights and sounds of fish mongers hawking fish of every sort, size, and smell while vividly comparing their catch's qualities to the most intimate of human body parts. Amid this ruckus are numerous stands and stalls boasting a conglomeration of collectibles from second-hand crockery to live poultry. Next door, the 100-year-old former Fish Auction Hall is renovated to perfection and invites for brunch and live jazz music in a much more cultivated atmosphere. ■

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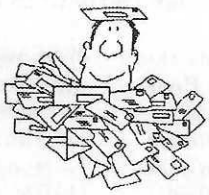

- Interested in Carl Witt from Wangerin, Pommern, who came in 1856 to Sauk County, WI. Would like to contact others with ancestors from Wangerin. **Vic Ruhland, 2248 E. 5th St., St. Paul, MN 55119.**

- Seeking information on Michael Boracker-Buracker who came at age 28 on the ship Molley to Philadelphia. Write **Marie Burrill, R. 1 Box 3550, Palmyra, VA 22963.**

- **Verna Goetz, 20269 205th Dr., Hutchinson, MN 55350**, would like information on Carl Bogatzki and his parents Ludwig Bogatzki and wife Henrieta Borkowski, and also on Alvina Kruger.

- Contact **Ralph Lange, 14905 45th Ave. N., Plymouth MN 55446**, if you have any information on any Stuth families, either in America or Germany.

- Would like information on Frederich August Neitzel and wife Amelia Lorenz. Came to Baraboo, WI in 1880, where they had 12 children. Frederich August remarried to Theresa Sontag, he died in Baraboo in 1935. Write **Jeanne Wurster, 15949 Perry Rd., Wolverine, MI 49799.**

- Need information on William, Eduard, and Robert Schmeling who came to Wisconsin about 1864, from Plathe, Kreis Regenwalde. Also interested in the Kaaz family that came about 1881. Write **Mary Ann Conklin, 2805 N. Van Buren, Hutchinson, KS 67502.**

- **David Maves, 12110 E Tuscola, Frankenmuth, MI 48734** needs information on August Maves/ Mewes and wife Wilhelmine, and children August, Wilhelmine, Ferdinand, Wilhelm, and Anna. Also on Ferdinand Zahnow, wife Johanne and son Gottlieb, also on Christian Wagner. All sailed from Hamburg on Prinz Albert to New York June 1866, and settled in Saginaw, MI.

- Seek information on Christian Beth, born Strelow, and wife Augusta Dürkop from Kandelin, Kreis Grimmen, and on Augustus Pioch from Rummelsburg and wife Bertha Bauschke from Treten, Kreis Rummelsburg. Write **Kenneth Pioch, 10131 W. J Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009.**

- Contact **Lois Clementi, W224 N7634 Wooded Hills Dr., Sussex, WI 53089** if you have information on August Timm, or his brothers William and Frederich and a sister, all from Dargislaff, Pommern. Came to Milwaukee, WI after Civil War. William married Bertha Befslen, and Frederich married Albertina Schultz.

- **Rhoda Meer, 2147 45th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116** seeks information on Augustus Zanow/ Zahnow and wife Henrietta Rapraeger who came in 1872. Son Julius born in 1858, lived in Rehberg, Kreis Usedom-Wollin. Sister of Augustus, Albertina, born 1829, married Harras, came in 1862.

- Need information on Joachim Christoph Lübbert, born 1821, came in 1851, and wife Maria Schulz (widow of Johann Wiegmann) born 1823 came in 1850. Children Louise born 1856, Otto born 1859 in Wauwatosa, Bertha born 1862 in Wauwatosa. Maria's son Heinrich Wichmann born 1851. Write **Bob Wickman, P.O. Box 1441, Des Plaines, IL 60017.**

- Interested in hearing from those with ancestors from Karnitz and Greifenberg in Kreis Greifenberg, and Stuchow in Kreis Cammin. Write **Steve Graap, 7282 Elphick Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472.**

- Researching the family of Wilhelm Fettkenheuer/ Fetchenheuer who came in 1881 with wife Augusta and children Wilhelm, Frederik, Augusta, and Bertha. Settled in Coon Township, Iowa. Write **Ted Fethkenher, 622 Stapley #202, Mesa, AZ 85204.**

- Seeking information on the family of Herman August Holz, born 1870 in Gutsdorf, Kreis Dramburg. Came to U.S. in 1889, lived in Racine, WI before moving to State of Washington. Write **Judy Holz, 391 E. Hemmi Rd., Lynden, WA 98264.**

- Need information on Ernestina Umland who moved to Wisconsin probably around 1851. Her brother Henry Umland lived in St. Clair County, IL, and then moved to Southeast Nebraska. Write **Arthur Umland, 46274 Park Pl., Hartforn, SD 57033.**

- Write **Mary Ann Conklin, 2805 N. Van Buren, Hutchinson, KS 67502**, if you have information on Wilhelm Schmeling, born in Wisconsin in 1845. He moved to Atchinson, KS in 1868, but did not stay there. He had a younger brother Robert Edwin Schmeling.

- Would like to contact anyone knowing about the towns of Dammen or Hebron Damnitz in Kreis Stolp, and the families of Plath or Fedder. Write **Bob Barrows, 151 Glenbrook Rd., Rochester, NY 14616.**

- Need information on the Luedke family from Krojanke, Posen, that came to Tinley Park, IL about 1866, and then later moved to West Point, Nebraska. Write **Rebecca Reber, 1514 Avalon Court, St. Charles, IL 60174.**

- Seeking information on the family names of Diechow, Lenz, Schwanz, and Koepp, from Kreis Dramburg. Settled in Texas about 1884. Write **Bob Wilson, 10513 Shauna Dr., Greensville, TX 75402.**

- Looking for information on Ferdinand Hubner born 1824 in Wurttemburg, and wife Margaret Kranz/Krenz, born 1827 in Posen, came about 1872. Children Ottilia born 1857 in Posen, Theodore born 1860 in Prussia, Elizabeth born 1863 in Pomerania, Maria born 1864, died in Loretto, MN. Will exchange information on surname Sweet. Write **Helen Sweet, 2706 Silver Bow Blvd., Butte, MT 59701.**

- Researching Jacob Fett born about 1810 in Kreis Lauenburg, and wife Albertine Ratenke. Son Ferdinand born 1830 in Lanz near Bresin. Need information on Auguste Amelia Arndt, born 1830 in Küssow, Kreis Lauenburg, died in 1882 in Chicago. Also researching family of Jacob Kressin and wife Christlieb Held, and daughter Caroline Augustus, born 1839, married Johan Daniel Brunkowski in 1858 in Artschau, Kreis Gishkau. Write **Rosalie Bosner, 3003 Ezekiel Ave., Zion, IL 60099.**

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Our thanks to Origins, 4327 Milton Ave., Janesville, WI 53546 for sending us this information.

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Margaret Amend ..... Pardeeville, WI
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Peter Bernstein ..... Tocama, WA
Carl Beyer ..... Hamiah, ID
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Arlene Busewitz ..... Bothell, WA
Carl Buchwald ..... Corpus Christi, TX
Ted Fethhenker ..... Mesa, AZ
Steve Graap ..... Sebastopol, CA
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Darrell Hinsman ..... New Vlan, MN
Lisabeth Holloway ..... Boone, NC
Thomal Holmes ..... Oak Park, IL
Roger Hook ..... Grundy Center, IA
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Kenneth, Kiesow ..... Fall Creek, WI
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William Luebke ..... Brookfield, WI
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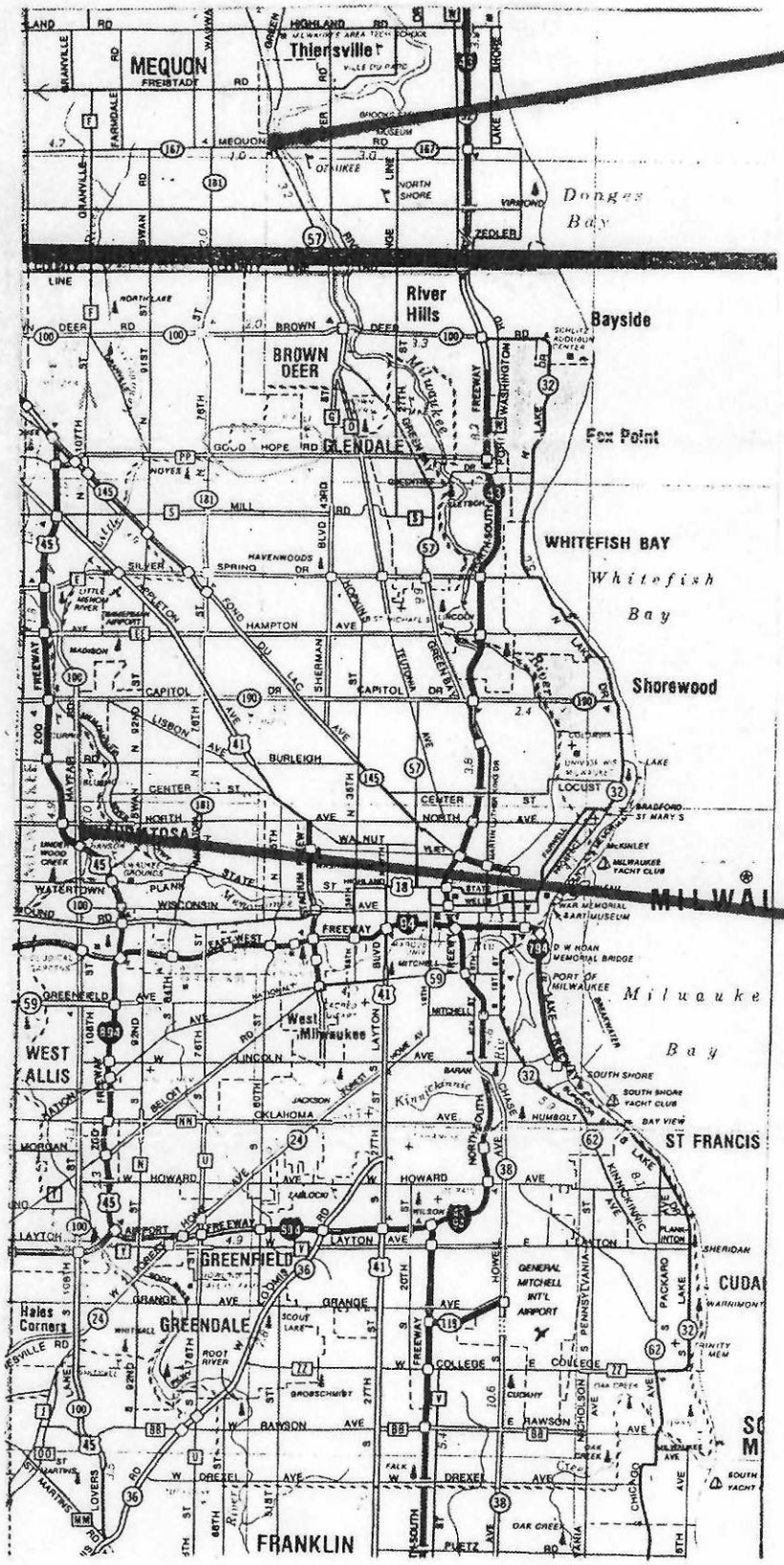

Pommerntag 1997

Pommerntag is an outdoor Folk Festival and is sponsored on the last Sunday of June by Pommerscher Verein Freistadt. Festivities begin at 12 noon and continue until 5 PM.

To reach Pommerntag from I-43 leave the highway at Exit 85 (Mequon Road). Go west on Mequon Road (Highway 167) for 3 miles and then turn north on Cedarburg Road. Do not rely on Highway 57. It has been re-routed. Go north on Cedarburg Road for a short distance and you will see the Pommerntag tents on your left.

To reach Pommerntag from US 41/45 take the Mequon Road Exit and go east on Mequon Road about 8 miles until you reach Cedarburg Road. Go north for a short distance to Pommerntag.

Holiday Inn Express Mayfair

We plan to stay at the Holiday Inn Express at 11111 West North Avenue in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226. To reach the motel from US 45 (northbound) exit at Mayfair Road and go north to North Avenue. Turn left on North Avenue and the motel will be on your left. To reach the motel from US 45 (southbound) exit at North Avenue East and the motel will be on your right. Denny's Restaurant uses the same entrance. Telephone number for Holiday Inn Express Mayfair is (414) 778-0333.

[These notes are by DEW. His source for the information is unknown.]

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4th Cousin	4	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2^4}$
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Pommernreise 1997

12.Juni - 1.Juli 1997

Zum neunten Mal in Folge findet 1997 die beliebte USA-Pommernreise statt... es erwartet Sie auch in diesem Jahr ein attraktives Besichtigungsprogramm auf dem Weg von der Westküste der USA zum Zielort Milwaukee... mit den Höhepunkten SAN DIEGO ... TUSCON/ARIZONA ... WHITE SAND NATIONAL MONUMENT ... CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK ... DALLAS / TEXAS ... OKLAHOMA CITY ... ST. LOUIS ... SPRINGFIELD / ILLINOIS... So wird Ihre Sonderreise verlaufen:

Do 12.06. Hinflug von allen dt. Flughäfen mit KLM via Amsterdam nach **Los Angeles.**

Fr 13.06. Stadtrundfahrt **Los Angeles** mit **Hollywood** und Besuch der berühmten **Universal Studios**.

Sa 14.06. Von Los Angeles Richtung Süden entlang der malerischen Pazifik-Küste ins Ferienparadies San Diego an der Mexikanischen Grenze.

So 15.06. In **San Diego** besuchen Sie den weltberühmten Zoologischen Garten - selbstverständlich besuchen Sie auch den Hafen und das Nationale Monument in Cabrillo.

Mo 16.06. Fahrt von San Diego durch eine fruchtbare Gartenlandschaft des El Centro-Tales nach **Yuma/ Arizona.** In Yuma besichtigen Sie das alte Staatsgefängnis aus dem Jahre 1876.

Di 17.06. Fahrt durch Arizona... von Yuma bis **Tuscon.** Hier besuchen Sie das **Kitt Peak Observatorium**, mit dem weltgrößten Teleskop.

Mi 18.06. Nach der Besichtigung des Arizona-Wüsten-Museums Weiterfahrt durch die großartige Landschaft von **Yuma/Arizona bis Sierra Vista/Arizona.**

Do 19.06. Ein Tag zum Ausruhen und Erholen ohne Hotelwechsel - heute steht ein Besuch in einem **Kavallerie-Fort** aus dem Jahre 1877 auf dem Programm. Am Abend ein typisches Western-Abendessen auf der **Iron Horse Ranch.**

Fr 20.06. Durch eine großartige Gebirgs- und Wüstenlandschaft fahren Sie von Arizona durch **New Mexico** nach **Texas** ... Unterwegs besuchen Sie das "White Sands Monument" in New Mexico - berühmt durch 18 m hohe weiße Sanddünen. Ganz in der Nähe liegt **Alamogordo** - die atomare Raketenstation des Pentagons. Anschl. Besuch des **Carlsbad Caverns National Park** in New Mexico - ein besonders eindrucksvoller Nationalpark. Übernachtung in **El Paso**, Texas... wiederum nur einige Meter von Mexico entfernt.

Sa 21.06. Von El Paso nach **San Angelo/Texas.** Ausgedehnte Rinderfarmen geben einen Eindruck von der Weite des Bundesstaates Texas:

So 22.06. Unser heutiges Tagesziel: **Dallas**, Texas! Hier werden Sie zwei Nächte bleiben, um Stadt und Umgebung kennenzulernen.

Mo 23.06. Sie unternehmen in **Dallas** eine Stadtrundfahrt, fahren hinaus zur berühmten Southfork-Ranch, wo mit der Fernseh-Familie Ewing die TV-Serie "Dallas" gedreht wurde.

Di 24.06. Fahrt von Texas in den Bundesstaat Oklahoma nach **Oklahoma City.** Sie besuchen heute die "Cowboy Hall of Fame" - hier werden die berühmten Helden des Wilden Westens verehrt und alles über Rodeo und den amerikan. Westen gezeigt.

Mi 25.06. Heute begrüßt Sie der Bundesstaat **Missouri.** Unterwegs können Sie im weltgrößten Sport-Geschäft einkaufen. Tagesziel ist **St. Louis** am mächtigen Mississippi-Strom gelegen. Sie übernachten direkt gegenüber der "Union Station" - der frühere Bahnhof wurde zum attraktiven Einkaufs- und Unterhaltungszentrum umgestaltet.

Do 26.06. Heute fahren Sie durch Illinois und besichtigen unterwegs in **Springfield** die **Abraham-Lincoln-Gedenkstätte.** Hier wirkte Lincoln als Anwalt und hier wurde er auch begraben. Sie erreichen unser Endziel **Milwaukee / Wisconsin** - wie in den Jahren zuvor übernachten wir im Hotel Holiday Inn Express.

Während des Aufenthaltes in **Milwaukee** werden wir wieder Freundschaften mit den pommerschen Freunden vor Ort begründen bzw. vertiefen. Folgendes Programm ist vorgesehen:

- **Familie Bast** lädt uns und die "amerikan. Pommern" auf das Gelände der "Idle Hour"-Cottage am **Freiss Lake** mit Picknick und Bootsfahrten...
- das **Milwaukee Art Museum** lohnt einen Besuch, reizvoll sind auch Spaziergänge am Ufer des **Lake Michigan.**
- kommen Sie mit zum **Cedarsburg Erdbeer-Festival**...
- und wie immer der Höhepunkt der Reise: der **Pommerntag in Mequon !**

Mo. 30.06. Nachmittags Beginn der Rückreise mit KLM-Flug Chicago - Amsterdam. Ankunft morgens am **Di 01.07.** Weiterflug zum Heimatflughafen.

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(die Buchung von halben Doppelzimmern ist möglich)

Eingeschlossene Leistungen: KLM-Flug ab allen dt. Flughäfen nach Los Angeles und zurück ab Chicago (jeweils via Amsterdam) o alle Flughafengebühren/ Einreisesteuern o 18 Übern. in ausgewählten Hotels der Mittelklasse in Doppelzimmern mit Bad/Dusche, TV, Klimaanlage o Frühstück an 13 Tagen (meist kontinentales Frühstück) o die Busreise im Komfortbus wie ausgeschrieben mit allen Besichtigungen und Eintrittsgeldern o Info-Material o Reiseleitung durch Herrn J. Peters

Da die Teilnehmerzahl begrenzt ist, ist eine umgehende Anmeldung erforderlich.
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Herr Jochen Peters befindet sich z.Zt. in den USA und wird im Februar nach Deutschland zurückkehren. Wenn Sie ihn sprechen möchten, so geben Sie bitte bei Atlantis Reisen ihre Tel. Nr. durch, Herr Peters meldet sich dann gern nach Rückkehr bei Ihnen.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 29, 1997

AS WE GATHER As the promised land was being divided among the 12 tribes of Israel, God said to Aaron "You will have no inheritance in the land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance." As valuable as the land was to the tribe of Levi, God was more important. He was their portion, their hope, their provider. Jeremiah knew that, as did the Macedonians, who were generous with their gifts, and Jairus, who trusted in Jesus to heal his daughter. Even today, our hope is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

THE OPENING HYMN No. 201 (AGPS)

THE OPENING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

THE CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, MAKER OF ALL THINGS, JUDGE OF ALL PEOPLE, WE ADMIT AND CONFESS OUR SINFULNESS. WE HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM EACH OTHER IN OUR THINKING, SPEAKING, AND DOING. WE HAVE DONE THE EVIL YOU FORBID AND HAVE NOT DONE THE GOOD YOU DEMAND. WE DO REPENT AND ARE TRULY SORRY FOR THESE OUR SINS. HAVE MERCY ON US, KIND FATHER, BECAUSE OF THE OBEDIENCE OF OUR BROTHER, JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON. FORGIVE US ALL THAT IS PAST, AND WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVE US TO SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY. SET OUR FEET UPON THE NEW PATH OF LIFE, AND BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE No. 60 (AGPS)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND WITH YOU, HIS SERVANT.

P: Let us pray.

C: ALMIGHTY GOD, THE POWERS OF LIFE AND DEATH ARE SUBJECT TO YOUR LORDSHIP. WHERE THERE IS ILLNESS, GIVE US HEALTH. WHERE THERE IS DEATH, BRING FORTH LIFE. IN ALL THINGS GIVE US PEACE IN KNOWING THAT NOTHING CAN

SEPARATE US FROM YOUR LOVE FOR US THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Lamentations 3:22-33 (The prophet Jeremiah urges quiet confidence in the love of God.)

II Corinthians 8:1-9,13-14 (Paul urges us to follow the example of the Macedonians in our stewardship life.)

Mark 5:21-24a,35-43 (Jairus trusts that Jesus will heal his daughter, and Jesus raises her from the dead.)
When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around Him while He was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at His feet and pleaded earnestly with Him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put Your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow Him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at Him. After He put them all out, He took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with Him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

THE SERMON HYMN No. 156 (AGPS)

THE SERMON: Mark 5:21-241, 35-43
"NO DESPAIR WHEN JESUS IS THERE!"

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

C: (Sung) All depends on our possessing God's free grace and constant blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

P: Lord, You are our portion, our Refuge in times of trouble. You have shown Your love for us in so many ways. Your blessings are new to us every morning, and Your loving arms enfold us as we lie down to rest. You have provided us with food to eat and clothing to wear, water to drink and shelter over our heads. Help us to recognize You as the source of all these gifts, and to use them with gratitude in a responsible way. When we have needs, supply them as You have promised.

C: Many spend their lives in fretting over trifles and in getting
Things that lack all solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure that will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

P: Help us to cling to You and Your goodness in all situations. We remember before You those who are hurting and in need of Your power. Especially hear us as we pray for the following. . .Out of Your great store of love, grant them the gifts of healing and courage according to Your will. Help us always to be channels of Your love and strength and peace.

C: When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving kindness tender soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.

P: Hear now the prayers of our hearts, which we are bold to bring before You in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silence, , ,) Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C: If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace. Amen.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

THE INVITATION

P: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ as opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C: AMEN.

THE THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND WITH YOU, HIS SERVANT.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: TO DO SO IS BOTH RIGHT AND PROPER.

P: We thank You, Almighty Lord, that You are a God of all mankind, that You are not ashamed to be called our God, that You know us by our name, that You keep the world in Your hands. For You have made us and called us in this life to be united to You, to be Your people on earth. Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists. Blessed are You, who have given us space and time to live in. Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breath. We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands, for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God, with all Your faithful people; therefore we bow before You and adore You with the words:

C: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF ALL LIVING.. EARTH AND HEAVEN ARE FILLED WITH YOUR GLORY. WE BLESS YOUR NAME. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE MIDST OF HIS PEOPLE.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

Hymns Nos. 148, 145 (AGPS)

THE DISMISSAL

P: Let us pray.

C: ALMIGHTY AND EVERY-LIVING GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR HAVING FED US WITH THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, ASSURING US THEREBY THAT WE ARE TRULY MEMBERS OF HIS BODY, THE CHURCH. AND WE ASK YOU TO HELP US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE MAY CONTINUE IN THIS FELLOWSHIP AND DO THE GOOD WORKS WHICH YOU DESIRE US TO DO; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, TO WHOM, WITH YOU AND THE SAME SPIRIT, BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

P: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C: AMEN.

THE CLOSING HYMN No. 208 (AGPS)

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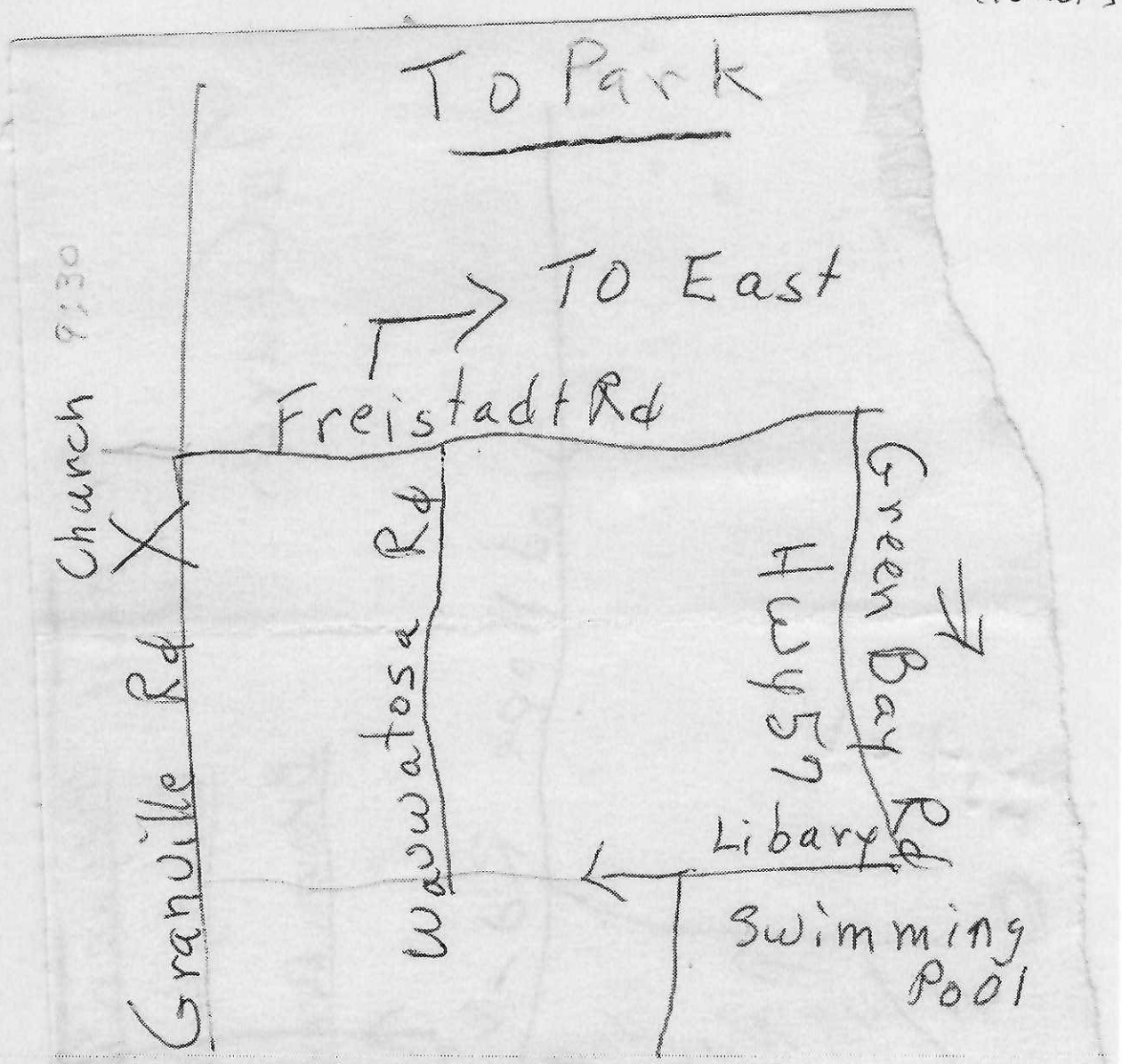

WILL GO TRAVEL
1704 WEST LAKE STREET
MINNEAPOLIS MN
55408
PHONE (612) 825-7344 USA FAX (612) 827-3063

MARCH 22, 1997

REV. DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVE S
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55405

DEAR REV. WITHERIDGE-

ENCLOSED IS YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION FOR 6/26/97. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS RESERVATION HAS BEEN GAURENTEED TO YOUR VISA. IN CASE OF CHANGES IN PLANS, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CANCEL BY 6:00PM ON THE DATE OF YOUR SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OR ONE NIGHTS HOTEL WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR VISA.

GLAD TO HEAR THINGS WORKED OUT WITH YOUR RETURN ON AMTRAK. WE HADN'T RUN IT YET SO IT WAS NO PROBLEM. HAVE A GOOD TRIP, AND THANKS FOR USING WILL GO TRAVEL.

SINCERELY,

Bill

WILLIAM FREEMAN

WILL GO TRAVEL CORPORATION 1704 WEST LAKE ST MINNEAPOLIS,MN.55408
TELEPHONE (612) 825-7344 FAX (612) 827-3063
CLIENT #:100798-2 AGENT:WILL
NAME:WITHERIDGE/DAVID.REV TIME:3:00P
ADDRESS:2425 IRVING AVE S DATE:3/19/97
TOWN:MINNEAPOLIS ST:MN ZIP:55405
PHONE (H) :(612) 377-4810 (W) :
DESTINATION:MILWAUKEE
DEPARTURE DATE:6/26/97
RETURN DATE :6/30/96
BOOK #:
PAYMENT METHOD:VI
CHARGE/CHECK #:4784559003523080EXP2/99
PAX NAME/AGE/MR/MRS/MS
1)WITHERIDGE/DAVID.REV 2)
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7) 8)
AIR CARRIER:AMTRAK
ST RQ: #6186211
HOTEL:HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS MILWAUKEE-4 NTS-RES#61331595
11111 W. NORTH AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53226 (414) 778-0333
CHECK IN 6/26/97-4 NITES-
CAR RENTAL:

FLIGHT INFORMATION . DATE/CARRIER/FLT #/DEP CTY TIME/ARR CTY TIME
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MISC . . . . . .:
TAXES . . . . . .:
INDEMNITY FEE . . . . . .:
AIR PER PERSON . . . . . .:

TOTAL AIR . . . . . .:-0-
CAR RENTAL. . . . . .:-0-
HOTEL . . . . . .:$ 62.10-NT AAA DISC/PAY AT HOTEL
GRAND TOTAL DUE WILL GO . . .:-0-
LESS DEPOSIT. . . . . .:-0-
BALANCE . . . . . .:-0-

OTHER COMMENTS:HOTEL RESERVATION HAS BEEN GAURENTEED WITH YOUR VISA CARD. IN CASE OF CHANGES IN PLANS, PLEASE CANCEL BY 6:00PM OR ONE NIGHTS HOTEL WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR VISA.

Phone: 414/764-3500 (55)
2P/2B: $66
2P/2B: $40 XP: $8 F18
6360 S 13th St 53154. Fax: 414/764-5138.
able budget accommodations. 2 stories; exterior
movies, cable TV. Cards: AE, CB, DI, DS, MC.
(2) (D) (⊗)

Phone: 414/569-9600
2P/2B: $63 XP: $7
(PO Box 949). Terms: Credit card guarantee,
de location. 2 suites with whirlpool, $118; 2 sto-
Rooms: Fee: whirlpools. Cards: AE, DS, MC.
(D)

to Change Phone: 414/284-9461
- 124 2P/2B: $89- 124 XP: $10 F12
- 112 2P/2B: $77- 112 XP: $10 F12
- 109 2P/2B: $74- 109 XP: $10 F12
SR 32, at waterfront. 135 E Grand Ave 53074.
e; package plans, in winter; small pets only, 1st
es; interior corridors; meeting rooms; heated in-
fishing. All Rooms: free movies, cable TV.
MC, VI. (D) (S) (⊗)

1-$20 Phone: 414/284-5592
SR 32 at waterfront. 100 N Franklin St 53074.
Fri & Sat-10 pm. Closed: 11/28, 12/25 & 12/24
ss; children's menu; cocktails & lounge; a la
. Nice view of harbor. Cards: AE, DI, DS, MC.
(⊗)

Phone: 414/251-4100
1 mi s at sign. 1298 Friess Lake Rd 53033.
Mon, 1/1 & 12/24. Reservations: suggested.
:; valet parking; a la carte. Picturesque Early
menu including sandwiches served 4 pm-9 pm.
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Phone: 414/547-7770
70 2P/2B: $45- 70 XP: $6 F18
49 2P/2B: $33- 49 XP: $6 F18
E Moreland Blvd 53186. Fax: 414/547-0588.
95 rooms. Northeast side location within walking
corridors; sauna, whirlpool; exercise room.
Rooms: free movies, cable TV. Fee: VCR
/I. (D) (⊗)

Phone: 414/786-6015
50 2P/2B: $45 XP: $6 F13
45 2P/2B: $40 XP: $6 F13
Rd. 2510 Plaza Ct 53186. Fax: 414/786-5784.
tes; pets, $25 dep req. Facility: 101 rooms. 3
V. Some Rooms: kitchen, radios, refrigerators.
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Phone: 414/785-1590
2P/2B: $52 XP: $6 F12
2P/2B: $47 XP: $6 F12
2P/2B: $41 XP: $6 F12
Rd. 2501 Plaza Ct 53186. Fax: 414/785-0261.
Facility: 112 rooms. Close to shopping & res
s: 12 efficiencies, microwaves, refrigerators.
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Phone: 414/544-445
iew Blvd 53186. Hours: 11:30 am-2:30 & 5-
najor holidays, 12/24 & Superbowl Su
room. Very attractive German design & deco

WAUWATOSA—49,600 (See map p. A225; index p. A224)

LODGINGS

BEST WESTERN MIDWAY HOTEL-HWY 100 Phone: 414/774-3600 (15)
Motor Inn
Guaranteed Rates
7/1-12/31 1P: $82- 95 2P/1B: $92- 105 2P/2B: $92- 105 XP: $10 F18
4/1-6/30 & 1/1-3/31 1P: $81- 94 2P/1B: $91- 104 2P/2B: $91- 104 XP: $10 F18
Location: 1 blk n of I-94, SR 100 exit. 251 N Mayfair Rd 53226. Fax: 414/774-5015. **Terms:** Credit card guarantee; monthly rates; package plans; no pets. **Facility:** 116 rooms. Conveniently located to Milwaukee expressway system & The Milwaukee County Zoo. 3 stories; interior corridors; meeting rooms; heated indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool; domed recreation area. **Dining & Entertainment:** Oscar's, see separate listing; entertainment. **Services:** data ports; airport transportation. Fee: coin laundry. **All Rooms:** coffeemakers, free movies, cable TV. **Some Rooms:** microwaves, refrigerators. **Cards:** AE, DI, DS, MC, VI.
(D) (⊗)

EXEL INN OF MILWAUKEE WEST Phone: 414/257-0140 (16)
Motel
Rates Subject to Change
Fri & Sat 5/1-9/30 [CP] 1P: $45- 49 2P/1B: $49- 53 2P/2B: $51- 55 XP: $4 F18
Fri & Sat 10/1-3/31 [CP] 1P: $43- 47 2P/1B: $47- 51 2P/2B: $49- 53 XP: $4 F18
Sun-Thurs 10/1-3/31 [CP] 1P: $39- 43 2P/1B: $44- 48 2P/2B: $46- 50 XP: $4 F18
4/1-4/30 & Sun-Thurs 5/1-9/30 [CP] 1P: $39- 43 2P/1B: $44- 48 2P/2B: $46- 50 XP: $4 F18
Location: Just n of I-94, SR 100 exit. 115 N Mayfair Rd 53226. Fax: 414/475-7875. **Terms:** Sr. discount; credit card guarantee; weekly/monthly rates; pets. **Facility:** 123 rooms. Attractive units. 2 stories; interior corridors. **Dining:** Dining room nearby. **Services:** data ports. Fee: coin laundry. **All Rooms:** free movies, cable TV. **Some Rooms:** coffeemakers. Fee: microwaves, refrigerators, VCP's, whirlpools. **Cards:** AE, CB, DI, DS, MC, VI. *(See color ad p A175 & p A226)*
(D) (⊗)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-MAYFAIR Phone: 414/778-0333 (19)
Motel
AAA Special Value Rates
4/1-4/30, Sun-Thurs 5/1-9/30 & 10/1-3/31 [CP] 1P: $57- 85 2P/1B: $63- 85 2P/2B: $63- 85 XP: $6 F18
Fri & Sat 5/1-9/30 [CP] 1P: $75 2P/1B: $75 2P/2B: $75
Location: Just e of US 45, North Ave exit 42A. 11111 W North Ave 53226. Fax: 414/778-0331. **Terms:** Credit card guarantee; no pets. **Facility:** 122 rooms. 1 block from Mayfair Shopping Mall. 3 stories; interior corridors; meeting rooms. **Dining:** Restaurant nearby. **Services:** data ports. **All Rooms:** free movies, cable TV. **Some Rooms:** microwaves, refrigerators. **Cards:** AE, CB, DI, DS, JCB, MC, VI. *(See color ad p A226)*
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RAMADA INN-WEST Phone: 414/771-4400 (20)
Motor Inn
AAA Special Value Rates
All Year 1P: $59- 86 2P/2B: $66- 93 XP: $7 F17
Location: Just n of I-94, exit SR 100. 201 N Mayfair Rd 53226. Fax: 414/771-4517. **Terms:** Credit card guarantee; weekly/monthly rates; package plans, 9/7-5/30; weekend rates available; pets, $50 dep req. **Facility:** 235 rooms. Well-appointed rooms. 3 stories; interior/exterior corridors; meeting rooms; heated indoor pool, saunas, whirlpool; exercise room, playground, indoor recreation area, video game room & in-room video games. **Dining & Entertainment:** Dining room; 6 am-2 & 5-10 pm; $8-$16; cocktails/lounge; 24-hour room service. **Services:** Fee: coin laundry. **All Rooms:** free movies, cable TV. **Some Rooms:** coffeemakers. Fee: microwaves, refrigerators. **Cards:** AE, CB, DI, DS, MC, VI. *(See color ad p A226)*
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SHERATON MAYFAIR Phone: 414/257-3400 (17)
Motor Inn
Rates Subject to Change
All Year 1P: $110- 115 2P/1B: $110- 115 2P/2B: $110 XP: $12 F17
Location: 1 blk e of US 45, North Ave exit 42A. 2303 N Mayfair Rd 53226. Fax: 414/257-0900. **Terms:** Reserv deposit; weekly/monthly rates; no pets. **Facility:** 150 rooms. Across from Mayfair Shopping Center. 5 stories; interior corridors; meeting rooms; sauna, small heated indoor pool. **Dining:** Bannister's, see separate listing. **Services:** area transportation, within 5 mi. Fee: airport transportation. **All Rooms:** honor bars, coffeemakers, free & pay movies, cable TV. **Some Rooms:** refrigerators. **Cards:** AE, CB, DI, DS, MC, VI.
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RESTAURANTS

BANNISTER'S Phone: 414/257-3400 (19)
American
Dinner: $11-$20
Location: 1 blk e of US 45, North Ave exit 42A; in Sheraton Mayfair. 2303 N Mayfair Rd 56226. **Hours:** 6:30 am-2 & 5-10 pm, Sat & Sun from 7 am. **Reservations:** suggested. **Features:** Sunday brunch; children's menu; cocktails; a la carte. Varied menu. **Cards:** AE, CB, DI, DS, MC, VI.
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HEINEMANN'S RESTAURANT Phone: 414/774-5200 (24)
American
Dinner: up to $10
Location: 1 blk e of US 45, exit 42A, 0.5 mi n on SR 100 (Mayfair Rd). 2717 N Mayfair Rd 53226. **Hours:** 7 am-8 pm, Fri-9 pm, Sat-8 pm, Sun 7:30 am-8 pm. Closed major holidays. **Features:** children's menu; beer & wine only; a la carte. Most items made from scratch including fresh bakery goods. Operated by same family for over 60 years. Smoke free premises. **Cards:** MC, VI.
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HEINEMANN'S RESTAURANT Phone: 414/258-6800 (22)
American
Dinner: up to $10
Location: 7 mi w. 317 N 76th St 53213. **Hours:** 7 am-8 pm, Sun-2:30 pm. Closed major holidays & 12/24 for dinner. **Features:** Baked goods, soup, casserole & pastry, all made from scratch. Smoke free premises.
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LAKE'S RESTAURANT Phone: 414/771-0550 (18)
Steakhouse
Dinner: $11-$20
Location: 3.5 mi nw of Milwaukee. 6030 W North Ave 53213. **Hours:** 5 pm-10 pm, Sun-9 pm. Closed major holidays, 1/26 & 4/3. **Reservations:** suggested; Sun-Thurs. **Features:** cocktails; a la carte. Rustic dining atmosphere. Specializing in steaks, onion rings & feature fresh fish daily. Smoke free premises. **Cards:** AE, DI, MC, VI.
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OSCAR'S Phone: 414/774-3600 (20)
Steakhouse
Dinner: $11-$20
Location: 1 blk n of I-94, SR 100 exit; in Best Western Midway Hotel-Hwy 100. 251 N Mayfair Rd 53226. **Hours:** 6 am-2 & 5-10 pm, Fri-10:30 pm, Sat 7 am-2 & 5-10:30 pm, Sun 7 am-2 & 5-9 pm. **Reservations:** suggested. **Features:** children's menu; cocktails; a la carte. Casual dining in pleasant atmosphere. Sun brunch, 10 am-2 pm. Heart healthy menu. **Cards:** AE, CB, DI, DS, MC, VI.
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WEST ALLIS—63,600 (See map p. A225; index p. A224)

RESTAURANTS

HEINEMANN'S RESTAURANT Phone: 414/545-6400 (50)
American
Dinner: up to $10
Location: 1/2 blk e of SR 100 on National Ave. 10725 W National Ave 53227. **Hours:** 7 am-2:30 pm, Fri-8 pm, Sun 7:30 am-2:30 pm. Closed major holidays. **Features:** casual dress; health conscious menu; beer & wine only. Made from scratch baked goods, soup

Riders: 1 — Amtrak — Baggage

Name of Passenger: WITHERIDGE/DAVID

From: MILWAUKEE, WI

To: MSP-ST. PAUL, MN

Carrier: A3 — Train: 27 — Date: 30JUN97

Accom: C — Space / Car: RESERVD COACH

Form of Payment: EX 085731214125E

Half Fare: $61.50 — Accom Charge: $.00

Fare Plans: — Total: $61.50

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MILWAUKEE WEST (MAYFAIR MALL)
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414/778-0333
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Name & Address

DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVE S

MPLS MN 55405

Room	33a-11
Arrive Date	06/26/97
Dept. Date	06/30/97
Folio #	0
Room Rate	62.10
Account	2-CBANK
Mkt/Seg	6-BAA

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The management is not responsible for any valuables not secured in safety deposit boxes provided at the front office. I agree that my liability for the charges is not waived and agree to be held personally liable in the event that the indicated person, company or association fails to pay for any part or the full amount of such charges.

X
SIGNATURE

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DATE	CODE	REFERENCE	ID	DESCRIPTION	CHARGE	PAYMENT	BALANCE
0627	114	0627000	SRM	DISCOUNT ROOM	62.10$	.00$	62.10$
0627	811	0627001	SRM	SALES TAX	9.07$	.00$	71.17$
0628	114	0628000	SRM	DISCOUNT ROOM	62.10$	.00$	133.27$
0628	811	0628001	SRM	SALES TAX	9.07$	.00$	142.34$
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0629	811	0629001	TDF	SALES TAX	9.07$	.00$	213.51$
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				TOTAL			.00$

Holiday Inn EXPRESS

ACCT. NO.
VS 4784554002523080 0299

CARD MEMBER NAME
WITHERIDGE/DAVID

ESTABLISHMENT NO. & LOCATION
ESTABLISHMENT AGREES TO TRANSMIT TO CARD ISSUER FOR PAYMENT

HOLIDAY INN WEST
11111 West North Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Holiday Inn EXPRESS

CARD MEMBER'S SIGNATURE
X David E. Witheridge

MERCHANDISE AND OR SERVICES PURCHASED ON THIS CARD SHALL NOT BE RESOLD OR RETURNED FOR A CASH REFUND

DATE OF CHARGE	FOLIO NO./CHECK NO.
06/30/97	H1- 72243-11

AUTHORIZATION: 03524-2 — I.D.: ERF

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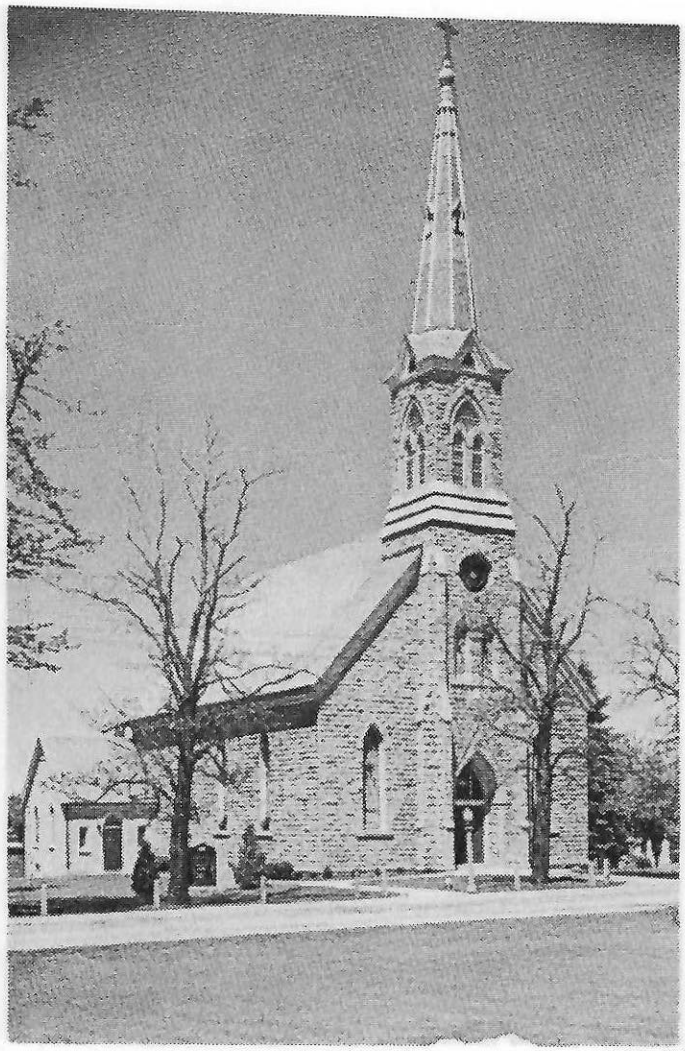
TOTAL AMOUNT	213.51$



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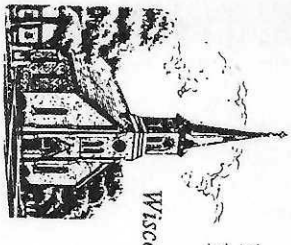

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A Special Introduction
To the Many Faces of Trinity...
A Unique Family in Christ

We Are Family...

At Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Freistadt, in Mequon, Wisconsin, we are family. But we're not just any family.

We are a family bound to One who gave us a place in our Father's house. We are family because of the One who calls us His own at Baptism, feeds us at His table, and builds us up through His Holy Word. That One is Jesus Christ who was crucified for us and rose again to life.

Jesus is our common Brother and it is through Him that we are indeed a "family". His cross has become our "family tree" and it makes us all brothers and sisters. Through Christ we are now related spiritually to one another and to all who call Jesus Lord.

Our family at Trinity is always growing and we hope that our Lord would move you to join us as we joyfully affirm Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to our community and world.

Become one of the many faces in our family!

As Family, We Believe...

- *That the Bible is the inspired Word of God.*
- *That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- *That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, virgin born, sinless; that He died for mankind's sin, rose again, ascended into heaven, and will personally return in glory.*
- *That salvation is a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*
- *That the Holy Spirit guides and empowers the believer through Word and Sacraments.*
- *That a victorious Christian life is a life totally committed to Jesus Christ and dedicated for service.*
- *That faith without works is dead.*
- *That personal growth is a vital characteristic of the healthy Christian.*
- *That corporate growth is a vital characteristic of a healthy church.*

We are a unique family in Christ.

Discover our uniqueness in the pages which follow...

We Are Family In WORSHIP

The aim of all our worship is to praise the goodness of God in Christ Jesus and to uplift and edify the worshipping community.

People have differing needs in their worship life. At Trinity, we attempt to meet the unique needs of our worshipping congregation. While offering traditional and liturgical orders of worship, Trinity also utilizes the very best of contemporary and creative orders of worship.

We are proud of our Ministry of Music too. Trinity is indeed a "singing church". Come and join us next Sunday!

- **Weekend Worship**
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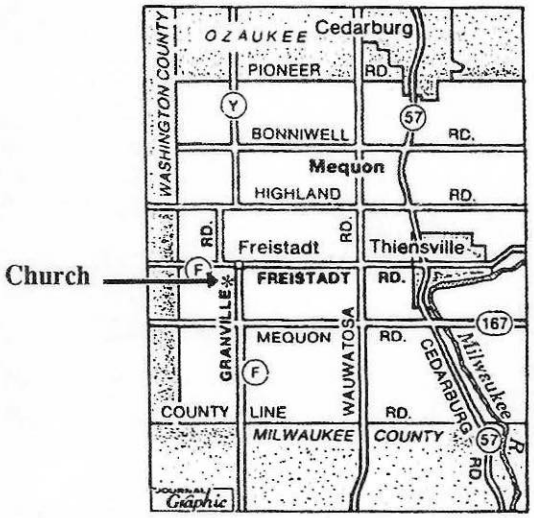

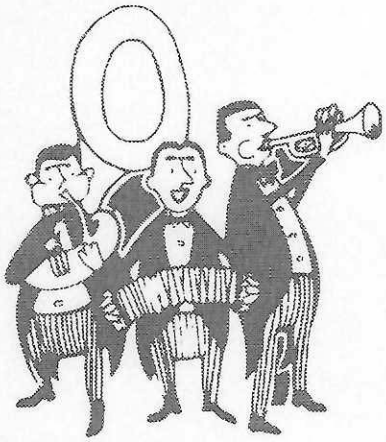

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Relatives of Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (Loitz, Germany) at 1997 Pommerntag:

Rev. David E. Witheridge – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Vicki Koterba, Westby, Montana

Florence Anderson, Westby, Montana

~~Tresa Anderson, Westby, Montana~~

Darrell Anderson, Wilmette, Illinois

Michael George, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Also meeting Dr. Nemitz were these relatives of Vicki Koterba on her father's side:

Theresa Anderson, Westby, Montana

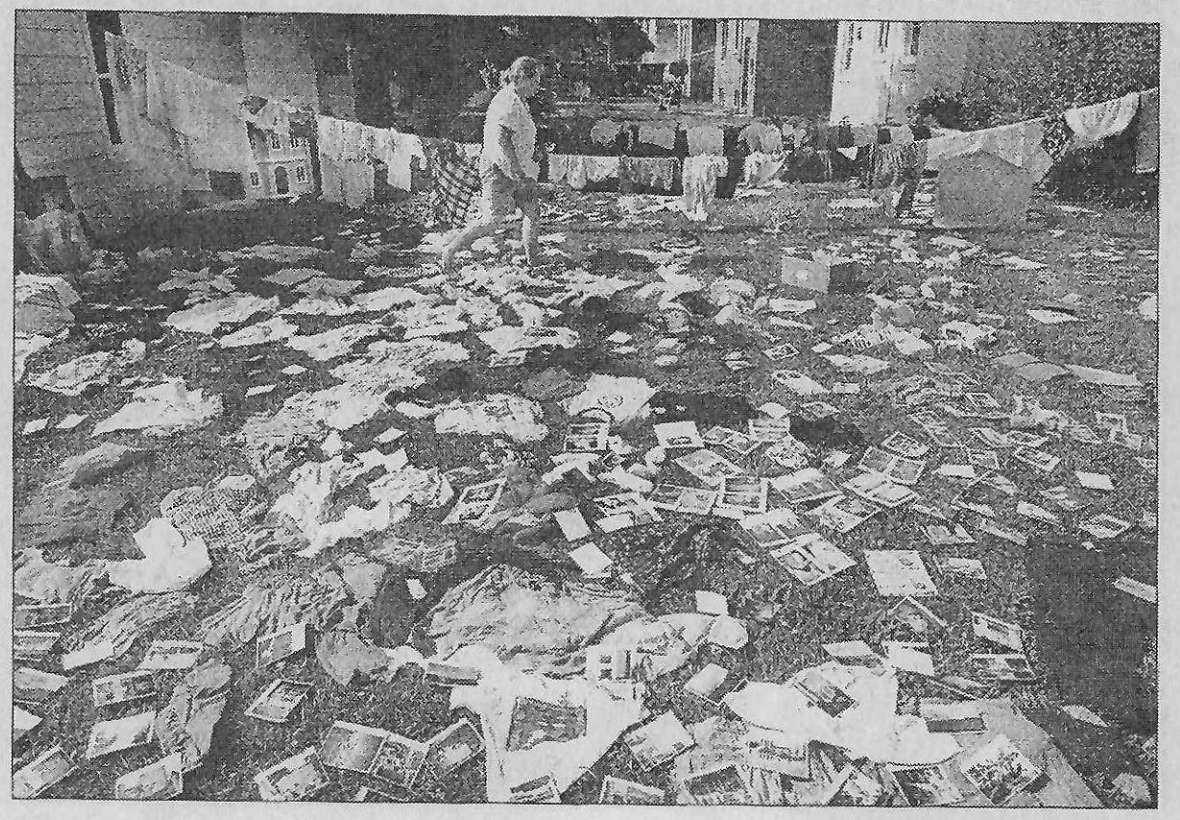
Marlys Mielke, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mabel Mielke, Wausau, Wisconsin

Nedra Voeltner, Columbus, Wisconsin

[Minneapolis Star-Tribune, June 23, 1997]

Star Trib 6/23/97



Karen Couillad spread out her family photos to dry Sunday after more than 6 inches of rain fell and flooded her basement in Shorewood, Wis.

As many as 10 inches fell in other parts of the Milwaukee area late Friday and Saturday. It was the worst flooding in at least a decade.

Associated Press

Cleanup begins in flooded Wisconsin

10 inches of rain in parts of Milwaukee area closed some roads

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Residents of Milwaukee and other parts of southeastern Wisconsin were cleaning up Sunday after torrential rains caused the worst flooding in at least a decade.

Nearly 10 inches of rain fell late Friday and Saturday in parts of the Milwaukee area, flooding homes and making roads impassable.

Red Cross spokesman Richard Wichinski said a preliminary damage estimate indicated that at least 11,000 apartments or houses had been damaged or destroyed by flooding in the metropolitan Milwaukee area. The office of the Milwaukee County executive said the damage figure appeared likely to exceed the $20 million lost after record rainstorms of Aug. 6, 1986.

The National Weather Service said unofficial rain totals ranged as high as 10 inches in Brown Deer, a northern Milwaukee suburb. The rain closed Interstate Hwy. 43 north of Milwaukee. High water stalled cars and left 15,000 to 20,000 customers without power. Wisconsin Electric Power Co. spokesman Dan Johnson said that as of 6:30 p.m. Sunday, power had been restored to nearly all of those customers, with only about 25 still out.

Saturday night's Milwaukee Brewers-Kansas City Royals baseball game, which included a promotional giveaway of umbrellas, was postponed.

In Bayside, a community in northern Milwaukee County, people had to be rescued by boat.

Two deaths from lightning strikes were reported. Kenosha police said an autopsy showed that Casario Hernandez, 19, was struck by lightning late Friday while riding a bicycle home from work. In New Holstein, Daniel Drewa, 21, of Appleton, was killed by lightning Saturday when he apparently climbed a ladder to a roof, the Calumet County coroner said.

Severe weather also struck Iowa late Friday and Saturday. Michael Johnson, 12, was crushed by a tree knocked down by high winds Saturday morning while he slept in a tent in Davenport, Iowa.

On B3:
— Severe storms caused damage Sunday in southwestern Minnesota.

Editor's note:
Pommerntag 1997 dodged a bullet!

TFW, May 10, 2023

Pommern Group, 2000-2001

documents

Editor's Note

This section consists of my dad's entire file labeled "Pommern Group, 2000-2001," presented mostly without my editorial comments. Undated documents are placed in their exact positions within his chronologically organized file.

For more details on this group, see:

- The index entry for Pomeranian Interest Group, Minnesota Genealogical Society, and

- my editor's note at the index entry for Frederick (Fred) Peter Burke (b. 1925).

Tom Witheridge
May 11, 2023

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Die Pommersche Zeitung
Jan. 15, 2000

Auf Bonhoeffers Spuren in Pommern

Amerikanisch-deutsch-polnische Reisegruppe an Wirkungsorten des Theologen

Als Vorstandsmitglied der deutschen Sektion der Internationalen Bonhoeffer-Gesellschaft war ich vom 1. bis 4. Oktober mit einer amerikanisch-deutsch-polnischen Reisegruppe unter Leitung der Schriftstellerin Jane Pejsa (Autorin des Buches „Mit dem Mut einer Frau" über Ruth von Kleist-Retzow) in Pommern unterwegs. An mehreren Orten, an denen von 1935 bis 1940 Dietrich Bonhoeffer gewirkt hat, haben wir Gedenktafeln für Bonhoeffer und für die dortigen jüdischen Gemeinden angebracht. Die Texte auf den galvanisierten Aluminium-Tafeln sind in polnisch, deutsch und englisch gehalten. Bonhoeffers Weg in den politischen Widerstand war wesentlich durch die rassistische Ausrottungspolitik des Nazi-Regimes gegenüber den Juden motiviert.

Dirk Schulz schreibt in seinem Heft „Dietrich Bonhoeffers Jahre in Pommern": „In der Nacht vom 9. auf den 10. November 1938 brennt auch in Köslin die Synagoge. Öffentlicher Protest ist nicht zu organisieren, aber intern stößt Bonhoeffer bei seinen Schülern ein neues Nachdenken über die unauflösliche Verbundenheit zwischen der Christenheit und dem jüdischen Volk an. Die Nacht der Synagogenbrände ist für ihn auch in theologischer Hinsicht ein Schlüsselerlebnis."

Bereits vor einigen Jahren war in der Marienkirche in Schlawe eine Bonhoeffer-Gedenkplatte angebracht worden. In Kreisau, dem Stammsitz Helmut James von Moltkes, ist eine große polnisch-deutsche Jugendbegegnungsstätte entstanden. Seit Mai 1999 steht im Zentrum von Breslau die Skulptur „Für Dietrich Bonhoeffer" des deutschen Bildhauers Karl Biedermann.

In Stettin gab Stanislaw Krzywicki, der Leiter der staatlichen Bücherei die unmittelbar neben den Restmauern der zerstörten Synagoge steht, den Besuchern einen festlichen Empfang. Ebenso freundschaftlich wurden die Reisenden von den Bürgermeistern der Städte Köslin, Henryk Sobolewski, und Schlawe, Ludwikowski, begrüßt.

Die Reisegruppe, die aus amerikanischen Christen (Lutheranern, Katholiken und Freikirchlern) und Juden bestand, wurde ergänzt durch evangelische Christen aus Deutschland und polnische Lutheraner; darunter war der Vorsitzende der polnischen Sektion der Internationalen Bonhoeffer-Gesellschaft, Dr. Jacek Romankow, mit seiner Tochter Katharina. Zur deutschen Gruppe gehörte auch eine Urenkelin der Kieckower Gutsherrin Ruth von Kleist-Retzow, Katrina Söderberg-Jahn (mit ihrem Mann), für die es ein großes Erlebnis war, eine Stätte ihrer Kindheit wiederzusehen. Begleitet wurde die Gruppe von Franciscek Polcyn (Oborniki), dem die organisatorische Vorbereitung der Reise oblag, und von dem Bildhauer Zygmunt Wujek (Köslin). Er war es, der die 1995 in der Marienkirche in Schlawe angebrachte Bonhoeffer-Gedenkplatte geschaffen hatte.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (dritter von rechts) im Kreise seiner Gruppe in Groß Schlönwitz (Kreis Schlawe).

Die neuen Tafeln wurden in Stettin an den Mauerresten der ehemaligen Synagoge, in Köslin nahe dem früheren jüdischen Friedhof angebracht. In Finkenwalde – dort sind keine Überreste von dem ehemaligen Gutshaus mehr vorhanden, in dem das Predigerseminar zu Gast war – wurde die Gedenktafel dem Pastor der örtlichen lutherischen Gemeinde, Piotr Gas, übergeben, der sie an dem dort geplanten Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Gemeindezentrum anbringen wird. In der Nähe des Sigurdshofes, von dem nur noch Reste von Grundmauern existieren, wurde ein Gedenkstein nahe der Landstraße in den Boden eingelassen. Hier hatte der letzte Kurs des „Sammelvikariats" – einer getarnten, illegalen Pastorenausbildung der Bekennenden Kirche, unter Leitung von Dietrich Bonhoeffer – an der Jahreswende 1939140 stattgefunden. Auch an der Kirche in Kieckow, in der Bonhoeffer gepredigt hatte, und im Eingangsbereich der Kirche in Wendisch Tychow wurden Tafeln befestigt.

An einer Andacht in der Kieckower Kirche nahmen mehrere Dorfbewohner und vor allem Kinder teil. Trotz der sprachlichen Schwierigkeiten freundeten sich diese Kinder sofort mit den Besuchern aus Deutschland und den USA an. Wir erlebten dies als ein schönes und sehr bewegendes Zeichen ökumenischer Verbundenheit und Versöhnung über die Grenzen hinweg.

Martin Hüneke

[Mar. 30, 2000]

Subj: **Resource list**
Date: 3/30/00 9:05:47 PM Central Standard Time
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Reply-to: joensue@compaq.net (Ralph Lange)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

David: We talked on Tuesday at The Pommern meeting. First, I just got a email list of many good web sites from the German Interest Group as a result of their February meeting. I came from a Gerald G. Zimmerman email gzimm@home.com I would suggest that your email him and ask for the GGS E-mail News+ February 2000 -Web sites. If you are not a member of the German Interest Group part of the Minnesota Genealogical Society you should join. So much of the stuff that Ruth tried to cover the other night is already in this resource list. Good hunting..... Ralph W. Lange joensue@compaq.net

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[May 23, 2000]

POMMERSCHE GRUPPE

Pommeranian Study Group Activities Slate:* 23 May, 2000

6:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Open time for examining materials, visiting, exchange of ideas and info.

7:00 - I. Call to order, approve this slate? make changes?

7:05 - II. Jane Gardner and Ruth Mammenga present "Farm Families of Pommern" 1936.

7:30 - III. Fred Burke and Paul Sternberg - Survey Results - Where do we go from here??

8:00 - IV. Open Disscussion - Should this group have a more organized structure? If so, what form should it take? Should we:

a. elect officers?
b. develop any governance document(s)?
c. regularize our finances?
d. produce our own newsletter or website?

8:45 - V. Adjourn

*cobbled together by B. Buth from info gathered from others: I take all responsibility for form and none for content.

[June 4, 2000]

6/4/00

POMMERN STUDY GROUP...

PROJECT:

The objeactive of the Pommern Study group's project is to evaluate what can be accomplished when a sumber of Pommern family reasearchers (1) pool their family and village information and network with many other Pommern family rearchers to (2) sort out their information with that located in Pommern Leute bulletins, family history center information, information found on various websites. This information will be grouped according to the variou Kreis villages.

It is theorized that when the information regarding villages and the people who lived there, in given time frames, is brought together, researchers will be able to make many family connections, for residents of a village and may expand their own family trees. It may also be that there researchers will also locate more information about these villages and thereby gain a better understanding of their ancestor's past.

Researchers will betin their projeact by collecting and sharing their own family histories and information about their villages. Family charts will be assembled together and made available to the group. Researchers will network with others, outside their group, to develop a collection of information.

While individuals will continue to use conventional methods of research, the project will begin will sorting and organizing the storehouse of information assembled by Myron Grunewald in his years of bulletins.

The first 1,800 enteries for Kreis Regenwalde and Stolp have been sorted by entery numbers, by villages and by submitter's numbers. Working with this data, the group will be able to formulate their mission statement and their order of procedure and methods of organizing information.

Each person participating inthe project will follow uniform procedures to facilitate data being able to be more easily programed into computers. Each person will turn in their individual results at periodic meetings and will keep track of the hours spent in the project.

The project will be evaulated and results will be made available when the and how the group of researchers decides.

[Nov. 10, 2000]

Subj: **FW: 09 NOV 2000 Pommern Newsletter**
Date: 11/10/00 2:42:16 PM Central Standard Time
From: THAWLEY@CenexHarvestStates.com (Hawley, Trudy)
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> **
> **********************************
> * * To those of you veterans in our Pommern group, thank you for your
> service to the country. * *
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> For Your Information - www.amazon.de is offering a video "Reise nach
> Pommern" (Trip to Pommern) on its German web site, and, of course, it's a
> German language video.
>
> Also, For Your Information - Here is a list of twelve recommended internet
> sites:
>
> * 1 * www.genealogy.net Click on "mailing lists" to subscribe to the
> POMMERN-L list. These people are very knowledgable about Pommern history,
> culture, and geography, as well as genealogy. Sometimes the dialog is
> rather intense, depending on the current topic. Conversations are in
> German and English
>
> * 2 * www.kartenmeister.com Scroll down to the blue boxes at the bottom
> of the page, and enter your village name. Click on "search" and click on
> the village name on the "results" screen, for the latitude and longitude
> of the village, the Polish name, Kreis, and the nearest population center.
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> * 3 * www.genforum.genealogy.com Free questions and answers. Search for
> name, state, country, or topic, and find other people with a common
> interest. Help others find their way through their personal genealogical
> maze.
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> * 4 * www.worldroots.com German, but not necessarily Pommern, royalty,
> art work, and South American links.
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> * 5 * www.donicht.de Extensive Pommern - to - South America genealogy
> links
>
> * 6 * www.execpc.com/~kap/pommern The Pommern Page, by Kent
> Peterson. Also, a query forum.
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> * 7 * www.germanmigration.com German Migration Resource Center site.
> Free query submission, but subscribe to search other queries. Click on
> "Other Sites" for links to many Germanic resources.
>
> * 8 * home.datacomm.ch/hfehlberg/ Don't use the 'www' in the address.
> This is one of 16 links in the Pommern Genealogy WebRing. This site has
> background information on the German military customs, on agricultural
> practices, and more. Scroll to the bottom of the home page, and browse
> through 15 more sites on the ring.
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> * 9 * malfark.easyspace.com Again, don't use the 'www' in the address.
> This has rather an unusual home page, but, really, Mark Pautz is a very

> interesting guy. He now lives in Prague, but was born in South Africa of
> Pommern heritage. Prague is an easy drive to Pommern, and Mark put his
> trip to Kreis Regenwalde on the internet. Click on "Travel Adventures"
> for the narrative and beautiful photographs. Check out the maps he owns
> and has now scanned.
>
> * 10 * www.hinterpommern.de Pommern Das Land am Meer, by
> Gunthard Stuebs. In German, but this site is considered by many to be the
> definitive site on Pommern, with lots of links to Pommern culture and
> history resources, as well as his own genealogy in Kreis Greifenberg.
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> * 11 * my.bawue.de/~hanacek/info/earchive.htm This is the third
> site without the 'www' in the address line. In addition to his personal
> genealogy page, Hanacek provides extensive information on Archives in
> Germany, including state and private archives, church archives, and
> military archives.
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> * 12 * www.rollenhagen.de/Pommern/photos/index.html Along with the
> Rollenhagen family genealogy, this site provides a few lovely pictures of
> Stargard, Belgard, Greifenbeg, Kolberg, Koeslin, Pyritz, Regenwalde,
> Stettin, Stolp, Treptow an der Rega, and "some impressions from
> Pomerania."
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> ENJOY ! !

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Dear Trudy,

Thank you for all the information about the Internet sites. What are the date and place of the November meeting of the Pommern Group?

David Witheridge

Subj: **FW: Revised Pommern Meetings - Oct, Nov, & Dec**
Date: 11/10/00 2:59:55 PM Central Standard Time
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> Revised Meeting Schedule for October, November, and December
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[Nov. 27, 2000]

Pommern Study Project Progress report Nov. 27, 2000

While both the Pommern Interest Group and the Pommern Study Project group both ha ve goals to help each other learn about our Kreis and the villages in the Kreis, the Study Project group gets people involved with each other to work together to identify the families who lived in our various villages.

As we begin this project, we have a focus on the heartland of hinterpommern. Researchers with ancestors in Kreis Regenwalde, Naugard, Greifenberg and Saatzig are working together. As we get comfortable with this base, we will move on to other Kreis surrounding these Kreis and then to the far East and West.

If you plan to attend our next meeting, Dec. 12, at Merriam Park Library, first get acquainted with the names of those who have ancestors in the same Kreis as you do. This information is located in the folders we put together two meetings ago. In the folder you will find a map of the Kreis and the names of GGS members and some from Freistadt who have ancestors in villages here. The dots indicate that a GGS member is working in particular villages (red) a green dot is for a Freistadt researcher and a yellow dot indicates an entry from Myron Grunwald's bulletin. By doing this, you will know the surnames being researched in the variou villages and who else is researching there.

Another area that is being considered to pursue is to check Mn. church records where Pomeranians settled. If you have Mn. ancestors and want to discuss this focus, talk to Kermit Frye, Bill Buth, Minnie Schmidt, Ray Schleski, Marge Ross, Jan Savage.

Within the next month or so we must decide how to program in selected pieces of information from given enteries. There has to be an agreement on this before anyone begins the process so if you plan to join the Study Project group, plan to attend the next meeting.

We plan to schedule a Saturday meeting in Jan. for the Project group and it is anticipated that more of the group will start to meet informally.

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November 27th, 2000 Pommern Interest Group update [Nov. 27, 2000]

X Tonight we will enjoy the 1st of a two part program, presented by Jan & Jerry Savage who will share the many things they learned and saw on their recent trip to Poland and to the Greifswald Archives. They are being assisted by Phillip Tesch. The 2nd part of the program will be presented on Dec. 18th, Ramsey Co. Library, 7-9 PM

X This program will be videotaped as a service to those who are not here tonight. (Both parts 1 and 2 will be one the same tape.) A check-out fee of $15 will be made, with a refund of $5 when the tape is returned. This fee should pay for the original tape and the copy tape wo that this service may continue. Note: if you have a videocamera and would volunteer for a future taping, it would be appreciated.

X At the last meeting, Oct 24th, we began a group project where we worked together in small groups of people from the same Kreis interest. Using dictionaries (German/English) we attempted to translate the single page of information found at the start of each Kreis chapter. When the 38 pages in this book are all translated, we should have a good overview of the history of Pomerania.

When a page is translated, have all translators sign the copy. When all pages are completed, we hope that someone will proof-read the pages so that copies can be made of the whole set for each of us to use in future activities and for our own use. A copy of this will be placed with the copy of this book, Pommern in 1440 Bildern, already at Concordia.

Myron Falck who drove up from St. Peter for the last meeting, sent his translation for Kreis Cammin!

If you cannot attend these next couple meetings, you would be much appreciated if you would volunteer to translate a page or even two. We would like to involve GGS members who also have Pommern ancestors but live too far from St. Paul to attend these meetings. If you are shy about translating, don't be. We will have someone go over the final copy to adjust strange sentences. If you haven't discovered http://babelfish.altavis.../translate.dyn, this website is lots of fun and sure to give you a laugh as it helps you translate German sentences.

X If we don't have your family pedigree and family charts, we really want them to place in our 3-ring binder of Pommern information. When we look up your name on the GGS surname list, we can see your ancestor's village and surname but we do need to know more about your family in order for anyone to make connections. If you haven't completed a recent form for GGS, look for the new one. If you sign the permission form at the bottom, this information can go on the upcoming GGS website. Those of us who are in the Pommern Study Project group REALLY want to know all about your family. (see the section on this)

X At Pommern Interest meetings, we all are encouraged to bring in any information that we have located regarding our kreis, our family, a website, an address that we might not know, a family story, whatever you want to share. We have a folder for each Kreis ready to receive all this. When we outgrow a folder, we will move into 3 ring-binders! At meetings, we take time to have people tell us what they are adding to a folder, as they place their bits and pieces in the right places. This gives us insentive to find that maternal great-grandmother who has eluded us as we know we will get appreciation for our hard work from fellow researchers. We want our group to work together and help each other solve difficult problems.

X In coming meetings, we would like to work together to learn more about the history of Pomerania. If we have experts in our midst, we hope to have them present a lesson on a particulat war or who was who in the castle or what life was like on an estate. If we can't find EXPERTS, we will wing it by boning up on some facet of German history and then present our bits and pieces around the round table. Begin bringing in books that you have located so we can begin to read. After watching Napoleon on PBS, I want to read about Waterloo as I figure my great-grandfather was of the right age to have been there, or at least to have heard about it. If you haven't read Elizabeth & Her German Garden, both the Mpls and St. Paul library have it. It is like an afternoon visit to an estate in Old Pomerania.

X If you have an E-mail address, get it to us so others can send you folk tales or pass on information to you. Maynard Sautter brought in a copy of the folktales told in his family and by the next day, they were being enjoyed all around.

Our group has very limited funds but we would like to have a newsletter SO...if you don't own a computer, go to the library or senior center of wherever they have computers for public use and sign up with someone like hotmail for a free E-mail address and soon we will all be connected and reading about each other in our newsletter.

[Dec. 6, 2000]

Subj: **Re: 06 December 2000 Pommern Newsletter**
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Hello All!
A little bit of organization is needed to make this
German pot luck on the18th fly.

At this time we have 3 commitments:

Joann Becker - hot german potato salad
Fred - kraut
Paul - Schwarzwalder Kirsch torte (Black Forest Cherry Cake).

Please think about what you could bring and e-mail me.
We still need plates, plastic forks and knives, cups, juice,
and german sausage, and strudel. Mmmmm!

The meeting is at Ramsey Co. Library on Monday
Dec 18th, 6-9 pm. We will be (eating) and having a brainstorm
session about what topics we want to have this upcoming
year. January is somewhat open, but we have a possibility
of having a meeting with WWII stories as our focus.

February is very interesting! People are to bring in Pommern
pictures and artifacts for a show and tell. It will be just like
grade school all over again! Think about what you could
bring.

The smaller Pommern study group is meeting Tuesday, Dec
12th at Merriam Park Library 6-9.

I hope to hear from all of you, and see you on the 18th.
If this should be a smash success we might do this every
December.

Pommern Group Secretary,
Paul Sternberg

[Dec. 11, 2000]

Subj: **11 December Pommern Newsletter**
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POMMERN-L Subscription - Since the first article of this series was re-printed in the 12 / 06 Pommern group newsletter, several group members have joined the Pommern-L list. If you need historical information about Pommern, these are the experts to consult. Many have web-sites to help with further research. Simply by posting your family information, you can find other genealogists with a common name or village. Pommern-L is a great resource for everyone!

The following experience of travel in Pommern was recently posted on the Pommern-L list, by Mary and Andy Wegner, of Winneconne, Wisconsin. They gave permission to reprint the multi-part series, which they call "Tidbits," during the next few weeks in our group newsletter.

Tidbit # 3: The Cemetery at Neuenhagen

Once upon a time in Kreis Regenwalde on the road from Plathe to the city of Regenwalde, there existed a place, a small place, called Neuenhagen, not on the main road but off to the south a bit. Exactly what it once was I do not know, but it is now just a collection of scattered buildings in a flat open field, inhabited but with signs of disrepair everywhere. What draws us to this desolate spot are certain barely-readable scrawls on a few old documents saying that the Zarnott's, Mary's maternal ancestors, once lived here – only a few short kilometers from where my Wegner's were from! We are to a large extent what they were; but who were they? Answering this question is the grist of genealogy.

Regenwalde is now Resko, Plathe is Ploty, and what is left of Neuenhagen is called Czarne. We turn south off highway 152 onto a sideroad and proceed a kilo or so across flat terraine being marginally utilized for agriculture (although in the fall, it is a little hard to be sure what the crops looked like in summer). The sign says we are in Czarne but where the center of town is is not clear. To the right are the remains (occupied?) of an old manor house (Gut). To the left is a still-functioning distillery.

Our old topo map showed a rectangle with two crosses inside (the symbol for a cemetery), connected to the town by a lane to the south. We carefully measure and scale distances from still existing landmarks and conclude that a barely-passable trail is the lane. It leads right next to a house. We are hesitant to go down it without asking permission, but our guide Henryk assures us it is a public path ("It is?", we ask). We proceed, and the indifferent looks (yes, those indifferent looks again), indicate that Henryk is right. We eventually came to the conclusion that the concepts of private ownership and of public domain are much different in Poland than we are familiar with in the States.

I would have preferred to walk; but Henryk, his legs not being as young as they once were, urges us on; so, we drive down the lane past a shed or two, and past curious heifers (the Cold War seems to have had no effect on them). We avoid tearing out the oil pan by swerving at the last moment, thus avoiding a boulder hidden in the long grass between the tracks. Again scaling the distance on the map, we park the car when we are close to the indicated spot of the old cemetery. Henryk dozes in the car (we worked him pretty hard that day), while Mary and I walk ahead. A small pine woods just ahead on the right seems promising. We, of course, had no expectations.

Barely inside the woods, we knew we had the right spot! A limestone marker, the top broken off, still stood, albeit somewhat crookedly. Limestone or not, it was, after rubbing off some lichens, still readable. The first name was broken off, but it ended in an "a" and the second to the last letter ended in a downstroke:
".....a EHLERT, geb. MEDENWALD, * 1.2.1887, + 8.6.1932".
Also listed on the same stone was: "Auguste MEDENWALD, geb. DUMMANN, * 3.9.1848, + 19.12.1933", "Ruhel Sanft".

We do not know who they were -- perhaps a daughter and her mother. This lone surviving stone may not be there much longer, but at least we now have a record of what it said. If anyone knows of these people, we would appreciate hearing from you.

This tombstone was at the head of, for lack of a better word, a sarcophagus, buried in the ground. The rectangular cement outline of the top walls were visable above the soil. Seven additional of these structures were present, in a line to the south of the first. None of them had a tombstone. I assume the bodily remains are still present inside the structures -- as they appeared undisturbed.

Tidbit # 4: Natzmersdorf

Ron Schultz had asked us to check out Natzmersdorf (now Nacmierz Poland), so after buying some fruit and other snacks in Labes (now Lobez), we head north on highway 148. My map shows two routes off the highway that lead to the town, the closer one from the southwest and a longer way around from the northwest. I suggest the shorter. Henryk looks at his map and says the

longer is better. I don't listen. A big mistake. The narrow lane is all cobblestone! It is a pretty rough ride; but hey, by slowing down we get a better look at the rural scene along this rustic road.

Our 1800's topo map shows Natzmersdorf to be a manor house (Gut) and associated buildings. Except for communist era additions, it is essentially that today. As we drive into the central grounds of the manor house, our eyes are drawn first to an olive drab 1960's army truck sitting in the yard. It appears to be in working order, a functioning reminder of recent history. We park next to one of the outbuildings about 20 meters from the house -- under the shade of a huge, heavily-laden alderberry bush. The house is clearly occupied, but no one comes out.

One of our primary goals was to look for an old cemetery that was indicated on our map. To do this we needed to walk past the house and down a small path. NO WAY would we do this in the States without getting permission! We suggest knocking on the door, but Henryk assures us we can look around without asking. With severe reservations, we proceed -- in his close presence. No one comes to holler (or worse) at us. I guess different cultures have different rules.

The path north from the house leads past a vegetable and flower garden, and into a small brushy woods. I calculate the old cemetery was where the garden is now, but we search the woods as well. We find no hint of old graves, but on the edge of the garden is a mound of dirt surrounded by a rectangle of bricks and covered with freshly cut flowers -- obviously a fresh grave.

We walk back to the car and take pictures of the grounds and buildings. The manor house is impressive and is still in relatively good shape. It is a large masonry structure with a two-story entranceway addition near one end and a three story windowed tower with a foursquare peaked roof on the other end. To the west of the house are a couple large buildings, apparently from the days of a collective farm. Unlike Harmsdorf however, these buildings are well maintained and are still being used.

It is near noon, and since our plans do not take us near a restaurant anytime soon, we stand under a shade tree and eat our snacks. After a few minutes a young woman comes out of the house on her way to pick strawberries (apparently a persistent ever-bearing variety). With Henryk's help we start a conversation with her. She is 21 years old and is studying to be a medical doctor, but is considering changing to another field because doctors, as well as teachers and some other professionals, are very poorly paid in Poland, worse than farm workers she said. Henryk confirms that this is, sadly, often true. We ask about the fresh grave. She explains that her younger sister's cat died recently, and she comes each day from a nearby home to put fresh flowers on its grave. There is ironry here someplace.

A car drives into the yard, and a middle aged couple gets out and walks to the house. They pause at the front door a bit, then the man walks back to join us. We ask about the manor house. He says they would like to restore it, and that they had in fact submitted restoration plans for approval. They were trying to raise money for the effort. It was not clear how many people lived there, or how the residents were related, or just who owned the house. We got the impression somebody else owned it, perhaps the government.

We are about to leave when the man comes back, asking if we want some apples for our journey. I follow him back to the garden and eat a couple small sweet strawberries offered by the woman while he picks a bag of apples from an old twisted tree. We munched on those apples for the next five weeks!

bis später, Andy Wegner, Winneconne, Wisconsin

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*** Remember to try all the variant spellings of your surnames -- the census enumerator or the tax man might have spelled the name differently than you do. Need some ideas for overcoming name spelling problems? See WHY YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR ANCESTORS at http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson8.htm

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10 January 2001 Pommern Group Newsletter

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GGS group descriptions

I. **Definition of Sub - Group**
   A. holds meeting separate from GGS meetings
   B. has no fee additional to GGS dues
   C. designates two leaders, as contacts with GGS Board
   D. *****
   E. *****
   F. designates chairperson to lead meetings
   G. designates treasurer

II. *****

III. **Group membership**
   A. must have GGS membership, or may attend as guest
   B. *****
   C. sends annual membership list to GGS
   D. notifies GGS regularly of group activities

IV. **Group fee / dues**
   A. cannot collect group fees
   B. *****
   C. *****
   D. *****
   E. *****
   F. may request GGS Board vote on funds for postage and photocopies
   G. pays other expenses by donation or event charges
   H. may distribute GGS membership forms

I. cannot collect GGS dues or accept GGS membership forms

V. **Group meetings**

A. leaders schedule meetings not to conflict with GGS meetings / events

B. *****

C. *****

D. *****

E. *****

F. when possible, group information published in GGS newsletter

VI. **Publications & Web Sites**

A. *****

i. *****

ii. *****

iii. *****

iv. *****

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C. *****

D. links web site to GGS web site

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F. GGS may assist with web site development and links

VII. **GGS Library**

A. *****

B. *****

C. *****

VIII. **Non-Profit Status**

A. must act in accordance of non-profit status of GGS and MGS

B. GGS will inform group of non-profit restrictions

Changes to these guidelines can be made only with the approval of the GGS Board and the approval of each existing Affiliated Group or Sub - Group.

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You are cordially invited to a special meeting of the Pommern Interest Group,

"THE HEART OF POMMERN,'

on Monday, 19 February, 2001,

at the Roseville Library, 2180 North Hamline (see map link, below).

This is a unique opportunity to share a Pommern family treasure with the group,

and see what others have discovered about their Pommern heritage,

after enjoying a hearty pot luck dinner.

Relatives and friends are welcome, of course.

Food and displays can be set up at 5 PM, with the dinner starting at 6 PM. Please bring a card table, for displays or seating, if possible. Plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.

The presentations of the family items will begin at 6:45 PM, and, depending on the number of items shown, the items will be displayed for an hour at 7:30 PM. Lyle Haney will be Master of Ceremonies.

The room must be cleaned and cleared from 8:30 - 9 PM.

If you chose to bring an item to share, or if you want to bring food, please contact Jan and Jerry Savage at 763 - 544 - 7469 or gdsmails@juno.com

[Feb. 19, 2001]

POMMERN REGIONAL GROUP
GERMANIC GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
a branch of the
MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Presents

The First Annual Pomeranian Artifacts Night
February 19, 2001
at the Community Room of the Roseville Branch
of the Ramsey County Library
2180 Hamline Avenue North
Roseville, Minnesota

This event is devoted to sharing of treasured items which were either brought to America by our Pommern ancestors or were gathered on our pilgrimages to ancestral villages in our Pommern homelands.

THE FIRST ANNUAL POMERANIAN ARTIFACTS NIGHT

Program (1)

5:00-6:45 Room and display set up and pot luck dinner
6:45 Welcome and introductions - Ruth Mammenga
6:50-7:30 Short verbal presentations from individual artifact presenters
7:30-8:30 Social and artifact viewing
8:30-8:50 (2) clean up of community room

(1) We are grateful that the officials at the Ramsey County Library permit us to schedule the use of their Community Room free of charge; however, we must abide by their rules.

(2) We are obligated to stack the chairs, remove all our belongings and have the room completely vacated by 8:50 P.M. The entire library closes promptly at 9:00 P.M.

CURRENT AND PROJECTED POMMERAN GROUP PROJECTS

**** Translation of the 40 individual Stadtkreis and Landkreis pages from Pommern in 1440 Bildern , (Gloria & Orlando Rushmeyer manohmen@aol.com)***

**** Locate and translate articles to produce an archives of information about individual Kreis and villages in Pomerania (Gloria and Orlando Rushmeyer manohmen@aol.com)***

**** Gather and summarize pedigree/family charts submitted by Pommern researchers to use in making surname connections and to tabulate related vital statistics. (Ruth Mammenga ruthmamm@hotmail.com)***

**** Make additions to the family charts from the information supplied by participants at meetings and/or received by mail. (Paul Sternberg kingisif@concentric.net) and (Marge Ross baroness@msn.com)***

**** Projected annotated directory of websites useful to Pommern researchers. (Paul Sternberg kingisif@concentric.com) and Trudy Hawley thawley@cenexharveststates.com)***

**** Projected file of photographs taken by Pommern researchers on trips to their ancestral villages (Jan and Jerry Savage gdsmails@juno.com)***

****Projected list of villages with map coordinates to use with 1:100,000 - zweifarbig Institute fur Angewandte Geodasie maps (Kermit Frye kefrye@hotmail.com) and (Fred Sauer KD0CO@PRO-NS.net)***

Thank you for attending the First Annual Pomeranian Artifacts Night

Special thanks to all those who brought your Pommern Treasures for all of us to share

The next meeting of the Pommern Regional Group of the Germanic Geneological Society will be an organizational meeting on March 5th, 2001, from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at the Community Room of the Ramsey County Library, 2180 Hamline Avenue North, Roseville, Minnesota

Another meeting is scheduled for April 7th from 1:00-5:00 P.M. at the same location, with the agenda to be determined.

[Feb. 27, 2001]

From: "Hawley, Trudy" <THAWLEY@cenex.com>
To: "Hawley, Trudy" <THAWLEY@cenex.com>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2001 18:10:07 -0600
Subject: 27 February Pommern newsletter

"Are we having meetings just to get together, or are we getting together to learn something?"

"Where do you find good maps of Pommern?"

"There is a need for the group to be productive. How can we best achieve that goal?"

"How can I participate in research by e-mail, if I live out of state and can't get to meetings?"

"If I have to pay, I won't join."

"I haven't got time to attend all these meetings. Let me know in advance what the topic is."

"I work all week, and don't want to spend Saturday in a meeting."

"I don't go out at night. Tuesday mornings would be good for me."

"I joined to advance my genealogical research, but I feel I'm not accomplishing anything."

These comments and questions are among the many different responses shared by fellow Pommern group researchers. Well, we all have an opportunity to address some of these issues at the next scheduled meeting of the Pommern study group.

March 05, 2001
from 6 PM - 9:PM
at the Roseville Library

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VI. Form specific organizational committees

A. Agenda and program planning

B. Meeting site co-ordination

C. Membership

D. Newsletter

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F. Pommern Tag trip to Freistadt, Wisconsin, in June

G. Research trip to Salt Lake City

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[Mar. 2001]

Coming Events

Mar 24	**MGS Branching Out** with GGS presentations
Mar 31	**GGS Research Committee** Concordia Library
Apr 7	**Pommern Regional Group** 1-5pm, Ramsey Co. Library, Roseville
Apr 14	**Pommern Study Group** 1-5pm, Ramsey Co. Library, Roseville
May 3	**Board Meeting**, 7pm, MGS Library
May 5	**Pommern Study Group** 10-12noon, Ramsey Co. Library, Roseville
May 11-12	**GGS Spring Conference** Luther Seminary, St. Paul
May 22	**Pommern Regional Group** 6:30-9:30pm, MGS Library
Aug 2	**Board Meeting**, 7pm, MGS Library
Oct 4	**Board Meeting**, 7pm, MGS Library
Oct 13	**GGS Fall Program** Concordia University, St. Paul
Nov 10	**GGS Business Meeting**

Hermann Monument, Restoration – New Ulm, MN,

The imposing statue in New Ulm, MN, to Hermann (Arminius), the German who led German tribes to defeat the Roman army in 9AD, is undergoing a $600,000 restoration project after storm damage in 1998. In 2000, the U. S. Congress designated it as an official symbol for all Americans of German heritage. The copper statue is the second largest in the US (after the Statue of Liberty). You can send donations to: Hermann Monument Restoration & Perpetual Maintenance Society, Inc. at P. O. Box 201: New Ulm, MN 56073.

Pommern Regional Group

The Pommern Regional Group will meet at the Ramsey Co. Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. North (near the Rosedale Mall) on:

April 7 (Sat. 1-5) The group will continue the March business meeting agenda: programs, meeting sites/times, membership, newsletter, web site, and mission statement.

April 14th (Sat. 1-5) Study Group — Proposed study groups will be introduced and volunteers recruited for: surname database, photo archivist, Kreis file & translation archive, family tree data, Grunewald project, village mapping, web site, Pommern Tag trip to Freistadt WI, and research trip to Salt Lake City.

May 5 (Sat. 10am.- noon) The Study groups will continue their work from the April 14th meeting.

May 22 (Tues. 6:30 - 9:30 pm.) Meeting room at Minnesota Genealogical Society, 5738 Olson Memorial Hwy. The Pommern group will feature a trip presentation about the Rummelsburg, Bublitz, Schlochau area.

The Pommern Group also welcomes researchers from regions that were part of Pommern for only a few years, including: Deutsch Krone, Flatow, Schlochau, Netzekreis, Schneidemühl, Arnswalde, and Friedeberg.

Pommern Group Officers – March 2001

Chairperson — Jerry Savage (e-mail: gdsmails@juno.com)

1st Vice Chair & Corresponding Secretary — Paul Sternberg (e-mail: kingisif@concentric.net)

2nd Vice Chair — Bill Buth

Recording Secretary — Bill Buth & Jan Savage

Treasurer — Fred Sauer.

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Check out the following web-site of one of our e-mail list members! http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Stream/3150/

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1. Are you a GGS member? Yes - 28 No - 13 *I was and will renew. *We were 10 years ago. *Not currently

2. Would you pay an additional fee Pommern group membership? Yes - 30 No - 2
*Depends on benefits *Maybe x2 *Donation at the door *If nominal *How much? *I suppose. *Perhaps.

3. Have you attended any Pommern group meetings? Yes - 33 No - 8
*Not many *One *Last year. *About 10 years ago.

4. Why would you attend a Pommern group meeting?
   A. Basic research information - 30
   B. Advanced research information - 34
   C. Pommern historical or cultural program - 32
   D. Round-table discussion - 25
   E. Specific, individual genealogical help or advice - 32
   F. Socializing - 18
   G. Other - Please specify - *host a workshop
*Too difficult to get to meetings, but would participate via e-mail *No longer interested in Pommern
*I have significant amount info on WI Pommern 1839-1846, Cammin, Wollin, Naugard, & Saatzig

5. How should the group be organized?
   A. "Elected" officers - 20
   B. Designated leader - 10
   C. Designated group of leaders - 13
   D. Other - Please specify - 1 volunteers for membership, archives, programs
*We may have difficulty voting, since many people do not attend meetings on a regular basis.
*What's the difference if elected or designated? Terms of office? *Elected officers along with designated group leaders.

6. When and where should meetings be scheduled?

once a month - 8	weekends	sometimes at different location	circulate places	library
evenings - 4	Tues / Thurs	any Twin Cities area	same as now	Concordia
days - 2	Tuesdays	alternate MPLS & St Paul	Ramsey County	M G S building
4th Mon or Tues	Saturdays	regularly scheduled	SW suburbs	free location
Tues / Wed / Thurs daytime		accessible with parking	central location -2	South MPLS
Tues / Wed evenings / Saturday		Roseville / Merriam Park	Roseville is fine -2	St Paul
		Merriam Park, but flexible	Public space closer than Roseville	

*People will find a way to fit the meeting into schedules. Follow-up survey for majority to vote times. *Monthly project & quarterly program meetings.

9. Have you used the GGS library at Concordia? Yes - 30 No - 7 *Once. *Not recently.

[Mar. 5, 2001]

POMMERNGRUPPE AGENDA: MARCH 5TH, 2001
Ramsey County Library, Roseville, MN

NOTES:

When the meeting is called to order at 6:00 P M, the designated, presiding temporary chairperson will introduce the agenda, moving for its adoption. As soon as a second is heard, the chair will call for any discussion or motions to add, subtract, or otherwise change the agenda before the final vote on its adoption. This establishes our order of business. After that vote, changes can only be made under motions to " suspend the rules." These motions require a 2/3 majority and rarely pass.

The chair will attempt to keep a speaking order in all situations where more than one person wishes to speak,* and to follow that order with care. Should any issue provoke strong debate, it may become necessary to limit speaking time for individuals. this may be moved by the chair, or by any member from the floor. With an agenda as long as ours today, we will need to make decisions and press on.

A simple majority(50% + 1) will suffice in most cases to pass all motions relating to the establishment and formal action of our group. Generally, to undo an action the group has properly taken, a 2/3 majority vote is required.

If we decide to adopt by-laws, they may emerge from our discussion of a mission statement(item VII.) This can be a lengthy process, so it may be advisble to establish a committee to draft proposed by-laws and present them later to the full group for approval.

Thank you for your participation, and patients**

* Democracy is usually not very tidy, but the chair will do his best to keep things properly sorted out. All attempts to do so will be using "Roberts Rules," or more properly, his rather limitted memorys of there use at meatings and conventions in his long-past professionel life.
** His spelling is not verry gud eether enymorr.

[Undated]

Mission Statement Discussion

Initial discussion suggestions:

A. To provide a forum for sharing research methods and information

B. To hold meetings to educate members on current genealogy related topics

C. To provide a variety of programs and speakers to educate and assist members in their research

D. To collect and publish genealogical and historical research materials for use by members

E. To collect, preserve and publish genealogical and historical materials of our ancestors

F. To stimulate interest in the history and culture of our Pomeranian ancestors

G. To recognize the great accomplishments and contributions of our ancestral peoples.

Initial Summary Statements:

Statement #1: To provide a forum for sharing research methods and information by sponsoring meetings to provide a variety of programs and speakers to educate and assist members in their own ancestoral research.

Statement #2: To collect, preserve and publish genealogical and historical materials of our ancestors for use by members.

Statement #3: To stimulate interest in the history and culture of our Pommeranian ancestors and to recognize their great accomplishments and contributions.

[undated]

From the INTERNET

The Elusive Ancestor

I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
He married where a courthouse burned, he mended all his fences.
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame,
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe. They should be on some list
of passengers to the U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.
No family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.
To top it off, this ancestor who caused my so many groans,
Just to give one more pain, betrothed a girl name JONES.

(Author unknown)

FREEBORN COUNTY TRACER, November/December 1997, page 4

THE GENEALOGIST PSALM

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray,
It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried tombstones.
It leadeth me into still Court Houses, it restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me in paths of census records and ships' passenger lists for my surname's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the shadows of research, libraries and microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement; for a strong urge is with me;
The curiosity and motivation they comfort me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents;
It annointest my head with burning midnight oil, my family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of a family-history seeker for ever.

by Wildamae Brestal

From: Mennonite Family History
Vol. VI No. 2

(contributed by Mildred Malone)

[Mar. 16, 2001]

Subj: **16 March newsletter / write for the Journal**
Date: 3/16/01 6:06:55 PM Central Standard Time
From: THAWLEY@cenex.com (Hawley, Trudy)
To: THAWLEY@cenex.com (Hawley, Trudy)

REMINDER: As a PommernGruppe project, we invite all our members to submit your genealogical information to our group database, which will also be part of the G G S database and the world-wide Pommernkontakte database hosted by the Pommern-L. The more places you can register your stuff, the more chances you have of finding someone else working the same surname or village, anywhere in the world.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED!

We need your SURNAMES (and variations in spelling),
your VILLAGE in Pommern,
your village KREIS,
the approximate YEARS, to and from, for each place,
your NAME,
your E-MAIL ADDRESS, and
your PERMISSION to use this data in the three databases.

YOU ONLY NEED TO SEND THE INFORMATION ONCE,
TO LIST YOUR RESEARCH IN THREE PLACES ! !

Please e-mail your research information, either to

Joanne Becker jmbtwb@isd.net or
Trudy Hawley thawley@cenexharveststates.com

If you have questions, or need help, please contact Joanne or Trudy.

By sending the information first to the PommernGruppe, we can find out which researchers may be interested in joining our area network, and we can create our own on-line database. As Joanne and Trudy receive your data, they will copy it and forward it to the world-wide Pommernkontakte, with your permission. Also with your permission, your information will be entered in the proposed GGS database. The GGS library will receive a hard copy of the information.
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The next meeting of the POMMERNGRUPPE is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, from 1 PM to 5 PM, at the Public Library in Roseville, on Hamline and County Road B-2, near Hwy 36. The group will continue the March organizational meeting.

At the last meeting, Jerry Savage was elected president, and Paul Sternberg and Bill Buth are the new vice-presidents - but, WE HAVE ROOM FOR EVERYONE TO VOLUNTEER IN SOME CAPACITY. For this group to exist and provide the opportunity to learn about our unique ethnic heritage, we all have a responsibility to contribute a little of our skills and time. Remember, you don't get somethin' for nothin' anymore, and, so far, this is all free.

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Forward: This message is from Paul Sternberg to the PommernGruppe!

Hey, Pommern People!

Don't forget that GGS accepts articles written by GGS members for possible publications in it's quarterly, Germanic Genealogy Journal.

Many people may at first say, "I'm not an expert," or, "I'm not a writer." Well, you probably have more info on your kreis than many other researchers. And the GGS Journal staff includes volunteers who will edit your article for punctuation and grammar.

All Pommern group members would enjoy reading more articles about Pommern in the Journal.

Feel free to submit an article at any time. If you miss one deadline, your article will be considered for the next issue. Deadline dates are published in the journal.

Keep Germanic Genealogy as the primary topic of your article. Keep the length to 3 pages or fewer.

Subjects to consider:

* * * Breakthroughs:
How you found out where in Pommern your relatives came from.

* * * Travel:
How did you feel going to your home village?
Were you surprised or disappointed in any way?

* * * Resources:
What resources have you used that would be of help to others?

* * * Books:
What intrigues you about the lives of your Pommern ancestors?

* * * Success stories:
Did you meet a relative on the internet?
Did you find a genealogical treasure in the attic?

* * * Your home village:
What do you know about your Pommern town?
Where did you find pictures of this place?

Use your imagination! Write about what excites you! Don't worry that your article isn't scholarly enough for publication! Everyone who writes for the journal is an amateur and a volunteer!

Articles about Pomerania in the Journal will provide increased visibility for our group, so fire up those pens!

Lois Edwards is the editor For 2001. Her e-mail address is: lahedwards@mn.rr.com

[Apr. 3, 2001]

Subj: **PommernGruppe Agenda for Saturday, 7 April**
Date: 4/3/01 5:43:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: THAWLEY@cenex.com (Hawley, Trudy)
To: THAWLEY@cenex.com (Hawley, Trudy)

MEETING REMINDER: Saturday, April 7, 1:00 - 5:00 PM) The group will continue with the March business meeting agenda

March 05, 2001
from 6 PM - 9:PM
at the Roseville Library

----Original Message----
From: Gerald D. Savage [mailto:gdsmails@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2001 10:04 AM
Subject: Fw: Agenda

This is the agenda for the April 7th meeting.

1. Call to order 1:15 PM

2. Reading of minutes

3. Treasurer's report

4. Announcements

5. Wappen (shields) samples

6. Mission statement proposal and discussion

* To provide a forum for sharing research methods and information.
* To collect and publish genealogical and historical research materials for use by members.
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* To hold meetings to educate members on current genealogy related topics.

7. Committees
   *Membership, programs, trips, other

8. Research projects and study groups
   *Website development, translations, Kreis archive

10. Salt Lake City research report

Thank you,
Jerry Savage

Pomern Meeting Agenda, April 7, 2001

1. Call to order 1:15 PM
2. Reading of minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Announcements
   - Award presentation
   - Schedule of future meetings May 22 4th Tues. each mo. 6:30-9:30 (thru Nov.)
   - Mailing address
   - Other
5. Wappen (shields) with name samples
   - Presentation and discussion
6. Mission statement
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   - Membership
   - Brochure development
   - Programs Prog. Coordinator - Jim Moes
   - Trips
   - Other
8. Research and study groups
   - Gruenewald
   - Pedigree charts
   - Other
9. Projects
   - Information archivist
   - Kreis reference and translation archive
   - Meyers Orts and map coordinates at Concordia in book form
   - Newsletter
   - Photo archivist
   - Surname collection and submission to Pommern-L Joanne Becker
   - Website development
   - Other
10. Salt Lake City research report

[May 19, 2001]

Subj: **Fw: Pommern Regional Group Meeting**
Date: 5/19/01 10:55:47 PM Central Daylight Time
From: gdsmails@juno.com (Gerald D. Savage)
To: rzoellmer@aol.com, gzimmy@home.com, ronzaudke@yahoo.com, Johnfranklinwhite@yahoo.com, Dwitheridg@aol.com, leelabell@cheerful.com, donnamsu@unique-software.com, Timmx007@tc.umn.edu, msmedia@gte.net, jategen@means.net

------ Forwarded message -------
From: Gerald D. Savage <gdsmails@juno.com>
To: lweege@qwest.net,llvoigt@qwest.net,msmedia@gte.net,manohmen@aol.com,
thawley@prodigy.net,lhaney32@yahoo.com,captgiese@aol.com,
jane@donaho.com,srbowe@wolf.co.net,jmbtwb@isd.net,
pbanitt@juno.com
Date: Sat, 19 May 2001 22:46:53 -0500
Subject: Pommern Regional Group Meeting

Hello,

Just to remind you of the meeting Tuesday, May 22nd, 6:30 - 9:30 at the Minnesota Genealogical Society.
The society is located at 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley. If you need directions, call me at 763 544 7469.

The program for the meeting will be Paul Sterberg's presentation of his recent trip to Germany and Poland. He has many interesting photos, postcards, letters and stories to share. After his presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

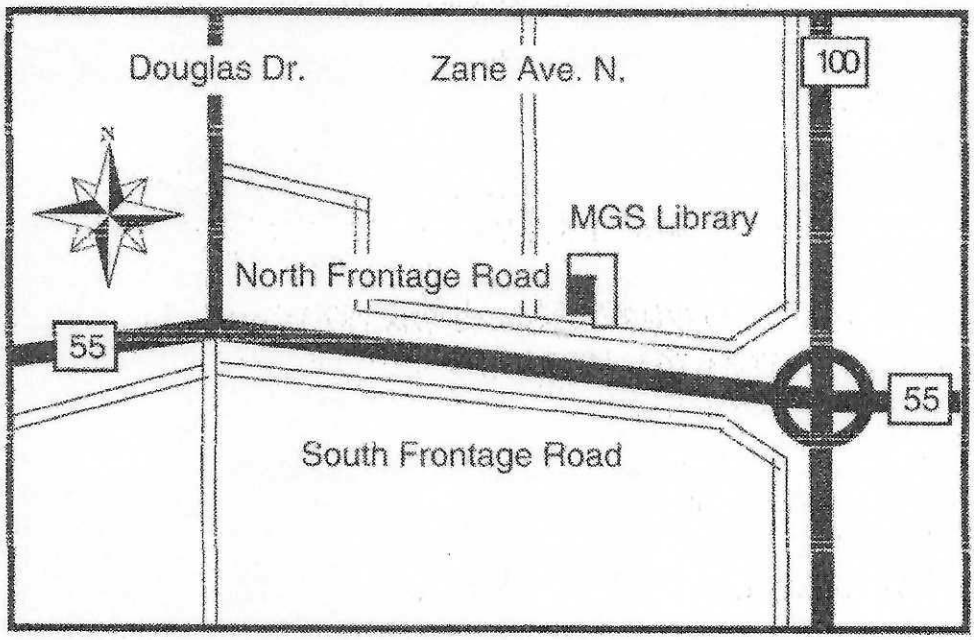
See you there,
Jerry Savage

[undated]

Library News

Library Location and Phone

Location:	Minnesota Genealogy Center 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, Minnesota, on the north frontage road of Highway 55.
Directions:	Take Highway 55 (Olson Memorial Highway) to Douglas Drive. North on Douglas Drive to the north frontage road. Turn right. Follow frontage road past Zane Ave. to the Minnesota Genealogy Center. Entrance to rear parking lot is on the east side of the building.
→ Mailing address:	5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014
Phone:	(763) 595-9347
Web Address:	<http://www.mtn.org/mgs>



Library Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

[May 22, 2001]

POMMERN REGIONAL GROUP MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 22, 2001

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Reading of minutes

3. Treasurer's report

4. Announcements Wed 6-9
   June ~~8~~ 13, 2001 ~~(Fri. 1:00-5:00)~~ is the next study group meeting at the Roseville Library.
   June 26, 2001 (Tues. ~~6:30~~ 7:00-9:30) is the next general meeting at MGS in Golden Valley. Polish speaker

5. Old business
   Progress reports:
   - Membership
   - Brochure
   - Wappen
   - Mission statement
   - Programs ? Sat. Sept 8 - 7:00 LeRoy Boehlke, X mth, Ch of Pence
   - Website development ?
   - Surname collection and submission to Pommern-L
   - Trips ?
   - Information archivist ?
   - Photo archivist ?

[LeRoy Boehlke of Freidstadt, Wisconsin? (See his index entry)]

yes — see next page

6. New business:
   Newsletter exchange

7. Presentation: Paul Sternberg will tell of his experinences in Germany and Poland conducting genealogical research followed by a question and answer session.

8. Any available remaining time wll be for sharing information and data.

[June 13, 2001]

Subj: **13 June Pommern Newsletter**
Date: 6/13/01 4:38:44 PM Central Daylight Time
From: THAWLEY@cenex.com (Hawley, Trudy)
To: THAWLEY@cenex.com (Hawley, Trudy)

Coming Events -
June 13 Pommern Study Group will meet at the Ramsey County. Library, 2180 Hamline Avenue North,
Roseville (near Rosedale Mall) 6-9pm (Kreis Workshop- Regenwalders will get together. Others welcome also to work on their own Kreis materials, and share books and resources.)

June 26 Pommern Regional Group will meet at the M G S Library, 6:30-9:30pm (Kermit and Fred will give a presentation on the Mapping Project)

July 11 The Pommern Study Group - Ramsey County Library, 6-9pm
The group will continue to work on the Kreis Regenwalde project. Others welcome to work on their own Kreis materials.
July 24 Pommern Regional Group - M G S Library, 6:30-9:30pm
Polish visitor Annette Korowaj will talk about life in Poland and genealogical research.
Aug 2 Pommern Group Board Meeting - M G S Library, 7pm
Aug 28 Pommern Regional Group - M G S Library, 6:30-9:30pm - No topic yet
Sept 8 Rheinfest - Harriet Island in St. Paul
Sept 8 LeRoy Boehlke, of the Pommerscher Verein Freistadt in Wisconsin, will speak
about Pommern, 8pm, at United Methodist Church of Peace, 6345 Xerxes Av S.
(Directions: 2 blocks south of Cross-town # 62, intersection of Xerxes Ave South and 64th Street West in Richfield, MN.)
Sponsors: German American Fellowship Association (G.A.F.A.) & Pommern Regional Group of MN
For more information contact: Jim Maass 763-786-5425 - E-Mail: Mass8536@aol.com

← LeRoy Boehlke (see also previous page; see his index entry)

Sept 25 Pommern Regional Group - MGS Library, 6:30-9:30pm
This meeting will be a workshop to share books and resources and solicit ideas to overcome research roadblocks.
Oct 4 Pommern Group Board Meeting - M G S Library, 7pm
Oct 13 GGS Fall Program - Concordia University, St. Paul
Oct 23 Pommern Regional Group - M G S Library, 6:30-9:30pm
Nov 27 Pommern Regional Group - M G S Library, 6:30-9:30pm
The objectives of our Pommern Group are 1) to stimulate interest in the genealogy and history of Pommern; 2) to collect, preserve and publish genealogical and historical materials about Pommern; 3) to provide a forum to share research methods and information; and 4) to further the research of our Pommern ancestors.

[June 26, 2001]

POMMERN REGIONAL GROUP MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 26, 2001

1. Social time 6:30 - 7:00 PM

2. Call meeting to order 7:00 PM

3. Reading of minutes

4. Treasurer's report

5. Announcements
   Fred Burke memorial (Trudy Hawley) ← See index entry: Frederick (Fred) Peter Burke (b. 1925)
   Pommern-L notice (Joanne Becker)
   Availability of Kreis videos
   Other?

6. Old business
   Need for dues
   Status of PRG relationship with GGS
   Membership (Posen and others) Ruth
   Newsletter exchange (GGS - New York) Kermit

7. Project reports
   Finished wappen
   Mission statement
   Brochure
   Membership list with E-Mail addresses
   Website developement
   Surname collection and submission to Pommern-L (Joanne Becker and Trudy Hawley)

8. New business
   PRG letterhead
   Program suggestions
   Trip reports (Pommern Tag, Mequon, WI)
   Other

9. Presentation of Pommern mapping project by Kermit Frye and Fred Sauer

10. Any remaining time will be for sharing information and data

[July 24, 2001]

POMMERN REGIONAL GROUP MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 24, 2001

1 Social time 6:30 - 7:00 PM

2. Call meeting to order 7:00 PM

3. Reading of minutes

4. Treasurer's report

5. Announcements

6. Old business
   PRG letterhead in process
   Submission of membership list to executive board
   Other

7. Project reports
   Surname collection and submission to Pommern-L (JoanneBecker and Trudy Hawley)

8. New business
   Antique atlas and maps donated by Robert Knebel to PRG

9. Presentation by Anetta Korowaj, our visitor from Nowogard, (Naugard) Poland

10. Remaining time for sharing information and data

[Aug. 2001]

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Naturalization and Death records are on film at the **Minnesota Historical Society**, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN., 55102.

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Some of the research materials in the **MGS library** includes:

1. **Minnesota Censuses:** 1850 and 1900; Polk County: 1880 and 1885
2. **Minnesota Census Indexes:** 1870
3. **City Directories:** Note: not all issues available at our library
   a. Duluth (1931–1957, 1970)
   b. Hopkins (1941–1960)
   c. Minneapolis (1873–1987)
   d. St. Paul (1876—1991)
   e. Rochester / Olmstead County (1913–1990)
   f. Fargo / Moorhead (1961–1991)
4. **Obituaries:** Mpls: 1988-1997; St. Paul 1991-1997; Anoka 1990; Burnsville: 1988-1991; Long Lake: 1992-1999; Nicollet Co. 1998; Pipestone Co. 1980's-2000; Prairie Island 1923-1983; Stillwater 1987-1988; St. Anthony: 1989-1994; Worthington 1998-2000; additional years available for some communities
5. **Minnesota Civil War rosters:** Index for....***Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865***
6. **P.E.R.S.I** (*Periodical Source Index* for the genealogical collection at the Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, IN)
7. Minnesota county histories
8. Surname files and general county cemetery information
9. Minnesota county genealogical society addresses, county courthouse addresses, information about holdings of county historical societies and their addresses.
10. Wide variety of genealogical information concerning other states
11. Family histories
12. **Additional genealogical collections:** Computer research; Czechoslovak; Germanic; Irish; English; Scottish; NW Territory—French Canadian; Polish; Scandinavian—Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian & Swedish; Yankee; Indian/ Metis.

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New at the Library

New at the Library April, May, June 2001

Atl.US.OH.077 Atlas of Ashtabula County Ohio.

CD.CitD City Directories:Northern Midwest 1884-1898 Selected Cities & Years. (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan)

CD.CitD City Directories:New York 1886-1894 Selected Cities & Years.

CD.FTM.197.Frgn.IR.G069 Census Index:County Londonderry, 1831 & County Cavan, 1841.

CD.FTM.264.Frgn.IR.P028 Irish to America Passenger and Immigration Lists Volume 2, 1846-1886.

CD.FTM.301 Census Microfilm Records:Illinois, 1850. (4CDs)

CD.Frgn.IR.J070 Heritage Books Archives Ireland Volume 2.

CD.LanM.1 Bureau of Land Management Land Patent Records Selected States. (Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan)

CD.LanM.2 Bureau of Land Management Land Patent Records Selected States. (Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Com.051.Eas Eastman, Richard. Your Roots:Total Genealogy Planning on Your Computer.

Com.052.Cro Crowe, Elizabeth Powell. Genealogy Online. Reseaching Your Roots.

FH.B161.Kla Klarich, Diane Ruth Cook. The Anton Bernasek and Johanna Jager Family History.

FH.C130.Coo A Cooper Family from North East Angus, Scotland with Families of Lindsay, Aitken, Smith, Craig, Myers, Scott, Bruce, Skene, Harrow and Thomson. V. 1.

FH.C131.Car Carroll, Joseph E. Early Carroll Families of the Bartibog River Alnwick and Newcastle Parishes, Northumberland County, New Brunswick, Canada.

FH.D076.Day Day, Levi E. Alfred Day 1794-1886 Some Notes on His Life and Ancestry.

FH.J038.Hou Houk, Rose. Heart's Home. Lyndon B. Johnson's Hill County.

FH.K080.Kal Kallal, James Joseph & Robert John Kallal. Kalal Family History 1699-1999 Bohemian Ancestors & North American Descendants.

FH.P081.Ric Rich, Joan Strand. Bohemian-Norwegian Heritage. History and Genealogy of the Peshak-Cerney-Strand-Field Families.

FH.S155.McK McKibben, Bernice C. Sadecky. The Sadecky-Strykar Family History.

FH.T043.Tru Truman, Margaret. Bess W. Truman.

Frgn.Can.CO.2 Wilson, Ian. Steam at Allandale. The story of a CNR division point in the 1950s.

Frgn.Cze.833.Kol Kolektiv Autoru. Slabikar a citanka pro laicke genealogy.

Frgn.Cze.834.Ric Ricar, Kristoslav. Obcanska genealogie:Zakldy rodopisne prace.

Frgn.Cze.835.Abo (About) Czech Villages in the Banat area.

Frgn.Cze.836.Sub Subrt, Josef. A True Life Story of a Czech Pioneer.

Frgn.Cze.838.Dvo Dvorsky, Frantisek. O starozitnem panskem rode benesovicu.

Frgn.Cze.839. Sed Sedlar, Jean W. East Central Europe in the Middle Ages 1000-1500.

Frgn.Cze.840.Hey Heymann, Frederick G. John Zizka and the Hussite Revolution.

Frgn.Cze.841.Cze Czechoslovak Genealogy Society International. 2nd CGSI Winter Symposium National City, CA. February 2001 (syllabus).

Frgn.Cze.842.Kis Kisch, Guido. In Search of Freedom. A History of American Jews from Czechoslovakia.

Frgn.Cze.843.Hud Hudak, Andrew F. Jr. Slovaks in Florida.

Frgn.Cze.844.Ray Raybar, Ctibor. Prague Guide.

Frgn.Cze.846.Pav Pavelke, David. One Hundred years of Church Records for the Evangelical Church of Borova (new Policka, eastern Bohemia) 1783-1885.

Frgn.Cze.847.Igg Iggers, Wilma Abeles. The Jews of Bohemia and Moravia. A historical reader.

Frgn.Eng.240.Mil Milner, Paul & Linda Jonas. A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors. How to find and record your unique heritage.

Frgn.Eng.241 Nicholas, Thomas. Annals and Antiquities of the Counties and County Families of Wales. 2 volumes.

Frgn.Eng.242.Cha Chapman, Colin R. Pre-1841 Censuses & Population Listings in the British Isles.

Frgn.Fin.026 Yearbook Finish (Suomi) Conference.93 volumes.1903-1996.

Frgn.Ger.096.Ohm Ohm, Helen et. al. Pomeranian Culture and Genealogy.

Frgn.Ger.097.Das Das Bundesarchiv.

Frgn.Ger.098 Wright, Raymond S. III. Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs. 3 volumes.

Frgn.Ger.099.Sta Staudt, Ricardo W., translated by. Palatine Church Visitations, 1609 Deanery of Kusel.

Frgn.Ice.002.Rob Roberts, David. Iceland Land of the Sagas.

Frgn.IR.A200 M'Aleer, P., compiled b. Townland Names of County Tyrone with Their Meanings.

Frgn.IR.A201 List of Townlands in Each Poor Law Union of Ireland and Superintendent Registrar's District Issued by authority of the Registrar-General, Dublin, 1891.

Frgn.IR.B009.A Patin, Michele. Casey's Remarkable Collection of Genealogical Sources for Kerry and Cork...and How to Use It.

Frgn.IR.C035 Memorial Inscriptions of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Dublin, Ireland Volume 1.

Frgn.IR.C036 McDonnell, Annette. Petitioners Against Closure of Kill O' The Grange Cemetery County Dublin 1864.

Frgn.IR.C037 Hall, Brendan. Name Index to Tombstone Inscriptions of County Louth, Ireland. V. 1 (A-J), V. 2 (K-Y)

Frgn.IR.D051 Post-Family-Years map of CAHIRCIVEEN County Kerry, 1851 and Miscellaneous Directories.

Frgn.IR.D052 Martin Sheila, extracted by. Directory of Merchants & Traders of Dublin in 1798.

Frgn.IR.D053 Magee, Sean. Dublin Street Index 1798 Extracted from Whitelaw's Census.

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EXAMPLE OF the DATA to be Contained in the Database.

Kreis	German_Name	Type	Polish_Name	Grid	Quadr	Latitude	Longitude	Map	Meyers_Orts	Popu	Part_of	Part_of_Type	Evangelical	Catholic	Synagogue	Comments
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Regenwalde	Kupferhammer	Etablissement		2359	SE	54.7009	15.7082	Regenwalde	Regenwalde	28	Labes	Kreisstadt	Labes	Schivelbein, Sch.		
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Regenwalde	Kutzer	Dorf		2157	SE	54.5101	15.3749	Regenwalde	Regenwalde	108			Bandekow	Grünhof		
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Regenwalde	Ludwigshorst	Dorf	Taczaly	2257	SE	54.6055	15.3749	Regenwalde	Regenwalde	168			Maldewin			
Regenwalde	Luisenhof	Vorwerk		2259	SW	54.6055	15.7914	Regenwalde	Regenwalde	15	Elvershagen	Rittergut	Obernhagen	Grünhof		
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Regenwalde	Mackfitz	Vorwerk		2257	NE	54.6532	15.3749	No	Regenwalde	5	Neuenhagen	Rittergut	Plathe			same as Mackewitz?
Regenwalde	Mackfitzer Feld	Wohnplatz		2257	NE	54.6532	15.3749	Regenwalde	Regenwalde	6	Plathe	Stadt	Plathe	Grünhof		
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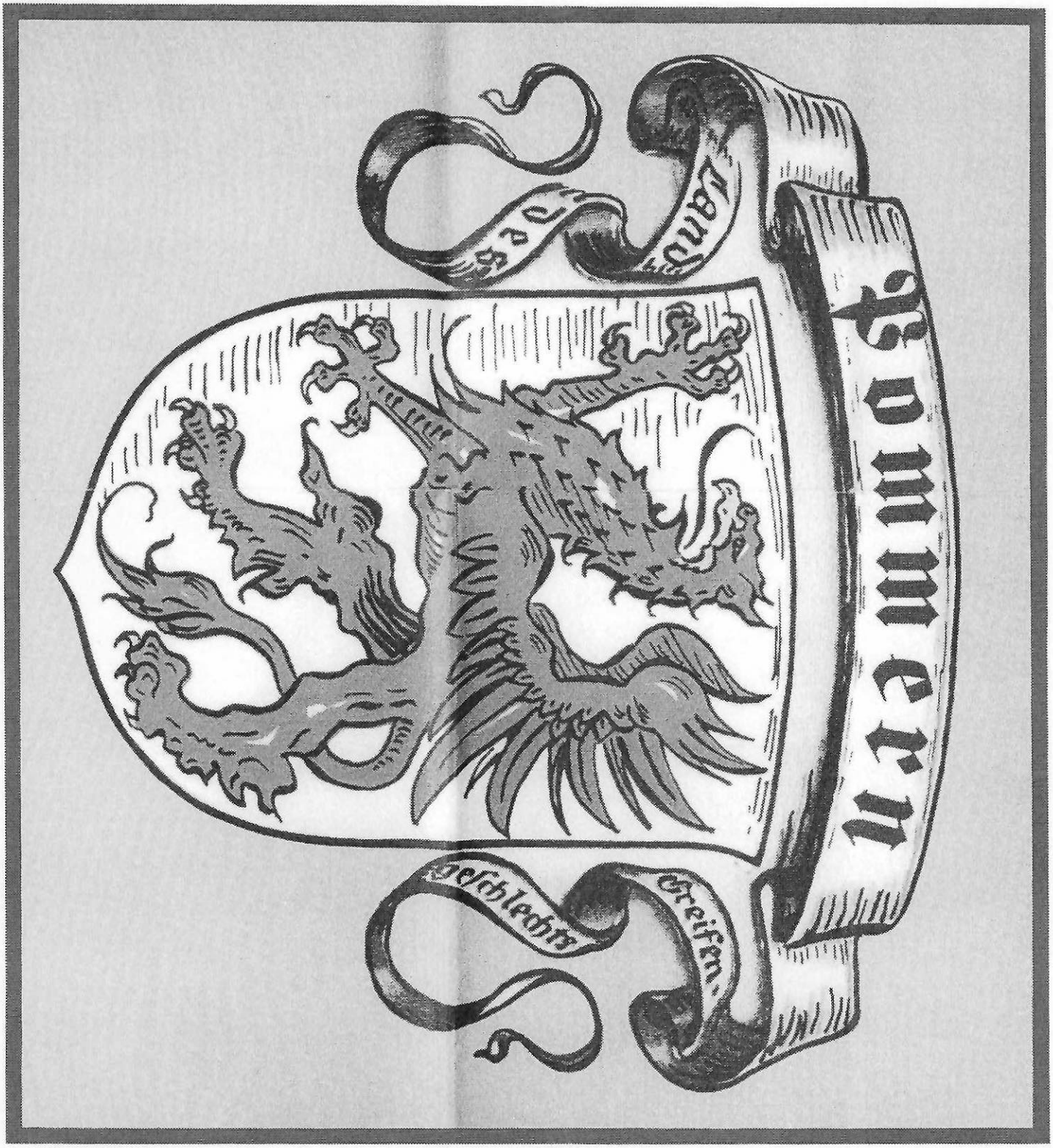

[Aug. 28, 2001]

POMMERN REGIONAL GROUP MEETING AGENDA AUGUST 28, 2001

1. Social time 6:30 - 7:00 PM
2. Call meeting to order 7:00 PM
3. Reading of minutes
4. Treasurer's report
5. Announcements

We received a Greifswald Landeskirchliches Archive index from Bob Knebel in Texas as a donation to our group. Fred Sauer included a thank you for the maps and atlas that Bob donated with payment for the postage.

Fred Sauer will be going in for back surgery Sept. 5th. 10710 Cedar Heights Trail S,
Hastings, MN 55033
Kd0co@pro-ns.net

The MGS meeting room has been reserved for the 4th Tuesday of every month for 2002.

Del Thomas has made a copy of the GGS Library holdings at Concordia for our group.

Representatives of the PRG and GGS boards met Aug. 27th to discuss guidlines for the relationship of PRG an GGS. The proposed revisions will be presented to the GGS board for a vote at their Oct. Board meeting.

September 8 - Rheinfest at Harriet Island in St. Paul
LeRoy Boehlke
September 8 - Pommern presentation by LeRoy Boehlke of the Pommerscher Verein Freistadt at United Methodist Church of Peace, 6345 Xerxes Ave. S., Richfield, MN at 8:00 PM
October 13 - GGS Fall Program at Concordia University in St. Paul

PROPOSED PRG MEETING SCHEDULE

September 25 - Round table help session
October 23 - Business meeting to vote on bylaws and election of officers for 2002
November: 27 - Greifswald Archive presentation by the Savages
December: 4 - Social meeting for visiting, sharing and treats

6. Old business
   PRG letterhead pending
   Other
7. New business
8. Presentation of Meyer's Orts by Kermit Frye
9. Remaining time for sharing information and data

Meyers Orts

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[Also see the index entry for "Meyers Orts"]

MEYERS ORTS- UND VERKEHRS-LEXIKON DES DEUTSCHEN REICHS

Meyer's Place and Commerce Dictionary of the German Empire

Kermit Frye
August 28, 2001

General Information

1. *Meyers Orts* gazetteer contains about 210,000 place names. Place names from the German Empire of 1871 are included. This Empire lasted until World War I.

2. The gazetteer is printed as two volumes with a small third volume for updates and corrections. The GGS library also has a 3-volume set which is the same, except for binding.

3. The gazetteer was published in 1912 ("Erster Band" - Volume 1, containing entries from A through K) and 1913 ("Zweiter Band" - Volume 2, containing entries from L through Z). It was out of print for many years but has recently been reprinted. The set costs about $300.

4. German Gothic type font is used throughout except for certain kinds of information in entries.

5. Information in the gazetteer is highly abbreviated to save space.

6. There is a short list of abbreviations at the beginning of the gazetteer. But the list is in German so the user has to translate the various words.

Overall Arrangement

1. Overall arrangement is alphabetically by place names, regardless of which German state or province they are in. So all places with the same name are listed together.

2. Spaces between words are ignored for determining alphabetical order. If two places have the same name except for spaces, the place without spaces follows the place containing spaces. Example: Neumühle immediately follows Neu Mühle.

3. Umlauts over vowels (a, o, u) are ignored for alphabetical order. If two places have the same name except for umlauts, the place containing umlaut(s) is listed following the place without umlaut(s). Example: Neumühl immediately follows Neumuhl.

4. If more than one place has the same name, they are all listed together in a prescribed order, usually alphabetical by German state. For Prussia, places with the same name are listed alphabetically by Prussian province. Places with the same name within a state or province are listed consecutively, usually by Kreis (county).

5. Larger cities have their own special sections, including a map and street listing.

6. There are two kinds of place entries, main entries and "see" entries. "See" entries follow main entries for places with the same name.

Arrangement and Content of Individual Entries

1. Main entries give detailed information about a place. Usually included are place name, kind of place (village, estate, etc.), state or Prussian province, Regierungsbezirk (governmental district), Kreis (county), Amtsgericht (district court office), Standesamt (civil registry office), Beamtskommando (military district command), and population in 1910 (no italics) or 1905 (italics).

2. Main entries also contain optional information on such things as telegraph and telephone locations, railroad stations, local commerce and businesses, and information about other places that are administratively attached to them ("Dazu" entries).

3. "See" entries consist of places that do not administratively stand by themselves and are attached to another nearby place. This kind of entry is a cross-reference to the place to which it is attached.

4. Terminology varies somewhat from German state to state. For example, Bayern (Bavaria) has places labeled with BA. (Bezirks Amt), rather then Kreis.

An interesting observation

The most common place name seems to be Neumühle. There are 347 places by this name.

ALTENFLIESS

-- 1) Neumark, D., a/d Puls; Pr., Brandb. ...
-- 2) D. u.. Rg., Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. Regenwalde, AG. Labes, BKdo. Naugard, StdA. A. E 7,5 km Silligsdorf, P EPs 3,3 km Teschendorf B. Stettin; 63 bz. 67 E.

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Pommern,
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Kreis Regenwalde,
Amtsgericht Labes,
Beamtskommando Naugard,
Standesamt Amt Eisenbahn 7,5 km Silligsdorf,
P EPs 3,3 km Teschendorf bei Stettin;
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Village and knight's estate,
Prussia,
Pomerania,
Governmental district Stettin,
County Regenwalde,
County court Labes,
Military district command Naugard,
Civil registry office, court, railroad 7.5 km Silligsdorf,
Telephone EPs 3.3 km Teschendorf bei Stettin;
63 and 67 inhabitants, respectively.

BEYERODE (fr. Popowo ingnacewo),
Gut,
Pr.,
Posen,
RB. Bromberg,
Kr. AG. BKdo. Gnesen,
StdA. Modlin,
Pzdt. Kietzko,
P E 4 km, Oschnau Kr. Znin,
68 E.

BEYERSDORF,
-- 1) Neumark, D., Pr., Brandenburg, RB. Frankfurt, LKr. AG. BKdo. Landsberg Warthe, A. Merzdorf; 723 E., TP, E 1 km: Soldin-Landsberg Warthe; StdA., ev. Pfk., SpDrl. - Dazu Ab. Beyersdorfer Wiesen, StdA. Alt Gennin, A. Ober Gennin, TP E 2 km Dühringshof, 76 E.

-- 2) Kr. Pyritz, D., Pr. Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. AG. Pyritz, BKdo. Stargard; 730 E.; P, E: Pyritz-Jädickendorf; StdA. A., Kr. Schulinsp., ev. Pfk., SpDrl.; Ml. - - Dazu Gut Marienfelde, E 1,5 km, 32 E.

-- 3) D. Pr., Posen, RB. BKdo. Posen, Kr. Obornik, AG. Rogasen, StdA. Pripkowo, Pzdt. P Polajewo, E 3 km Güldenau; 170 E., Ml.

BÜREN,
-- 4) Westf., KrSt. (212 m), a/d AlfteMdg. i/d Alme; Pr., RB. Minden, LG. BKdo. Paderborn; 3279 E.; TP TE: Paderborn-B., Geseke-Brilon Wald; LrA., AG., StdA., OFörst., ZA. II, KatA., MedizinalA., KrSchulinsp., Bnmeist., ev., kath. Pfk., Syn.; kath. Lerhersem., ...
-- Dazu Koln. Ahlerten 13; Hrgr. Am Kapellenberg 9, Am Runenpöstchen 5, Am Weinberg 11; Gut Edelborn, E 2,2 km Siddinghausen 9; Koln. Frankenthal 20, Haterbusch 6; Gut Holthausen, E 2 km, 12; Koln. Oberfeld 5, Pauljürgen 6; Ml. Sägemühle auf'm Bruche 6 E.

-- 5) Bsch., das., RB Münster, Kr. AG. BKdo. Koesfeld, StdA. A. P E 5 km Gescher; 292 E.

Beyerode (fr. Popowo ingnacewo), Gut, Pr., Posen, RB. Bromberg, Kr. AG. BKdo. Gnesen, StdA. Modlin, Pzdt. Kletzko, P E 4 km, Oschnau Kr. Znin; 68 E.

Beyersdorf, 1) **Neumark**, D., Pr., Brandenburg, RB. Frankfurt, LKr. AG. BKdo. Landsberg Warthe, A. Merzdorf; 723 E.; P, E 1 km: Soldin-Landsberg Warthe; StdA., ev. Pfk., SpDrl. — Dazu Ab. Beyersdorfer Wiesen, StdA. Alt Gennin, A. Ober Gennin, P E 2 km Dühringshof, 76 E.

— 2) **Kr. Pyritz**, D., Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. AG. Pyritz, BKdo. Stargard; 730 E.; P, E: Pyritz-Jädickendorf; StdA., A., Kr Schulinsp., ev. Pfk.; SpDrl.; Ml. — Dazu Gut Marienfelde, E 1,5 km, 32 E.

— 3) D., Pr., Posen, RB. BKdo. Posen, Kr. **Obornik, AG. Rogasen, StdA. Pripkowo, Pzdt. P Polajewo, E 3 km Güldenau; 170 E., Ml.**

Beyersdorf, 4) **D. u. Rg., Pr., Sa., RB. Merseburg, Kr. AG. BKdo. Bitterfeld, StdA. A. P Glebitzsch, E 5,5 km Brehna; 157 bz. 40 E., ev. Pfk.; Eltr.** [Neumark.

Büren, 1) D., a/d Weser; Bremen, AG. BKdo. Bremen, P Burg B. Bremen, E 5,5 km Burglesum; 336 E., StdA., ev. Pfk. (Mittelsbüren).

— 2) D., Pr., Hann., RB. Hannover, Kr. AG. E Neustadt a. R., BKdo. Nienburg a. Weser, StdA. Dudensen, P Mariensee Leine, E 8,3 km Hagen Hannover; 245 E., ev. Pfk.

— 3) **Kr. Saarlouis**, D., n/d Nied; Pr., Rheinl., RB. Trier, AG. BKdo. Saarlouis, StdA. Brgm. Rehlingen: 773 E.; P, E (B.-Itzbach): Busenbors-Dillingen Saar; Gipswaren, Zgl.

— 4) **Westf.**, KrSt. (212 m), a/d Alfte-Mdg. i/d Alme; Pr., RB. Minden, LG. BKdo. Paderborn; 3279 E.; P, E: Paderborn-B., Geseke-Brilon-Wald; LrA., AG., StdA., OFörst., ZA. II, KatA., MedizinalA., KrSchulinsp., Bnmeist.: ev., kath. Pfk., Syn.; kath. Lehrersem., Taubstummen Anst., Rektorat-Präbar.-, gew. Fortbildsch.: - Krankenh., Elktrw., Wasserw.; Spk., Bürener Volksbk.: Viehmärkte, Kalkw., Getreide-, Lederhdl.; Fbr. v. Holzw., Käse, Portland-Zement, Zigarren; Brenn., Gerb., Mln., Sägewe., Zgl. — Dazu Koln. Ahlerten 13; Hrgr. Am Kapellenberg 9, Am Runenpöstchen 5, Am Weinberg 11; Gut Edelborn, E 2,2 km Siddinghausen, 9; Koln. Frankenthal 20, Haterbusch 6; Gut Holthausen, E 2 km, 12; Koln. Oberfeld 5, Pauljürgen 6; Ml. Sägemühle auf'm Bruche 6 E.

— 5) Bsch., das., RB. Münster, Kr. AG. **BKdo. Koesfeld, StdA. A. P E 5 km Gescher; 292 E.**

Büren, 6) Bsch., Kr. Ahaus, s. Estern-Büren.

— 7) Bsch., Kr. Tecklenburg, s. Wersen.

Hagenburg, 1) Schaumb.-L., Fl. u. 2 Guts-Be. (Schloß B. u. Forst B.), nahe dem Steinhuder Meer; Kr. AG. Stadthagen, BKdo. Minden; 1041 u. 15 bz. 39 E.; P, E: Klbn. *Wunstorf – Uchte;* GTg., StdA., OForst., Straßenbauinsp., ev. Pfk., Schloß; Gasw., Spk.; Kram-, Viehmärkte; Gerb., Brenn., Molk., Fisch., Mü.

— 2) Ein., BA. Rottenburg, s. Egg.

Hagendell, H., Kr. Prüm, s. Dahnen.

Hagen-Delstern, E, s. Hagen Westf.

Hagendingen, D., l/d Mosel; Els.-Loth., B. Loth., LKr. Kt. BKdo. Metz, AG. Rombach; 1727 E.; P, E 1 km: H.-Gr. Moyeuvre, Metz – Diedenhofen, Strbn. nach Metz u. Gr. Moyeuvre; StdA., Bnmeist., kath. Pfk.; Ge-

Kulz, D., Bay., RB. OPfalz, BA. AG.

Neunburg v. Wald, BKdo. Amberg, P Winklarn, E 9 km Niedermurach; 510 E., T, StdA., kath. K.; Webn., Zgln. — Dazu Ein. Krähhof 5; Wlr. Ziegelhütte, E 8,5 km Roetz, 18 E.

Külz, 1) D. u. Rg. (mit Vw. u. Forsth.), b/d Zampel; Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. AG. BKdo. F Naugard, E 1,8 km Jarchliner Mühle; 168 bz. 118 E., P, StdA., A.; Zgl.

— 2) **Hunsrück**, D., Pr., Rheinl., RB. Coblenz, Kr. AG. StdA. Brgm. (L.) Simmern, BKdo. Kreuznach, P Neuerkirch Hunsrück; 326 E.; T, E (Cülz): Boppard–Simmern; SpDrl.; Molk. — Dazu Ansdl. Gaß, E 0,6 km, *50*; M. Taubenmühle, P Alterkülz Hunsrück, E 2,5 km, *13* E.

Labuhn, 1) B. Köslin, D. u. Rg., Pr., Pomm., RB. Köslin, Kr. AG. Lauenburg Pomm., BKdo. Stolp, A. F Zewitz, E 4,5 km Wussow: 284 bz. 317 E., P, StdA., ev. Pfk.; Elktr.; Brenn., Mü. — Dazu Vw. Boor, P E 5 km Zewitz, *42* E.

— 2) D., a/d Stolpe; das., LKr. AG. BKdo. Stolp, StdA. Lüllemin, A. Krampe, P Rathsdamnitz; 301 E.; EPs (L.) u. E 1,2 km (L'er Brücke): Klbn. *Stolp–Budow.* — Dazu Hr. Kiebitzkaten *4*; Labuhner Grenzhof *7* E.

— 3) B. Stettin, D. u. Rg., das., RB. Stettin; Kr. AG. A. Regenwalde, BKdo. Naugard, E 1,8 bz. 1 km Neu Labuhn; 205 bz. 364 E., P, StdA., ev. Pfk. — Zum Rg.: Gut Höfchen E 3,9 km Regenwalde-Nord, *36*; Kol. Neu Labuhn, *202* E., E 1,3 km: Klbn. *Kolberg–Regenwalde-Nord.*

Lasbeck, 1) D. u. Rg., Pr., Pomm., RB. Köslin, Kr. BKdo. Belgard, AG. P Polzin, StdA. A. Wusterbarth, E 8,5 km Lutzig; 158 bz. 93 E. — Zum Rg.: Hof Woldenhof, E 10,5 km, *5* E.

— 2) D. u. Rg., das., RB. Stettin, Kr. AG. Regenwalde, BKdo. Naugard, A. Maldewin, P Friedrichsgnade, E 4,8 km Schloissin: 91 bz. 224 E., StdA.; Brenn., Zgl. (P Maldewin). — Zum Rg.: Forst. Lasbeck *6*; Gut Sackhof, E 4 km Jarchlin, *23* E.

— 3) Hrgr., LKr. Iserlohn, s. Estrich.

— 4) Bsch., LKr. Münster, s. Havixbeck.

— S. auch Neu Lasbeck.

Legde, D., Pr., Brandbg., RB. Potsdam, Kr. Westprignitz, AG. Havelberg, BKdo. Perleberg, StdA. A. Quitzöbel, P E 5 km Wilsnack; 421 E., T, ev. Pfk.

Legden, 1) D., Pr., Ostpr., RB. Königsberg, Kr. StdA. Pr. Eylau, AG. BKdo. Bartenstein, A. Beisleiden, P E 2 km Glommen; 67 E.

— 2) D. u. LGem., Pr., Westf., RB. Münster, Kr. AG. Ahaus, BKdo. Koesfeld: 2598 E.; P, T: Gronau–Koesfeld; StdA., A., kath. Pfk.; Krankenh., Elktrw.; SpDrl.; Korn-, Kram-, Viehmärkte; Möbelfbr.; Fischzüchtn., Gerb., Web., Molk., Mln., Sägew. — Dazu Bschn. Beikelort, E 1,5 km, *114*, Haulingort, E 2 km, *314*, Isingort, E 1 km, *233*, Wehr, E 2 km, *887* E. (davon Rg. Egelborg, E 0,5 km, *27* E., Zgl.).

— 3) Gsth., Kr. Pr. Eylau, s. Beisleiden.

— S. auch Groß Legden.

Mittel Gründau, D., a/d Gründau; Hessen, OHessen, Kr. AG. Büdingen, BKdo. Friedberg; 654 E.; P, E 1 km: Gelnhausen–Gießen; StdA.; Brenn. — Bhf. hat P Büdingen OHessen.

Mittelgschwend (Gschwend), Wlr., BA. [Miesbach, s. Fischbachau.

Mittelgut, 1) D., Pr., Ostpr., RB. Allenstein, Kr. BKdo. Osterode Ostpr., AG. Hohenstein Ostpr., StdA. A. Manchengut, P E 3,8 km Biessellen; 160 E.

— 2) Gut, Kr. Lauban, s. Mittel Langenöls.

Mittel Gutschdorf, D. u. Rg., Pr., Schles., RB. Breslau, Kr. AG. BKdo. Striegau, StdA. A. P Gutschdorf Schles., E 2,5 km Groß Rosen; 505 bz. 82 E.

Mittel Habendorf, Dom., Kr. Reichenbach, s. Habendorf. [B. Dortmund.

Mittel Hagen, D., Kr. Altena, s. Valbert

Mittelhagen, 1) D. (mit Ab. Meinhorst), Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. Greifenberg Pomm., AG. P Treptow Rega, BKdo. Naugard, StdA. A. Kirchhagen; 338 E.; E: Klbn. *Greifenberg – Horst Seebad – Treptow Rega;* Molkerei.

— 2) Gut, das., Kr. AG. Regenwalde, BKdo. Naugard, StdA. A. Plathe B, P Plathe Pomm., E 1,6 km Altenhagen; 42 E.

— 3) Gut, Kr. Lennep, s. Dhünn.

Mittelhaken, Ab., s. Stutthof Danziger Niederung. [schönbach.

Mittelham, Ein., BA. Aichach, s. Ober-

Mittelhammer, 1) Ein., BA. Kaiserslautern, s. Trippstadt.

— 2) Etabl., Kr. Liebenwerda, s. Naundorf.

— 3) Wlr., BA. Rehau, s. Nentschau.

— 4) Ein., s. Stadtsteinach.

Mittelhaslach, 1) Wlr., T, OA. Vaihingen, s. Hohenhaslach. [wald.

— 2) Zk., A. Waldkirch, s. Haslachsimons-

2 places by this name

[DEW's note]

Nordhausen, 1) **Els.**, D., am Rhein-Rhone Kanal; Els.-Loth., B. UElf., Kr. Kt. AG. P Erstein, BKdo. Schlettstadt, E 1,9 km Limersheim; 1245 E., T, Ldepl., StdA., kath. Pfk., SpDrl. — Dazu H. Am Kanal, E 2,1 km Krafft, 8; Wlr. Au, E 2,2 km, 267; Hr. Hubweg, E 1,5 km, 10; Hrgr. Plönlen, E 2,7 km, 72; Gsth. Zum lustigen Jäger 5 E.

— 2) **Neumark**, D. u. Rg., Pr., Brandbg., RB. Frankfurt, Kr. AG. Königsberg Neumark, BKdo. Cüstrin, StdA. A. Nordhausen-Göllen, E 2,8 km Blankenfelde; 68 bz. 289 E., P, ev. Pfk., Brenn., Molk., Ml. — Dazu Vwe. Elisenhof E 4,5 km, *32*, Gerlachshoop, E 6 km, *8* E.

— 3) D., Pr., Hann., RB. BKdo. Osnabrück, Kr. AG. Wittlage, StdA. P EPs 5,2 km Osterkappeln, E Vehrte; 245 E.

— 4) StKr. (160 bz. 182 m), 2150 ha, a/d Zorge; Pr., Sa., RB. Erfurt, OLG. Naumburg Saale: 32 564 E. (30 075 Ev., 1629 Kath., 452 J.). — Verkehrsanst.: P, E (N.-Staatsbhf.): Halle-Sangerhausen (-Güsten-Berlin) -Eichenberg (-Bebra-Frankfurt Main)-Cassel, EisMasch.-, -Verk.-, -BetrWstA., HochbauA., Bnmeist., Dir. d. N.-Wernigeroder Eis., Hdl-Kam., Gew.-, KaufmG. — Kirchen, Bildungs- u. Wohlfahrtsanstalten: 6 ev., 1 kath. K.; Syn.; Gymn., Realgymn., Höh. Mädchen-, gew., kaufm. FortbildSchn., Hdl.- u. GewSch. für Mädchen; Museum, StBibl., Theater; Krankenh., Badanstn., meteorolog. Stat., Talsperre, Elktr.-, Gas-, Wasserwe., Schlachthaus. — Banken, Handel u. Industrie: Rbfst. (Umsatz 1911: 530,5 Mill. Mk.), Kr.-, StSpk., N'er Bk., Fil. der Magdeb. BkVer., Mitteld. PrivatBkFil., KredVer.: Kram-, Viehmärkte, Getreide-, Holz-, Leder-, Pferde-, Samen-, Tuch-, Wein-, Wollhdl.: Fbr. von Armaturen, Baumwollw., Bierdruckapp., Essig, Drahtwaren, Fässern, Hefe, Holzw., Kautabak, Korbw., Kunststein, Kupferw., lw. Masch., Leinwand, Likör, Malz, Marmorw., Masch., Metallw., Möbeln, Papierw., Parkett, Parfüm., Pumpen, Säcken, Schokolade, Schuhw., Seife, Senf, Tabak, Wagen, Wäsche, Zuckerw., Zigarren, Zigaretten, Zichorie; Brau., Brenn. (über 70), Färbn., Gerb., Gießn., Gips-, Kaliwe., Molkn., Mln., Sägewe., Webn., Zgln., Porphyr-, Sandsteinbre. — Verwaltung: 1 O-, 1 Bürgermeister, 10 StRäte, 42 StVerordnete; Einn. u. Ausg. 1910: 1418000, Schulden 5802989, Vermögen 10576957 Mk.; mittl. Geburts- u. Sterbeziffer 23,61 bz. 17,81. Sv. D.

Nordhausen, 5) **OA. Ellwangen**, D., Württ., Jagstkreis, AG. BKdo. Ellwangen, P Unterschneidheim, E 7,3 km Marktoffingen: 316 E., T, StdA., OrtssteuerA., kath. Pfk. — Dazu Wlr. Harthausen, P Unterschneidheim, E 7 km, 19 E.

— 6) **OA. Brackenheim**, D., das., Neckarkreis, AG. Brackenheim, BKdo. Ludwigsburg, P E 3,7 km Nordheim Württ.; 310 E., T, StdA., OrtssteuerA., ev. Pfk.

— 7) Ab., LKr. Insterburg, s. Levalothen.

— 8) Hrgr., AG. Ölsnitz, s. Wohlhausen.

— 9) D., Kr. Stolzenau, s. Steinbrink.

— 10) Bsch., Kr. Tecklenburg, s. Mettingen Westf.

— Vgl. Nordshausen.

Ornshagen, Rg., a/d Rega; Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. AG. StdA. (LB.) A. F Regenwalde, BKdo. Naugard; 208 E.; P, E 1,5 km: Pieyenburg-Regenwalde-Nord; ev. Pfk.; Ml., Sägew., Först. — Dazu Vw. Wilhelminenhof *17* E.

Piotrowo, 1) Rg., Pr., Posen, RB. AG. BKdo. Pzdt. I Posen, Kr. Posen Ost, P E 4 km Kreising Kr. Posen; 212 E., StdA. — Dazu Vw. Koppelmühle, P Gondek, E 5 km, *7* E.

— 2) D., das., Kr. AG. Schmiegel, BKdo. Kosten, StdA. Pzdt. Wielichowo, P E 3,5 km Rakwitz B. Posen; 205 E., kath. Pfk.

— 3) Rg., das., Kr. AG. BKdo. Schrimm, StdA. Zabno, Pzdt. Moschin, P E 2,6 km Szoldry; 113 E. [Petershag*.

— 4) fr. GutsB., Kr. Meseritz, jetzt D.

Platke, 1) **Pomm.**, St. u. Rg. (33 m), a/d Rega; Pr., RB. Stettin, Kr. Regenwalde, AG. Greifenberg, BKdo. Naugard; 2849 bz. 257 E.; P, Pw: 18 km E Pinnow; T: Gollnow-Kolberg-Köslin, (Labes-)Regenwalde-Nord-Wietstock; GTg., StdA., A., Bnmeist.; ev. Pfk.: Syn.; Präparandenanst., Krankenhaus, Elktrw.; Spk., SpDrl.; Krammärkte, Kunststeinfbr., Molk., Mln., Zgl. — Zur St.: Vwe. Berndtshof *42*, Henkenheide *30*; Kol. Hermannsthal *20*; Etabl. Johannisberg *14*; Wp. Mackfitzer Feld, E 2,8 km, *6*; Gut Stadthof, E 2,7 km, *16*; Kol. Willksfreude *49* E. — Zum Rg.: Vwe. Karolinenhof, E 2,7 km, *100* E., EGt: P.-Regenwalde-Nord, Marienau *76* E.

— 2) **Kr. Salzwedel**, D., n. am Kalbeschen Werder, i/d Altmark; Pr., Sa., RB. Magdeburg, Kr. Salzwedel, AG. Kalbe a. Milde, BKdo. Stendal, StdA. A. P Brunau Altmark, E 4,5 km Brunau-Packebusch; 203 E., T, ev. Pfk.; Ml.

— Vgl. P'ate, Platte.

Polajewo, 1) D., Pr., Posen, RB. BKdo. Posen, Kr. Obornik, AG. Rogasen, E 3 km Güldenau: 1704 E., P, GTg., StdA., PzVerw.; ev., kath. Pfk.; SpDrl.; Ölfbr.; Brenn., Mln., Sägew., Zgl. — Dazu Vw. Jakubowo, E 5,2 km, *48* E.

— 2) **Hauland**, D., das., StdA. Pripkowo, Pzdt. P Polajewo, E 1 km Güldenau; 127 E.

— 3) Anidl., das., s. Hartigsheide.

Runau, 1) **Kr. Czarnikau**, D., Pr., Posen, RB. Bromberg, AG. Schönlanke, BKdo. Schneidemühl, Pzdt. II Czarnikau, P E 2,6 km Stieglitz Kr. Czarnikau; 675 E., T, StdA., ev. Pfk.; SpDrl.; Zgl. — Dazu Abe.

Kienwerder, E 5,1 km, *42*, **Steinort**, E 2,5 km, *81* E.

Runau, 2) Forsth., Kr. Czarnikau, s. Behle.

Rüßdorf, D., Sa.-W.-E., s. Waltersdorf.

Russee Holstein, D., Pr., Schlesw.-Holst., RB. Schleswig, Kr. Bordesholm, AG. BKdo. E Kiel, StdA. A. Kronshagen; 563 E.; P, EPs 1 km: Kiel-Rendsburg; Elktrw.; SpDrl.; Zgl.

Stadthagen, KrSt. (67,5 bz. 73,8 m), 1620 ha: Schaumb.-L., LG. Bückeburg, BKdo. Minden; 7076 E.; P, Pw. u. Strbn. 1 km E: Hannover-Minden-Löhne, Rinteln-S., Nienburg (Weser)-S.; — LrA., AG., StdA., ZA. I, WegebauA., Hdl.-, Handw.-, LwKam., KrPhysikat, Bahnmeist.; — ev., reform., kath. Pfk., Syn.; Realprogymn., Höh. Töchterich., lw., gew., techn. Fachsch.; LKrankenh., Badanst., Gas-, Wasserwerk; — Rbkn., Spk., KredVer.; Kram-, Viehmärkte, Holz-, Getreide-, Leder-, Wollhdl.; Drahtw.-, Likör-, Möbel-, Strohhülsen-, Zementwaren-, Zigaretten-, Zigarrenkistenfbr.; Gerb., Brau., Brenn., Glashütten, Mln., MlnBau., Sägewe., Webn., Zgln. [Ostpr.

Stadthaide, Ab., Kr. Rössel, s. Seeburg 3)

Stadthausen, Gut, Pr., Ostpr., RB. BKdo. II Königsberg, Kr. AG. Wehlau, StdA. A. P Groß Schirrau Kr. Wehlau, E 12 km Puschdorf; 69 E. [Altheim 7) Hessen.

Stadthäuser Mühle, Ml., Kr. Diebrg, s.

Stadtheide, 1) Forsth., s. Cottbus.

— 2) Güter, s. Plön. [mark.

— 3) Forsth., Kr. Soldin, s. Berlinchen Neu-

Stadthof, 1) Gut, Pr., Pomm., RB. Köslin, Kr. AG. StdA. P E 2,5 km Dramburg, BKdo. Neustettin, A. Schilde; 47 E.

— 2) Ab., s. Greifenhagen.

— 3) Vw., s. Köslin.

— 4) Hof, Meckl.-Schw., s. Penzlin.

— 5) Ab., Kr. Neustettin, s. Tempelburg.

— 6) Gut, Kr. Regenwalde, s. Plathe Pomm.

— 7) Vw., Kr. Rügen, s. Bergen 10) auf

— 8) Ab., s. Schivelbein. [Rügen.

— 9) Gut, Kr. Westprignitz, s. Putlitz.

Stargordt Kr. Regenwalde, Rg. u. Vw., unw. der Rega; Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, AG. Regenwalde, BKdo. Naugard; 340 E.; P, E: Regenwalde-Nord-Labes; StdA., A., ev. Pfk.; Ml., Zgl. — Dazu Forsthr. Matzkenheide, P E Regenwalde, *12* E., EPs: wie oben, Überschlag, P Geiglitz, *9* E.

Tlukawy, D., Pr., Posen, RB. BKdo. Posen, Kr. Obornik, AG. Pzdt. Rogasen, StdA. P E 3,5 km Ritschenwalde; 513 E., Forsth.

Bahrnow, Rg., Pr., Brandbg., RB. Potsdam, Kr. Westprignitz, AG. BKdo. Perleberg, StdA. Breich, A. Gülitz, P Reetz Westprignitz; 93 E.; E: Klbn. *Perleberg* – Klein Berge (– *Pritzwalk*, – *Karstädt* – *Perleberg*).

Wilhelmshof, 1) AllGut, Meckl.-Schw., RittA. Gnoien, AG. P E 7 km Teßin Meckl., BKdo. Rostock, StdA. Basse; 46 E.

— 2) Rg., Pr., Brandbg., RB. Potsdam, Kr. AG. BKdo. Prenzlau, StdA. A. Arendsee, P Schönermark Kr. Prenzlau, E 4,7 km Falkenhagen; 153 E.

— 3) Dom., Pr., Hessen-N., RB. Cassel, Kr. AG. BKdo. P Hersfeld, StdA. E 1 km Sorga; 38 E.

— 4) Rg., Pr., Ostpr., RB. Königsberg, Kr. AG. Gerdauen, BKdo. Rastenburg, StdA. A. Annawalde, P E 4,2 km Georgenfelde; 96 E., Zgl., Molk.

— 5) Dom., am Usedomer See (Haffbuien): Pr., Pomm., RB. Stettin, Kr. Usedom-Wollin, AG. BKdo. Swinemünde, P E 3,8 km Usedom; 189 E., StdA., A. — Dazu Kol. Mönchow, P E Karnin auf Usedom, *56*, Forstenstat. Westklüne, E 4 km, *5* E., Ldwpl.

— 6) GutsB., Pr., Posen, RB. Posen, Kr. AG. Kempen Posen, BKdo. Ostrowo, StdA. Pzdt. Opatow, P E 5,8 km Wilhelmsbrück B. Posen; 125 E. — Dazu Gut Dobrygosc, E 6,5 km, *25*; Forsth., Jagdschloß Frankpol, P Opatow B. Posen, E 5 km Lenka, *5*;

Wohnplätze, die unter K vermißt werden, sind unter C nachzuschlagen.

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helmshayn, Rg., Pr., Brandbg., RB. am, Kr. AG. BKdo. Prenzlau, StdA. :ıtenwerder Uckermark, A. Hildebrands- : 74 E.; E 1 km: Klbn. *Prenzlau*-Für- :rder. — Dazu Forsth. Kiecker 6 E.

helmsheide, 1) D., Pr., Ostpr., RB. innen, Kr. Niederung, AG. P Skais- , BKdo. Tilsit, StdA. Groß Skais- . A. Parwischken: 312 E.

) Kol., Kr. Schlawe, s. See Buckow.

helmsheim, Hrgr., OA. Backnang, s. nberg 8) Württ.

helmshof, 1) AllGut, Meckl.-Schw., Gnoien, AG. P E 7 km Teßin Meckl., Rostock, StdA. Baise; 46 E.

) Rg., Pr., Brandbg., RB. Potsdam, B. BKdo. Prenzlau, StdA. A. Arend- Schönermark Kr. Prenzlau, E 4,7 km hagen; 153 E.

) Dom., Pr., Hessen-N., RB. Cassel, B. BKdo. P Hersfeld, StdA. E 1 km : 38 E.

) Rg., Pr., Ostpr., RB. Königsberg, G. Gerdauen, BKdo. Rastenburg, A. Annawalde, P E 4,2 km Georgen- 96 E., Zgl., Molk.

) Dom., am Usedomer See (Haffbusen): omm., RB. Stettin, Kr. Usedom-Wol- B. BKdo. Swinemünde, P E 3,8 km ı; 189 E., StdA., A. — Dazu Kol. ıow, P E Karnin auf Usedom. 56 Wp. Kunzensruh, P Luisenhof Kr. Kem- pen, E 6,2 km, 36; Mn. Mosciuskimühle, E 7 km Lenka, 13, Niesob Mühle, E 6,2 km Luisenhof, 8; Hof Sichlahof, E 6,2 km, 8 E.

Wilhelmshof, 7) Vw., Kr. Angerburg, s. Sperling. [hagen.

— 8) Vw., Kr. Angermünde, s. Frauen-

— 9) Gsth., Kr. Arnswalde, s. Kranzin.

— 10) Vw., das., s. Granow Neumark.

— 11) Forsth., s. Ballenstedt.

— 12) Ab., Kr. Belgard, s. Groß Tychow.

— 13) Hof, OA. Biberach, s. Maielheim.

— 14) Vw., s. Bunzlau Schles.

— 15) Zgl., Kr. Bütow, s. Zerrin.

— 16) Vw., Kr. Culm, s. Glauchau.

— 17) Gut, Kr. Deutsch Krone, s. Märkisch Friedland 2).

— 18) Dom., LKr. Emden, s. Wirdum.

— 19) Vw., Kr. Flatow, s. Slawianowo.

— 20) Kurh., Kr. Gardelegen, s. Uchtspringe.

— 21) Vw., Kr. Glogau, s. Thamm.

— 22) Vw., Kr. Groß Wartenberg, s. Neu- hütte.

— 23) Vw., s. Lindenau Kr. Heiligenbeil.

— 24) Ab., Kr. Karthaus, s. Semlin.

— 25) Waldarbeitergehöft, das., s. Chosnitz.

— 26) Vw., s. Bärfelde Neumark.

— 27) Hof, s. Konitz Westpr.

— 28) Kol., s. Köslin. [Boossen.

— 29) Vw., Kr. Lebus, s. Wulkow bei

— 30) Vw., Kr. Luckau, s. Kaisel. [heim.

— 31) Hof, OA. Ludwigsburg, s. Heutings-

— 32) D., Meckl.-Schw., s. Prestin.

— 33) Hof, s. Warin Meckl.

— 34) Vw., Kr. Meseritz, s. Lewitz.

— 35) Ab., Kr. Oberbarnim, s. Strausberg.

— 36) Hof, Kr. Osterburg, s. Erxleben.

— 37) Gut, Kr. Osterode, s. Senthen.

— 38) Vw., das., s. Rauichken.

— 39) Forsth., Kr. Oststernberg, s. Zielenzig.

— 40) Vw., Kr. Randow, s. Plowen.

— 41) Gut, Kr. Regenwalde, s. Christinenhof.

— 42) Hof, Kr. Rothenburg OLausitz, s. Tormersdorf (Zoar). [hagen.

— 43) Ab., Kr. Rummelsburg, s. Falken-

— 44) Vw., das., s. Gumenz B. Köslin.

— 45) dsgl., s. Papenzin.

— 46) Vw., Kr. Samter, s. Kaisershof.

— 47) Etabl., Kr. Schlawe, s. Gerbin.

— 48) Gut, das., s. Pollnow.

— 49) Vw., Kr. Schwetz, s. Simkau.

— 50) Vw., Kr. Soldin, s. Glasow Neu-

— 51) dsgl., s. Lippehne. [mark.

— 52) Schaf., LKr. Stolp, s. Poblotz.

— 53) Vw., das., s. Schmolsin.

— 54) Dom., s. Steyerberg Kr. Stolzenau.

— 55) Gut, Kr. Templin, s. Böckenberg.

— 56) Vw., Kr. Trebnitz, s. Kapatschütz.

— 57) Hof, A. Überlingen, s. Oberuhl- dingen. [dorf.

— 58) Gut, Kr. Westhavelland, s. Neuen-

Wilhelmshöh, 1) Ab., Kr. Angerburg, s. Klein Villacken.

— 2) Vw., s. Ranzin Kr. Greifswald.

— 3) Kurh., Kr. Hirschberg, s. Petersdorf 19).

— 4) Hrgr., Kr. Neustettin, s. Wurchow.

— 5) Vw., das., s. Marienwalde.

— 6) Vw., Kr. Pr. Enlau, s. Neukrug.

— 7) Hof, Kr. Siegen, s. Büschergrund.

— 8) Ab., Kr. Soldin, s. Schildberg Neumark.

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[Oct. 11, 2001]

Subj: **Pommern meeting - 23 October 2001**
Date: 10/11/01 4:15:12 PM Central Daylight Time
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Greetings to our friends of Pommern,

Hello to all of you who value the Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota. Our next meeting at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, October 23, 2001. This will be a very important organizational meeting concerning two items of business. First, it is crucial that our organization adopt bylaws to facilitate continuity of the group. Bylaws establish procedures which are necessary to continue orderly and productive meetings in which the members determine the direction, content and future of the group. Please review the proposed bylaws.

The second item of business is the election of officers for the year 2002. All nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor because we currently do not have a nominating committee.

The remaining time will be for sharing ideas, information, data and refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,
Jerry Savage

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[Oct. 23, 2001]

POMMERN REGIONAL GROUP MEETING AGENDA OCTOBER 23, 2001

1. Social time 6:30 - 7:00 PM

2. Call meeting to order 7:00 PM

3. Reading of minutes

4. Treasurer's report

5. Announcements
   November 27 - Greifswald presentation
   December 4 - Social meeting for visiting, sharing and treats + Polish group
   Other check
   Exhibit Commemoration of Pommern in Wo Bilder

6. Old business
   PRG letterhead pending
   Other

7. New business
   Proposed PRG Bylaws
   Election of 2002 PRG officers
   5th draft of affiliation with GGS guidelines

8. Remaining time for sharing information and data

Members of the Pommern Regional Group are also strongly encouraged, but not required, to be members of the German Genealogy Society

5th Draft of Guidelines for Relationships between GGS and ~~Subgroups~~ Affiliated
Subject to approval and amendment by existing subgroups

An *Affiliated Group* of GGS is a group that holds meetings separate from GGS meetings, has a membership fee and has an elected chairperson or president. It may publish a newsletter and/or journal and have a web site.

*****Affiliated Groups*****

Formation

1. Affiliated Groups are formed by a vote of the GGS Board in response to a written request from the group. Groups already existing when these guidelines are adopted are exempted.

Membership

2. Members of the Executive Board of an Affiliated Group will be current members of GGS, meeting all membership requirements of GGS.
3. Members of an Affiliated Group will be strongly encouraged to be members of GGS.
4. Once a year or as requested, the Affiliated Group will send to the GGS Corresponding Secretary a current, accurate list of members.
5. The Affiliated Group may determine the amount of their dues.
6. All dues money for the Affiliated Group will be handled by that Affiliated Group.
7. All Affiliated Group membership forms must list only the amount of dues for the Affiliated Group.
8. The affiliated Group's treasurer will submit quarterly financial reports to GGS using the same format as required by the GGS treasurer.

Meetings

9. The Leader will be responsible for scheduling Affiliated Group meetings so that they do not conflict with GGS meetings. The Leader is invited to attend or send a representative to GGS Board Meetings, as a non-voting participant.
10. The GGS President will send the Leader a list of the scheduled GGS meeting dates within two weeks after they have been finalized.
11. The Affiliated Group Leader will send the GGS President a list of the scheduled group meeting dates within two weeks after they have been finalized.
12. Both the President and the Leader will communicate any changes in meeting schedules to the other as soon as possible.

Publications and Web Sites

13. The Affiliated Group will send copies of each issue of their newsletter or other periodical to the GGS mailing address, the GGS President, the GGS Vice President, and the GGS newsletter editor.
14. The Affiliated Group publications and web site will state that the Affiliated Group is affiliated with GGS.
15. The Affiliated Group web site will include a link to the GGS web site and vice versa.

GGS Library

16. An Affiliated Group may submit requests for non-circulating library materials to GGS for purchase by GGS and inclusion in the GGS Library..
17. Affiliated Group may request that materials they purchase be housed in the GGS Library. The GGS Board, with the recommendation of the Library Chairperson, will decide whether or not to agree to the request.

Non-profit Status

18. The Affiliated Group will act in accordance with the non-profit status of GGS and its parent group, MGS. The GGS treasurer will inform the Affiliated Group Leader of non-profit restrictions on activities.

[Oct. 23, 2001]

PRG INFORMATION FOR GGS EXECUTIVE BOARD - Oct. 23, 2001

1. PRG meeting attendance ___

2. MGS members present ___

3. GGS members present ____

4. PRG affiliate contributions to GGS

   * PRG membership has an active network in Germany, Poland and USA

   * PRG members active in GGS board and GGS projects

   * PRG members have developed contacts and resources valuable to PRG and GGS

   * PRG members have contributed to GGS publications

   * PRG members have ancestors and resources in many regions of Germany and contribute to the GGS data bank

   * PRG membership available as volunteers for GGS functions

   * PRG membership is willing to work with GGS and develop cooperative projects and programs

   * PRG board willing to promote and encourage voluntary GGS membership

   * GGS members will have free access to PRG research

   * GGS members will be welcomed at PRG board meetings

   * GGS members will have access to PRG Regional Resource contacts

   * GGS members will be welcome to attend and participate in PRG programs and meetings

   * GGS members will have contact with PRG members doing genealogical research in Germany

[Undated]

Horst Reschke

Thanks for your e--mail! The Pommern edition of the Prussian gazetteer is easy to use. The way it is organized is that first of all Kreise (= plural of Kreis) are in alphabetical order. Then under each Kreis heading the various places (again in alphabetical order) are listed; first the cities or towns (coded in the index, in the back of the volume, as "St" = Stadt); then the villages (= "L" = Landgemeinde = Dorf = village or rural community); then the landed estates [of which there are many in Pommern] = "G" = Gut, or Gutsbezirk = landed estate. Finally, there are places which, in the index are coded "W' = Wohnplatz = a "dwelling place"; these cannot be found in the alphabetical listing, but rather in the footnotes. If, for instance, you are looking for "Fischerkaten," the index will indicate: Fischerkaten. . . .24. 44 W. The first figure is Kreis number 24 (boldface, which I can't get on this program), which turns out to be the Kreis of Schivelbein; the second number (44) is the consecutive number within the Kreis listing, the letter "W" indicates that the place name after the figure 23 will not be "Fischerkaten [the humble abode of a fisherman]" but the village to which Fisherkaten belongs. When we look it up we find that it is the landed estate of Beustrin. Under the footnote for No. 23 we discover "Fischerkaten I u 7," = one house and seven people.

The gazetteers of the Prussian provinces are very easy to use, once you have learned how. I haven written a detailed explanation and translation for them, which, I believe, will be in the next issue of the "German Genealogical Digest." Also the Kreis boundaries are close enough to the Kreis city to make any other arrangement unnecessary. With the help of the "Karte des Deutschen Reiches" scale 1:100 000 you can find even the smallest villages. The way to locate or pinpoint a given place is, of course, to look for the place name in the "Meyers Orts." The result of that effort will be that you have obtained the name of the state (kingdom, grand duchy, duchy, margreviate or Prussian province), in which your mystery place is located. This information then dictates which gazetteer we need to use. The names and library call numbers of the gazetteers are found in the Family History Library Catalog (FHLC). If the gazetteer is one of the Prussian provincial "Gemeindelexikon für das KOnigreich Preussen," if your Family History Center does not have the film, then have the staff order it on permanent loan.

Several years ago I found another Pommern gazetteer, this one compiled by Marc A. Schindler. I ordered it and when I tried to pay he graciously declined to accept my payment. I reached him under "The Schindler-Spring Family Organization, P.O. Box, 1383, Cardston, Alberta, CANADA TOK OKO."

Give my regards to all my friends!

Best wishes! Horst

Gemeindelexikon

für das

Königreich Preußen.

Auf Grund der Materialien der Volkszählung vom 1. Dezember 1905

und anderer amtlicher Quellen

bearbeitet vom

Königlich Preußischen Statistischen Landesamte.

Heft IV.

Provinz Pommern.

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Anmerkungen zu Spalte 15 u. 20: Davon sprechen kassubisch: 1) sämtliche.

Anmerkungen zu Spalte 22, 23 u. 24: Davon sprechen deutsch: 2) 22; 3) sämtliche.

Noch: 8. Kreis Greifenberg.

100. Rosenhof 4 u. 44.
105. Siegfried 1 u. 3.
109. Schrenicke 3 u. 34.
114. Ernsthof 2 u. 28, Heidhof 1 u. 11, Siegfried Ribbekardt 1 u. 10, Sperrenberg 1 u. 10.
118. Hermannshof 1 u. 12, Dölzerhof 1 u. 11.
122. Bernerd Stredentin 2 u. 36.
124. Jäckelhof 2 u. 34.
128. Rutzicken 2 u. 22, Siegfried 1 u. 8.
129. Wilhelmshof 1 u. 6, Bernerd b. Zirkwitz 1 u. 14.

9. Kreis Greifenhagen.

1. Bahnhof Bahn 1 u. 2, Stadtförsterei Bahn 1 u. 4, Oberlattmarch 2 u. 26, Tebr'
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Kuhl's Ziegelei 1 u. 4, Landhof 2 u. 35, Ri
4 u. 75, Wallerei 1 u. 8, Rex's Mühle
Sankt Georgen-Hofziegel 1 u. 12.
2. Zirkwitzmühle 1 u. 6.
3. Blechhammer G. v. K. 1 u. 10, Chausseehaus

Wohnplätze als Teile der Gemeindeein

Amtsgerichte Greifenhagen, Fiddichow †) und Bahn ††).

am 1. Dezember 1905.

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†) Amtsgerichts Bahn gehörig.

Ihre bewohnten Wohnstätten und Einwohner.

Tamerowsche Mühle 1 v. 7, Krausenx (evg. Kip. Kronheide) 3 v. 21, Neu Tamerow 1 v. 9, Krumühle 2 v. 19, Stadthof 1 v. 4, Silbtisch Mönchlappe 8 v. 46, Thurehäuser 17 v. 81, Bogelsang 4 v. 43, Walkmühle 2 v. 8, Jell bei Meichenin 3 v. 22; Forsthäuser: An der Thue 1 v. 3, Bei Hubbenbrock 1 v. 2, Im Langer 1 v. 3.

4. Krausesche Stelle 1 v. 6.

5. Wilhelmshöhe 13 v. 62.

7. Neu Petznicker 2 v. 15, Barnimshof 2 v. 20, Pinower Gerb 3 v. 16, Pinower Gerb 1 v. 6, Pinower Spitze 2 v. 7, Fischerbruch 1 v. 6, Karlsberg 2 v. 19, Emilienhof 2 v. 13.

8. Borimer Mühle 1 v. 13, Sandbeck 3 v. 22.

10. Bahnhof Fiddichowbrück 1 v. 12, Neu Brünken 18 v. 112, Kreuzeck 3 v. 14.

11. Wassermühle 1 v. 5, Windmühle 2 v. 12.

12. Kleinbahnhof Hohentrug-Buchholz 1 v. 6, Hallstelle Königsweg 2 v. 8.

13. Fischhof 3 v. 16.

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European dates are generally given with day ahead of month, e.g., *den 17. Juni 1843* = June 17, 1843. A period after the day indicates the ordinal number, e.g., *17.* = "17th," *den 17. Juni* literally means "the 17th of June."

Following is a chart of printed and written Gothic letters. Practice writing words from genealogical word list using the written Gothic letters so you will have an idea what tl should look like in Gothic before you get involved in trying to decipher a document.

Roman Type	German Type	German Script	Roman Type	German Type	German Script
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B b	𝔅 𝔟	ℬ 𝒷	O o	𝔒 𝔬	𝒪 ℴ
C c	ℭ 𝔠	𝒞 𝒸	P p	𝔓 𝔭	𝒫 𝓅
D d	𝔇 𝔡	𝒟 𝒹	Q q	𝔔 𝔮	𝒬 𝓆
E e	𝔈 𝔢	ℰ ℯ	R r	ℜ 𝔯	ℛ 𝓇
F f	𝔉 𝔣	ℱ 𝒻	S s	𝔖 𝔰 ſ	𝒮 𝓈 ſ
G g	𝔊 𝔤	𝒢 ℊ	T t	𝔗 𝔱	𝒯 𝓉
H h	ℌ 𝔥	ℋ 𝒽	U u	𝔘 𝔲	𝒰 𝓊
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K k	𝔎 𝔨	𝒦 𝓀	X x	𝔛 𝔵	𝒳 𝓍
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Ronald Putz

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N35 Log 883 [May 12, 1986]

N35
Log 883

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 12, 1986

[due N36]

Mr. Ronald Putz
201 Salzburg Ave.
Bay City, MI 48706-5317

Dear Mr. Putz:

Band 5, Hammer 4

Last year I saw an entry in "Die Pommerschen Leute" giving information about your ancestors in Germany. It said that Julius Ernst Johann Wendt (your grandfather?) was born near Daber, Stolp, on May 15, 1870, and died in Bay City on Jan 29, 1966. Because of my own background, this is of great interest to me, and I think you may be able to help me.

My grandfather, William Neritz, was born in Germany and came to this country in 1873, settling first in Chicago. After working several years on a farm in Illinois, he moved to Bay City about 1888 and worked on a farm there until 1905, when he went to Saskachewan, Canada.

William had married Theresa Jacobs about 1860, perhaps in the city of Stolp, because their daughter Bertha was born there in 1866. Another daughter, Emma, was born in Germany in 1869, probably also in Stolp.

William had two sisters who came to America and settled in Bay City with their husbands. Wilhelmina was born in Stolp in 1851 and married Charles Schroeder there. Johanna, the other sister, married John Tonke, and their son Herman was born in Stolp in 1866. Grandfather probably moved to Bay City from Illinois after Grandmother died because his sisters were living there. Wilhelmina's newspaper obituary in 1925 stated that she had lived in Bay City since 1879.

Grandfather told his children he was born in Dammer. My research has turned up four Dammers in Germany, all of them in Silesia, rather than in Pomerania. So now, because of all the family events that took place in Stolp, I've been thinking he may have been born in the town of Darmen near Stolp, instead of in Dammer.

See editor's note at the index entry "Dammer, Germany (now Poland)"

Suddenly, the other day, I noticed that your ancestor, Julius Wendt, who also ended up in Bay City, was born near Daber, Stolp. Is it possible that Grandfather was born in Daber, rather than in Dammer or Darmen? Do you know exactly where Daber is? I don't have a map that shows it, but I'll try to look it up the next time I go to a library that has a good German gazeteer.

You will be interested to know that I was born in Bay City in 1914, though I grew up in Saginaw, where my family moved when I was about three. After graduating from Saginaw High School in 1931, I attended Bay City Junior College for two years before going on to the University of Michigan. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, but later became a Baptist minister.

If you went to Bay City Central High School, you may have known or heard about my mother's cousin, Mathilda Schroeder, who taught German

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

there and in the Junior College for many years. Other names of some of my relatives in Bay City were Laderach, Reinhardt, Reid, and Oglestone.

Arbeiter Society

Charles and Wilhelmina (Nenitz) Schroeder were both members of the Arbeiter Society, according to their obituaries, and I'm hoping some day to track down the old records of that society. In addition, Wilhelmina was "one of the charter members of the First (German) Reformed Church on the west side and was very well known on both sides of the river."

Now I am wondering if you are active in some group in Bay City working on German genealogy. We have such a group in Minneapolis, and it has been very helpful as I have tried to track down my German ancestry. If I were in or near Bay City, there are many things I would like to do and records I would like to find. If you could put me in touch with a German genealogy group there, perhaps I could locate some of these materials through them.

I hope some of the information in this letter will be of interest to you, and I await your reply with great anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

David S. Witheridge

N36 Log 885 [May 15, 1986]

May 15

15 V 86 [May 15] [see N39]

202. Salzburg Ave.,
Bay City, Mich. 48706-5317

N36 Log 885

Dear Rev. Witheridge

Sincerest thanks for your most interesting letter which I received today. Shall try to help you. You bring up, it seems, 1000 questions.

Yes. Julius Weidt was my grandfather. He lived 1882-1888 in Daber bei Stolp. As a Lutheran he was born near Groß Nossin & baptized there in June 1870. Daber, however, was not far away.

Sadly none of my known relatives were born in the city of Stolp itself. Permit me to state that I, b. 1933, asked my grandfather a great many questions before he died in his 96th year. I wrote all his answers down on paper.

Born 1933

My family has been in hardware business since 1916; I have worked therein since 1954 so I know a great many people, including many Tomke, Schröder, Ladenach & Reinhardt family members. I too am very fluent in German so I am indeed very fortunate with my interest in genealogy.

Dammer

You mention „Dammer". Could it be "Dammerkow"? Daber is indeed not "Dammerkow"

Yes, I know exactly where Daber (now Dobra) was. It was just a short way south east of Stolp. By the way, Ernst Thode, RR 7, Box 306, Kern Rd. Marietta, Ohio 45750 could sell you a fine map for about $10. But mention Daber bei Stolp, as there are I believe 2 other Dabers in old Pomern.

You mention Mathilda Schröder. Her brother Bill lived one block from our store. His wife was Martha geb Loll. I know the Loll family also came from Pomern.

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

William Ferdinand Schroeder (b. 1882) and Martha Loll (d. 1963)

I doubt 99.999% the records of the old Arbeiter Society

Arbeiter Society

Unser Stützungs Verein remain. The First Reformed Church is still here also. Cong founded in 1880. They have about 60 members & are thinking of merging with the local Congregational Cong. The Reformed Church, 2 blocks from where I live, has no early records pertaining to births, deaths, &c &c - but the original minutes of meetings (of course all in German script) still survive. I have studied them.

As far as I know, I am the only person in Bay City working deeply into German genealogy. I write to Germany constantly & have had excellent success in W. Germany. Wish I could say this of Pommern

I do understand the official records 1876-1945 at Köslin (now Kozalin) still exist but I think there would be too late for you See P3

There is indeed a Bay Co Genealogical Soc. here but none of its members can read &/or write German; hence there are no real authorities in that Society on what I believe you seek. Perhaps I myself could help you; I know of no one else here who can read & understand the old script.

I keep up my German constantly; am a Lutheran. In Frankenmuth they still have German services every Sunday & church holiday. Often attend. Plan ongoing again for Pfingsten (Pentecost) 18 V 86

I know Bob Laderach here. I could ask him for help. Do you know of him? Should also state that as far as I know (& I have delved into the subject deeply) no one has ever attempted to gather information on

Robert Paul Laderach (b. 1924)

people who left Pomern & settled in Bay Co.

Have you consulted either Meyer's or Müller's books regarding Damer?

"Meyers Orts"

I just stopped working to telephone Robt P. Laderach 4534 Westfield Ct. B.C 48706. He was much interested in the project; he said he & his brother will compile data for you. Then telephoned Miss Frances Tomke, perhaps 80. She is a very kind lady; we went to German services @ Zion Lutheran here when we still had them (gave up in 1973) She lives alone @ 206 N. Chilson, B C 48706. She said her sister & her niece know much on the subject but both are now in Detroit for a little vacation

Dr. David Laderach

Frances Anna Viola Tomke (b. 1910)

Zion Lutheran Church and Cemetery Beaver Twp., Bay Co., MI

Bob Laderach still belongs to the Reformed Church you wrote about; he also confirmed that the Registers no longer exist.

I have, so hard here tried to find others, with a very deep interest in German genealogy - absolutely no success. To be sure a few are mildly interested but they are not fluent in German which is a tremendous barrier. True, it can be overcome but few will succeed.

See P 2 Julius Wendt's grandfather Wilhelm Koschnick † 1878 - the widow † 1888 - so their deaths should be recorded. A very very distant cousin Fritz Wilhelm Koschnick is perhaps trying to find the 2 death records for me in

present Kozalin. I sent him $100. It seems the Polish government would want that for the search. I sent Herron Koschnick the money. He said he will do his very best to cut through all the red tape.

By the way, I also went to BC Jr College & then Mich State Univ. Studied German 3 years in college; Latin via correspondence course in recent years

Bay City Junior College

Michigan State University

Kindly pardon the desultory manner of this letter. Wrote as thoughts came to mind. Better that than no reply @ all.

The old Arbeiter Harmonie Hall still exists here in Salzburg (S W Bay City - where German Reformed & Lutheran dwell) but the organization I believe went under around 1935

Arbeiter Society

Rambled on long enough. Hope I have been helpful. If you have any further questions will try to aid you. - The records of Zion Lutheran Cong in Beaver I do believe all still do exist. If they would be of value to you I of course do not know but the Tomkos belonged there. Then I know.

Forgot to mention our Bay County Clerk generally is helpful if not too many questions asked @ one time. I am a German Lutheran Republican; she is a Democrat yet she is a kind helpful person.

Bay County clerk

Once again I sincerely hope I have been able to afford you some succor. Sincerely, Ronald John Potz

P. S. Today would have been Father Wendt's 116th birthday. We all hold him in happy memory

N39
Log 888

[May 28, 1986]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 28, 1986

[See N36]

Dear Ronald:

Your prompt reply to my letter was very welcome indeed. It was full of just the kind of information I was hoping to receive. I'm very glad to have discovered you, and I know you will be able to help me in many ways. You are right when you say that you are really the expert in German genealogy I was looking for in Bay County. I hope you don't object to my writing so soon again while your letter is fresh in my mind. After all, you did say you would be glad to answer any additional questions I might have.

I think your suggestion is a good one that someone should study the families of those who came from Pomerania and settled in Bay County. Since that area is now in Poland, which makes genealogical research there very difficult, comparing notes and bringing together the scattered bits of information should be helpful to us all.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

I'm still uncertain about the birthplace of my grandfather. Was it one of the four Damers in Silesia, or was it Damen, Daber, or Dannerkow in Pomerania? My next step in this regard is to check the locality index at the Mormon branch library to see if they have microfilmed any church records from Daber or Dannerkow. Would Dannerkow have been referred to familiarly by persons in that vicinity as Damer? My father's family came from a town in Devon, England, by the name of Berrynarbor that was sometimes referred to locally as Berry.

"Meyers Orts"

Yes, I did study and make a copy of the information on Damer in Meyers. That's where I found that all four were in Silesia. For some years I concentrated on trying to find the church records that might show the birth record of my grandfather in Damer, but I've given up on that for now.

I am especially grateful to you for getting in touch with my second cousin, Robert Laderach. I had known of him and his brother David through their mother, when I visited many years ago in Bay City, but I have never met either Robert or David. Now I plan to write to Robert as soon as I can, so we can exchange family information.

I'm also glad to get Frances Tomke's address and to hear that you know her. I find that I did have her name on a list of the children of Charles Tomke, my mother's first cousin, so she is also my second cousin. I'll write to Frances, too, and try to find out what her sister and her niece know about the family.

I'Elbe interested in reading some of the answers your grandfather gave you about his background in Pomerania and in Bay City when he first arrived. I'm sure he must have known some of my relatives in those days and had some of the same experiences they had.

Stolp records

You said you have Fritz William Koschnick looking in Koslin for the death record of your great-great-grandfather, Wilhelm Koschnick, in 1878, and his widow's death record in 1888. Do you suppose the death records for Stolp still exist? How can we find out? We know there were members of my grandfather's family still living there at least until the first World War. Mathilda Schroeder visited cousins in Stolp about 1912. One was a postman (letter carrier) there. Robert Laderach's mother told me her son David had Mathilda's old papers, and maybe these contain some record of her

correspondence and visit to Germany.

You didn't say what your course or field was at Bay City Junior College and Michigan State. You said you entered the hardware business in 1954. What did you do before that?

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

By the way, my mother (Edith Nemitz) worked for Frank Hardware as a bookkeeper before she got married. This would have been before 1909. I also notice that a second cousin of mine, Henry Kohn, lived in Bay City and worked in a hardware store. Did you happen to know him? His mother, Augusta Tomke, was a first cousin of my mother.

Henry Kohn (m. 1880) (?)

I'd like to know the name of the Bay County Clerk you mentioned, so I could write to her directly and perhaps mention your name as having referred me to her. Years ago I spent some time in the Court House there, but I know there are some matters I'd like to clear up, though I can't think what they are at the moment.

Are you aware of any old German newspapers in Michigan? If so, you have probably tried to locate copies and have studied them for any information useful for your purposes.

I should tell you about the exciting discovery I made through the Heimatortskartei Nordostouropa. If you're not aware of it, it's an organization that has indexed 18,000,000 names and addresses of persons relocated from formerly German-speaking areas. They have had 11,000,000 requests for help and have been successful in supplying information in 8,000,000 of these instances.

Gerhard Heinrich Bruno Nemitz (b. 1926)

I wrote and asked if they knew of any persons by the name of Nemitz who had lived in Stolp, and they gave me the name and address of Frau Ilse Babiel, who had been born in Stolp and whose maiden name was Nemitz. I have now had two replies from her, but unfortunately she has no family records beyond her parents. All property and records had been confiscated by the Poles and Russians. She has been in touch with her older sister and her cousin, but neither one has been able to find anything either. Ilse did give me the name of a cousin who was born in Pomerania and has lived in the Chicago area 35 years. I have written to him and just got a reply expressing a willingness to help, but producing no new information as yet. My wife Elizabeth and I hope to meet him and his wife the next time we visit our son and daughter-in-law in Chicago.

Please forgive me for writing such a long letter, but your letter opened up many possibilities that I don't want to lose track of. Thank you again for your generous assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

N42 Log 891 [June 6, 1986]

Dear Rev Mr Witheridge! 6 Jun 86 6 Jun 86

202, Salzburg Avenue, N42 Log 891
Bay City, Mich. 48706-5317

Sincerest thanks for your very interesting letter of 28 V 86. Since I last wrote to you I have ~~no~~ sadly still no really new great news for you.

I am not absolutely positive, but I firmly 99% believe the Pomeranians did not shorten names of places as the English do. I am, however, well aware of that English custom.

I must telephone Robert Laderach again. Regarding what Grandfather Wendt (1870-1966) told me, I can relate much but it is of no great importance. ~~But~~ Yet one thing immediately comes to mind. His Father Heinrich Wendt (1842-1910) owned no land in Pommern; he worked for a Gutsbesitzer (large land owner) as manager of the farm. Apparently it was uncommon for the average person before 1888 to own land in Pommern. The wealthy land owners it seems possessed it all. - Yes, Grandfather knew many people here from Pommern; in fact I knew even quite a few born there (I was * 1933).

Robert Laderach

Official governmental records began in Pommern in 1876. Stolp had no official Records Centre. That was at Köslin - now Kozalin in Polish. I wrote to Friedrich Karl Koschnick. He did obtain some post 1875 information for himself but he had to pay in U.S. money $70. I sent Herrn Koschnick US money $100. It will be worth it to me. I never spent one cent on tobacco so I have $100 - to learn of those ancestors. — Reading between the lines, I do believe the 1876-1945 books on births, marriages, & deaths still do exist. I also am convinced the Polish government is milking this for all it is worth. - (concerning W. German & US citizens wanting data)

Stolp records

But before you send any money, let us see what happens to me. And are the records you seek post 1875? No governmental records exist on births &c &c before 1 Jan 1876.

A certain Ronald Smeltzer (spelling?), I believe a Mormon, quite a number of years ago compiled a book showing what the Mormons had photocopied. As far as I could see, nothing of Daber bei Stolp nor of Dammer Kow did they copy. But, of course, that could have changed since Mr Schmeltzer ~~wrote~~ compiled his data. You apparently are near a Mormon Library (I am not). Perhaps you could do both of us some good by asking & looking into this. Thank you in advance.

Sadly I must state I did not know Mathilda Schröder. I did, however, know her brother William & his wife Martha nee Loll (The Lolls also come from Pomern - in exact same area). They never had any children. He worked for R. Rd.

Mathilda Schroeder

Verstehen Sie Deutsch Können Sie neun so

Verstehen Sie Deutsch? Können Sie, wenn so, die alte Schrift lesen? Do you understand German? Can you, if so, read the old script? I just stopped & telephoned Robt. Ladewig. He & his brother are very very much interested in this project & will look up information for you. I urge you to write to Robert immediately. I too am most interested if any old letters exist from the 1912 era. If so, I would volunteer to read & translate them.

At BCJC & Mich State I studied Business Administration & also 3 yrs. of German. I keep it

up. constantly. I was born 22 I 33, graduated from MSU 6 Jun 54 (32 yrs today). Worked in dam Hdqr until 3 Aug 54. In U S Army 4 Aug 54 to 29 Jul 56. 30 Jul 56 retd to work. Been there ever (3) since

I read your entire letter on telephone to Bob L. He said Hy Kohn worked at Jennings Hdqr. Sadly never knowingly met him.

Our Bay Co Clerk is: Barbara Atherton, ~~Centre~~ County Bldg, Center & Madison Ave, B.C. 48707. You may mention my name should you desire.

Yes, I am very aware of the Paginaus Post Zeitung. At the Hoyt Libr. in Sag. often studied many issues & have learnt quite a bit. Sadly it had to discontinue publishing shortly after 6 Apr. 1917. Happily all is on microfilm - Sadly local obits in the early years were not covered. Apparently they felt no need then to report this info - as people carried it about verbally no doubt. As far as I know no German B.C papers exist. By the way, Palzburg was covered weekly in the S.P.Z.

Sincerest thanks on the info on the Grimaldi and Martin Nowoff ~~[illegible]~~ nurnoga. But my last people left Pomern 97 years ago. Yet a theoretical possibility exists that distant relatives are alive who were chased out in 1945/6. A good thought.

Speaking of EXILES, I have Evangelical/Lutheran ancestors who were forced to leave Salzburg Austria in the 30 yrs war (1618-1648) & again in 1731/32. Just wrote 2 comple-

mentary articles for publication in U.S.A. on them.

Regarding the Karter again, I myself believe my Herr Koschnick is now my better possibility. Yet I appreciate your suggestions. But I really wouldn't know whom in the 1946 era to seek.

You could also write to Evang Luth Church Archives in W. Berlin — but the thought comes to me — you should know exact town first. Otherwise they never even will be able to help you.

Bob L said both he & his brother have much Scröder data. If you have access to Meyers' may I please suggest you study Daber bei Stolp. May I please also ask you to make a copy of the entry for me. I sadly have no access @ all here to Meyers' (on microfilm - printed 1912 I believe) It surely would be most interesting to me to read what Meyers of 1912 says about Daber bei Stolp. — Did I write a lady from Ohio went all the way to Poland to visit Daber (Dobra in Polish) & then visited the wrong Dobra city? A sad story indeed I took it upon myself to inform her of her error.

Are you still in office in the Baptist faith? Some Lutheran ministers are still preaching @ 90. Kindly pardon the casual tony manner of this letter. But thought it better poorly composed than no letter @ all.

Most fervently do I hope that I have answered @ least some of your questions. To be sure ~~well~~ would I will be most happy to give any help in the future.

Sincerely, Ronald Let our motto even be: Above ALL A Scholar!

If you have access to microfilm perhaps you could inform me what Meyers says on: Niemietzke, Gross Dübsow, Gross Nossin, Labüssow, Daber bei Stolp, Marienfelde, Lupow, Wandisch/Karstnitz, Langebö'se, Schottofske or Schottow, Damerkow, & Lischnitz

or Dammerkow

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6) I throughout life have often observed that one hand washes the other.

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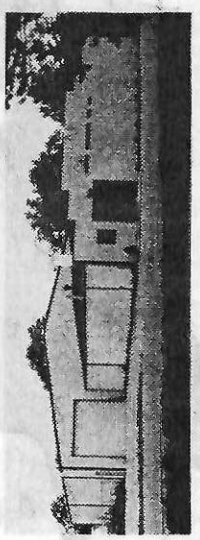

N55 Log 907 [Aug. 27, 1986]

N55 Log 907

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 27, 1986

Dear Ronald,

It's over two months since your most interesting letter arrived. I would have answered sooner, but I've been very busy. I did get a letter off to Robert Laderach, and I expect to hear from him soon, but I know he has much to check into before he'll be able to answer. I also wrote to Frances Tomke, and she passed it on to her sister, Esther Plamp, to answer. Esther's letter was full of new information to me, and she is also looking up some other items to send in the near future. A few days ago I got a reply off to her.

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b.1907)

This summer it seems that we've had numerous plumbing problems, as well as plastering, roofing, and car problems to take care of. These have been very distracting, not to mention expensive. In between, Elizabeth and I drove to Chicago to visit our son and daughter-in-law. While there we visited Gerhard Nemitz and his wife Edith. He is the one I mentioned in my last letter, who was born in Pomerania and has lived in the Chicago area for 35 years. We had a very good discussion, and I copied all the entries from his father's Familien Stammbuch. Fortunately, he and Edith are going to Germany in September and will talk to a number of relatives about our project. We'll see what develops.

As you see, I finally got to the Mormon branch library to copy the information you wanted from Meyers Orts. Actually, I was at the Mormon library earlier and began the process, but I had to switch over to copying data from a film that had to be returned to Salt Lake City.

I did my best to copy the articles longhand, but I know there may be some errors in my copying. In particular, as you will see in the articles on Stolp and Bayreuth, there is a difference in the meaning of the Gothic and Roman E's, and I have written them all alike. The number before each town is a page number: first the number of the microfische, then the page number in the book. A number like this, 1), means there are several towns by the same name and spelling.

Speaking of spelling, I think I'll have to go back and look for a Dammerkow in Kr. Stolp, spelled with two m's. Also, I looked carefully for a Daber-bei-Stolp, but couldn't find one. I had made a photocopy of the article on Stolp some time ago, so I'm enclosing that, too, even though not all of it is clear.

In order to help you interpret these entries, I asked a volunteer at the library to copy the enclosed article describing the makeup of the entries. I'm also enclosing a few pages from a book on German genealogy. Perhaps you can figure everything out without this material, but I have to admit that even with it, there are some items I have trouble with.

For example, under Gross Nossin in the population section it says, "130 bz. 300 E." Neither the volunteer at the Mormon library (who is one of their German "experts") nor I are certain what the "bz." stands for. We think the "E" stands for Einwohnern, or the number of people in the town itself. The bz. always seems to come where there is an estate surrounding the town, and I think the bz. stands for bezüglich and refers to the people related to the town but living outside on the estate. Please tell me what you think the two population figures mean. There is mention

of a list of abbreviations, and I found a long list of abbreviations of place-names, but nothing else. I'm going to keep looking!

By the way, I see there is an L.D.S. (Mormon) Branch Library in Midland. Have you ever been there? They probably have a copy of Meyers Orts. Since they aren't usually open all day, every day, it would be good to telephone and ask about their hours. They could also tell you if they have Meyers on microfilm or microfische. It's listed here in the phone book under Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The address is 1414 Timber Drive, Midland, MI 48640.

I found this map of the area around Stolp at the Minneapolis Public Library; so while they were making a copy for me, I had them make one for you, too. It shows a few of the towns you listed, as well as Wusterwitz, which was one of the towns mentioned by Gerhard Nemitz. They have much better maps at the University of Minnesota Library, and I'll look at them the next time I'm there.

I agree that the Polish authorities are trying to milk the Americans for information from the old records. I don't intend to go that route until every other way is exhausted. Ilse Babiel has a sister living in East Germany, and I think she might get better treatment than someone from the West. My grandfather was born in 1836, married about 1856, and came to America in 1873. All these dates are before 1876, so the records of him and his family would all be in church registers; but we haven't been able to locate any as yet. The Mormons keep getting new records, but so far they don't have any church records for Stolp. I sent a special query to Salt Lake City a few months ago.

Sad to say, I can't read or write German, except with considerable effort--and slowness. Years ago, when I was in graduate school, I took a course in order to pass a reading exam in German. However, I never kept it up or used it until recently when I started working on German Genealogy. I can't do anything now without a German dictionary at my side.

No, I am not engaged in any pastoral duties at present. I am completely retired. After graduating from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., in 1942, I went to Chicago to be assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church and to take graduate work at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Then I was minister of a Baptist Church in Marengo, Ill., for a few years before coming to Minneapolis in 1951 to be executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I held that position almost 29 years before retiring at the end of 1979.

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My father was a manufacturer's representative in Saginaw for heating, ventilating, and power plant equipment. When I graduated from Ann Arbor, I became his sales engineer, and our territory was most of the northeastern part of the lower peninsula. So I was often in Bay City on business during the years from 1936 to 1940. My last major job was to design the Arthur Hill High School heating and ventilating system for the artitects, Franz and Spence. By the way, at the time I was born in Bay City (1914), Father was working for the Alert Pipe and Supply Company there.

Elizabeth and I were married just before my last year in the seminary. She was born in Saginaw, and we had both been members of the First Baptist Church there. She graduated from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant and taught kindergarten many years in Saginaw. We have two sons. Jim, 39, is unmarried and lives in an apartment just a few blocks from us. He works for a furniture store. Tom, 38, is the one who lives in Chicago and is married. Both he and his wife are psychiatric social workers. They work full time for a rehabilitation center for former mental patients and are both working on their Ph.D.'s at Northwestern University. In fact, Tom has just passed his orals, and his dissertation is all ready to be typed.

Now I will close and express again my very sincere thanks for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,

N57 Log 909 [Sept. 5, 1986]

My dear Rev Mr Wakeridge. N57 Log 909 201. Salzburg Ave., Bay City, Mich. 48706-5317 5 Sep 86

Sincerest thanks for your most welcomed letter of 27 Aug 86. It was an especial treat for me to hear from you again. Most heartfelt thanks for copying all the entries from the 1912 Meyer's for me. You are the only person that ever did this for me; hence my supreme delight! Danke schr!

Of all things, a fishing trip in the Saginaw Bay with 3 cousins causes my delay in answering. We had great fun; we were able to gather many perch. They make for delightful eating.

I have not yet taken the time to go through every word of the 13 entries you so most graciously copied for me. But as soon as I have more free time (which is coming up with bad weather) I shall put it all into English. I have Larry Jensen's 2 volumes; using them & the information you kindly sent will allow me to do this, I believe, quite perfectly well. Just quickly studying the material shows me how utterly small all of those places were. You indeed, God willing will hear more from me regarding what great favour you did for me.

You mention the Mormon Library in Midland. Surely I do not want to ridicule anybody nor anything but the place there is one room perhaps 12' X 12' or 12' X 18' & they have almost nothing therein. They surely would not have the film of that 1912 German book there. Never the less thanks for the suggestion. They also are open only 3 hours at each time - hardly can one get into serious study

Morman Library, Midland, Michigan

2) ever it be time for them to look up.

Naturally I do hope you learn more from Robert Ladewig & Mrs Plamp. To be sure if I hear anything beneficial to you - then ~~it~~ shall I immediately inform you. Let us hope you, yea perhaps we, learn something from the visit of Mr & Mrs. Gerhard Nemitz.

Before I forget, an extremely distant relative of mine near Kiel, (north) West Germany is attempting to find out if the Mormons copied the post 1875 official governmental records of Pomern. But I note that those post 1875 records would be of no benefit to you - sadly.

We all know how the German spelling varies, i.e. Damerkow, Dammerkow. The Dalier you copied for me is the place I seek. The words Gro B Dubsow & Lupow appear in what you copied for me. These are indeed neighbouring villages - so you truly found the correct place I seek.

"B3" - or usually "B3w" means "respectively". I shall have to ask some of our German born customers if they know a second meaning for "B3". I agree - but will have to check further - but I believe the numbers 130 & 300 refer to people inside the town limits & then those outside the limits - perhaps a gross total. - Verily, you shall hear more from me as I research ~~this more~~ deeper into this.

Back to Damerkow - I believe there also was a Gro B Damerkow & Klein Damerkow - but please be aware of either one or two "M"s. Yet the Damerkow you copied for me seems to be correct.

Thanks also for maps you enclosed. Are you aware that Ernst Thode of Ohio sells extremely (pre 1939) de-

Ernst Thode of Ohio sells extremely (pre 1939) de-

tailed maps of old Pomern? I have purchased them for him. Each is about $10 but I believe it money well spent.

(3) Regarding the church records of the town of Stolp itself, I doubt if you really want those. Studying what you sent me on Stolp, I note there were 3 regular Evangelical Churches & 1 old Lutheran - in the 1910-2 era inside Stolp itself. Did your people dwell in the city of Stolp? ← 1910-2 era

Alert Pipe & Supply - remember it well. Was in it also perhaps around 1952 to buy merchandise for our firm. Alert was once on Water Street, later I believe on Lincoln. Now long out of business.

Most elated to read of the accademic achievements of your son & daughter-in-law. They must bring much satisfaction to you & Mrs Wilbridge.

Sad to relate I know right now of no further leads for yourself or myself out of old Pomern. But the widow of the last Evang. pastor of Groß Düpsow still survives. She gave me one lead but somehow I can not see how this possibly can help. Yet I suppose it is worth a try - so I shall have to follow through - One just has to wonder if, now after 41 years, any of the old church books will turn up. Somehow I find this very difficult to believe.

You are a Baptist Pastor; I am a German Lutheran. Must relate a peculiar incident. In 1962, 83 & 85 visited in Neustadt an Küln, Ober Pfalz, Bavaria. In 1983 met the ret'd Teacher

Story about anti-Mormon prejudice

4) of the town. He was a helpful chap. For hours we visited with one another. ~~In 19~~ He, I thought, knew I was a Glaubens=bruder. In 1984 I wrote asking if the Mormons copied their 1557-1984 church record. He immediately thought I was a Mormon, ~~and~~ he wrote me that he could not help me as he by church law is forbidden to deal with Mormons. Then he went to town Pastor who added that the Teacher was correct. The Pastor cited Bible Verses to me to prove he & the Lutheran doctrine are correct.- When I rec'd the letter I nearly had a seizure. I went to my Pastor here. He wrote that I was born, baptized, & confirmed as a Lutheran & still am one. I sent that letter back. The Minister wrote an apology for himself & for the Teacher. Yet I detect a certain coolness still exists toward me from the Teacher as he, a true German, absolutely hates to be corrected. This is an odd but utterly true story. The 429 year old records are not photocopied but are kept in a steel filing cabinet. So strange that they in 1986 are so strict; yea narrow minded if you ask me even foolish.

Enough for now. You to be sure will hear more from me as more material appears. Again <u>Sincerest Thanks</u> you all that copying you did ~~for~~ me most deeply appreciated. Sincerly, Ronald

[Sept. 18, 1986]

1425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
September 18, 1986

Genealogical Library
Midland Michigan Stake
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Dear Friends,

A friend of mine in Michigan has asked me to look up some information in the Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs Lexicon at our local branch library, which I have done. It occurs to me that perhaps you have those films (Salt Lake City films #496,640 and #496,641) or the same on microfiche at your library. Yes We Do Have THEM

"Meyers Orts"

Would you please let me know in the enclosed envelope? If you have a mimeographed sheet of information about your library, I'd appreciate receiving that, too, including directions for getting there. Thank you very much.

Yours Truly,
David E. Witteridge

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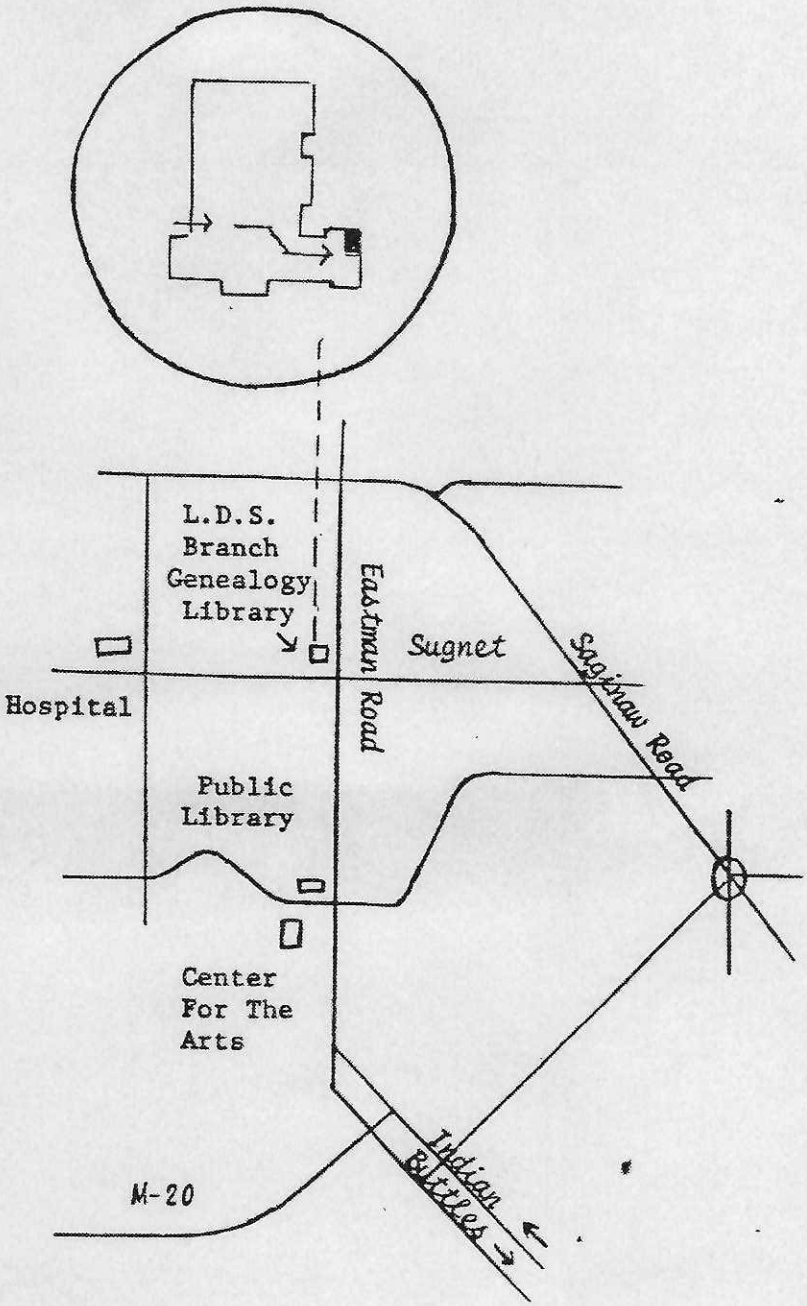

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INTRODUCTION

The Midland Michigan Branch Genealogical Library is a branch of the Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Branch Library has access to most of the materials at Salt Lake through a loan program.

The Library is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. The Church teaches that it's members should identify their ancestors and have essential ordinances performed for them. Branch Genealogical Libraries have been established to make genealogical records available to church members in the area where they reside and to provide personal research assistance.

The Library is open to anyone wishing to use it and non-members of the Church are as welcome as members. Librarians are happy to help patrons use the library materials, but do not do actual research.

This is not a "lending" library. All materials are to be kept and used within the Library during regular hours and are not exchangeable with public libraries.

THE BRANCH GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY HAS:

BASIC REFERENCE MATERIALS:
- --- Atlases, Gazetteers, Maps
- --- How-to books for geographical areas.
- --- Research papers.

INDEXES AND LISTINGS:
- --- A.I.S. (Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc.) Indexes: Indexes for all U.S. Federal Censuses 1790-1850 and a few miscellaneous records. They are organized for the total U.S. or for large groups of states.
- --- Midland County: Censuses, 1850-1894, indexed.
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- --- Holdings of some nearby libraries.

SOURCES OF PREVIOUS RESEARCH:

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- --- I.G.I. INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (page 3)
- --- FAMILY GROUP RECORDS COLLECTION (page 4)
- --- FAMILY HISTORIES (page 4)

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I.G.I. - INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

The International Genealogical Index (IGI) lists names found in the computer file for Temple Ordinances for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). It does not include all information known about an individual. Births are indexed giving both father and mother when known. Marriages are indexed by both husband and wife.

A batch number is given that can be traced to the original input source which include:

1. Extraction from microfilm copies of original records such as vital records, church records, or censuses. Little additional information will be found by searching the original record. (about 75% of I.G.I)
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3. Marriage sealing records taken from LDS Temple records. These original sources might include more information.

The IGI can be used for at least four purposes:

1. To find genealogical information.
2. To avoid duplication in research.
3. To determine if someone else is researching a given line.
4. For LDS Church members: to determine the dates that temple ordinances were performed for deceased family members.

All persons listed in the IGI are deceased. Records are primarily for persons born 1500-1875. There are a few names that are older or more recent. The IGI is produced on microfiche. Each fiche card has 375 pages (or frames) with up to 62 entries each for a total of 88 million entries in the 1984 edition. There is a new edition each 2-3 years.

To use the IGI, you need the following information about an individual:

1. Name. Surnames are arranged according to standardized spellings, so they may not appear in strict alphabetical order. Entries with the same surname are arranged alphabetically by given name. Entries with the same given name are arranged chronologically by event date.

2. Date (or approximate date) of event: birth or marriage.

3. Place of above event:
   U.S. Canada, England, and Scandinavia - state, province, county or shire.
   Other - country name.
   Germany - 1871-1918 Kingdom or Duchy is helpful.

M.C.C. - MICROFILM CARD CATALOG

G.L.C. - GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY CATALOG

The MCC and the GLC are catalogs of the holdings of the main Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. The majority of the holdings are on microfilm which can be ordered for use at the Branch Library. Determine which film you wish to order by looking in the GLC and/or MCC. The MCC is a microfilm copy of the Card Catalog at Salt Lake City. The GLC is a computerized catalog on microfiche. By 1990, the total catalog will be on microfiche. Each year, new materials plus part of the MCC are included in the yearly edition of the GLC. Presently it is necessary to check both the MCC and the GLC. It is recommended that you search the GLC first.

The postage and handling charges are $2.75 for a 3-week loan or $3.75 for a 6-month loan. A 3-week loan may be changed into a 6-month loan (a 5-month and 1-week extension) for $1.00. Microfilms arrive in 1-2 months and patrons are notified by telephone or postcard. Patrons from out of town may order a film by mail if the exact title is known. If the microfilm number is known include it also. Make a check payable to: Midland Michigan Stake.

PREVIOUS RESEARCH COLLECTIONS:

FAMILY HISTORIES - Thousands of family histories are available as books (cannot be sent to the BGL) and as microfilm copies. To see if there is a history about your family, search the SURNAME FILES of the GLC and MCC.

FAMILY GROUP RECORDS COLLECTION - This contains about eight million Family Group Record forms submitted by library patrons. They have not been verified by the Genealogical Library and may have inaccurate or incomplete information. There are two parts to this collection. The Archives Section has forms submitted up to 1969. The Patron Section has forms submitted from 1969 to about 1980 as part of the old four-generation program. Microfilm numbers for these forms are listed by surname of the husband in the AUTHOR-TITLE FILE of the GLC.

ORIGINAL RECORDS:

Original documents are the primary source of accurate genealogical information. They are records which were created at the time of the important events in an ancestor's life. Many of these records from all over the world have been copied onto microfilm. Included are vital records, church records, military records, land and probate records and records of immigration-emmigration and many others. U.S. Federal censuses are available for 1790-1910. There are also some U.S. State censuses and Canadian and English censuses. Search the LOCALITY FILES of the GLC and MCC to see if there are records which might help you. These records are catalogued by the geographical area in which an event occurred. Some of these records have been indexed by surname, making them easier to use. Some local histories are also included in the locality Files.

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OTHER PATRON SERVICES

ACCREDITED GENEALOGISTS
We have a list of accredited professional genealogist, most of whom live in the Salt Lake City area. The Genealogical Society provides a list of names which is updated about every six months. Financial terms and other arrangements are made privately between the patron and the genealogist.

OTHER BRANCH LIBRARIES
A list of over 600 plus branch genealogical libraries in the United States and several foreign countries is available at our branch library.

THE REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
For questions or problems that cannot be answered from the materials in the branch library or by our librarians, a Reference Questionnaire can be sent to the main library in Salt Lake City. There, one of the many genealogical experts will answer the question at no charge. The reply usually takes 1-2 months. This form is sent by and returned to the library.

The Reference Questionnaire can also be used to have a non-copywrited book listed on the MCC or GLC copied onto microfilm. This takes 1-4 months. (The charge is the same as for ordering a book previously copied onto microfilm).

TEMPLE ORDINANCE INDEXES REQUEST (TOIR form)
You may request a search for any of your direct-line ancestors of the temple ordinances files (Temple Records Index bureau - TOIR, International Genealogical Index - IGI, Family Group Records Archive - FGRA). The purpose of these searches is to determine which, if any, temple ordinances have been performed for an ancestor. Additional genealogical information may also be listed. The charge is $1.00 for each name. The form is sent by and returned to the patron.

PHOTOCOPYING FORM
It is possible to have pages of an indexed book listed on the MCC or GLC copied for $.15 per page. Microfilmed records or books may be copied for $.25 per page. Separate frames of the IGI may be photocopied for $.25 per page. A copy of patron submitted input to the IGI may be copied for $.25 per page. This will be either an Entry Form or a Family Group Sheet. The micro-film number is found by using the Batch Number Index. The page number is the serial sheet number found on the IGI. Minimum charge for any photocopying is $1.00. This form is sent by and returned to the patron.

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---Family group Sheets: 8 1/2 x 11 and 8 1/2 x 14
---Pedigree charts: 8 1/2 x 11, 8 1/2 x 14, and 12 generation.
---U.S. Census Forms
---Others

N63 Log 928 [Jan. 5, 1987]

N63 Log 928

January 5, 1987

Dear Ronald,

I have just read your letter of September 5th over again, and I want to thank you for your continued help. I should have answered sooner, but I guess there wasn't anything urgent. I have been very busy about other things, and my genealogical efforts have been been concentrated on my own and my wife's English lines.

The fact is that I have been waiting for a couple of letters from Bay City that haven't come yet, so I had turned to other things. For example, I wrote to Robert Laderach last June and haven't had a reply. Probably he and his brother David have had a hard time finding the records we're looking for. So I wrote him again a week ago and hope he may be able to respond in some way soon.

Robert Laderach

I did have a second letter from Esther Plamp containing a great deal of information about her brothers and sisters and other relatives, much of it from gravestones at the Zion Lutheran cemetery. There is a grave there that Esther thinks is our great-grandmother: Henrietta Nemitz (d. 1888), wife of Heinrich. However, the inscription is worn away in spots, so there is some uncertainty about the date of birth. We hope maybe the church register of burials might clear this up. It is interesting that Esther, a teacher, got her training mostly at Mt. Pleasant, as my wife Elizabeth also did. So Esther and Elizabeth have compared experiences and names of professors in our correspondence.

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

Esther put me in touch with her niece, Anita Schmidt, who lives in Auburn and is still a member of Zion Lutheran.

Anita Tomke Schmidt

she has begun a project of working on the Jonke family history and has much information that will be of help to me. In turn, I know I'll be able to help her. Anita wrote a preliminary reply to my letter, but didn't send much data. I've been waiting since September for her second letter and hope it will come soon.

Gerhard and Edith Nemitz of the Chicago area (actually Palos Hills, Ill.) went to Germany in September, but were unable to make the contacts we had hoped for. However, they will be continuing the process by correspondence, and we still have several leads to pursue in Germany and Poland.

Gerhard Heinrich Bruno Nemitz (b. 1926)

As you see, I'm enclosing a description of the facilities and program of the L.D.S. Branch Genealogical Library in Midland. I took the liberty of writing and asking if they have a copy of Myers' Orts. They answered that they do have it, but they didn't say whether it is on microfiche or microfilm. I know you were not favorably impressed when you were there before; but perhaps if you were just studying Myers' Orts, you'd have a better experience. I'm sure that since you read German so well, you'd get much more out of Myers than most others — in particular, more than I'm able to give you! By the way, have you come to any more definite conclusion about the use of "by" in relation to the town population figures?

See previous document

Your mention of fishing for perch in Saginaw Bay brought back many memories of vacations spent at Aplin Beach, Wenonah Beach, Killarney Beach, and Point Lookout (farther north). We occasionally fished for perch; and even when we didn't catch them, we loved to eat perch caught by others! One of the few times I remember ever being

Fishing in Lake Michigan

with some relatives in my childhood, they were in fishing in Bay City on the Saginaw River.

Regarding Stolp — at this point I'm just trying to learn more and more about the city, its people, and its history. All I know so far is that several family members were born there and a few were married and buried there. I don't know, of course, in what part of the city or its environs they lived, and certainly not of which church they were members. I do know that Mathilda Schroeder visited some Nemitz relatives in Stolp just before World War I, one of whom was a postman (letter carrier). So you can see that having the post-1875 records could possibly help in tracing relatives who remained in Germany.

Stolp

Mathilda Schroeder

I chuckled over your story about the teacher and the pastor in Neustadt who were horrified at the thought of having any dealings with non-Lutherans. As you can imagine, in my work as executive director of the council of churches for nearly 29 years I had very warm relationships with almost all denominations, including some Lutherans, but not others. There are differences, as you know. We can only hope that the acceptance of one another will continue to improve.

More on the anti-LDS Lutheran in Germany (see Sept. 5 letter above)

Now I'll close for this time and wish you and your family a very Happy New Year from Elizabeth and me.

Sincerely,

David

N83 Log 956 [Jan. 9, 1987]

My dear Rev Mr Witheridge: 9 I 87. Hardly do I know where to begin this letter. There is so very much to write about - yet I have still no great news of any kind! I do hope you & yours had a truly blessed Christmastide & to you all I wish, yea, pray that the Almighty will give to you a blessed, healthy & happy 1987. May you, yea we, also in this year learn more of our people and of Pomern!

Should you ever see Meyer's 1912 on film may I please ask you to copy what you find on Rathkemnitz. Herr Koschnick of Paderborn can not find a copy of Meyer's in W. Germany; he & his family come from there, he has done me a multitude of favours & now he would like one back. So I hope to do this for him - Please pardon my rambling way of this letter. Using notes, will comment on them all - Herr Koschnick is trying to find out if duplicate records were made from 1.1.1876 to World War II: One perhaps stayed in Köslin, another sent maybe to Berlin for the Kaiser. Herr Koschnick wrote he is trying as hard as possible to learn of this matter for us.

Now to "BZ": Willi Krenke & his wife Wanda were DPs from E. Germany - both born about 1925. In 1950 their daughter (only child) Kristl was born. In 1951 they came to Bay City from Europe. I have known them since '51. Gerhard Olmstadt * 1934 came to Bay City abt 1977 from W. Germany to work @ Sugar Factory here. He was divorced - one son. In 1977 he fell in love w/ Kristl. They were married - They went back to Essen. 2 days born to them there. Kristl & girls here this summer 1986. Gerhard come from 15 Sep 15 Oct. He, born & raised in Germany, does not know what "BZ" in Meyer means. He speaks no English. BZ = Bezirk = Region; b.z.w. = respectively, but neither make any sense. So he took a photo copy back & promised to have it looked into. Gerhard & son from W. Germany [on business] do go to Poland, also. He will try to learn info for us. So far no reply. To be sure you will hear from me should I learn anything.

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The widow of the last Pastor of Lupow & the last Luth. Pastor of Groß Dübsow got together & sent me a report

of which villages had cemeteries & which did not — concerning where my ancestors in area of Groß Dubrow dwell. Interesting. — Mr Zedlitz of Calif was searching his Röska/Räske, Skibbie, Kleinke, & Radde ancestors. — All lived near Groß Dübsow. All of these families known here in Salzburg. Wrote him a great deal of info. All of a sudden he quit answering me. I do not know why.

On 9. Feb. 87 in even. will deliver a 60 Min Lecture to Sag. Valley Gen. Soc. on "How to Read the Old German Script". I have prepared hand outs & have studied well what I shall speak on. — I telephoned Bob Ladewach earlier this even. Told him I came upon much Ladewach material in Bay Co. 1883 history. — I called Frances Tomke & Mrs Plamp tonight. Both said mtrl is being gathered & will be sent to you — As I did not hear from you, I did not follow through but Mrs Aura Kolb, 1611 S. Warner B.C. 48706 was a Schröder. Her father Albert died around 1936. I told her of you — she said she would have time after 1 Jan 87 to help you. — She knows of her grandparents John & Bertha Schröder & I feel know she is the type who would & will help you on this line. She can contact Bay Co Clerk. She is perhaps 70 & likes this sort of thing. — Please take no offense — I know the rules of your Church — but whilst we were visiting 100% in German @ Will. Krenke's, beer (warm as German drink it) was served. In the spirit it was offered I drank a can or two each even. We must have gotten together 4 or 5 times. Willi came from Pommern (STETTIN) & so did his-son-in-law. So we discussed history, geography, weather, &c &c. Fine visits — only hope we will learn from them later in 1987.

You wrote about Beaver — Zion Luth. I looked it up

Robert Ladewach

Frances Tomke (b. 1910)

Esther Tomke (b. 1907)

Mrs. Aura Kolb

Albert Schroeder (d. ca. 1936)

John Schroeder and his wife, Bertha

Zion Lutheran Church and Cemetery

in a book I have. Founded 1885 so your g'gmother's death in 1888 should be listed. Johanna Cronow † 18 May 1901 was sister of my G-grandfather Heinrich Wendt (neé Wendt) 1842-1910. So I asked Mrs Plamp to see what Death Record of Zion-Beaver says of Mrs Cronow. — Now an aside. Beaver Zion was started by Rev. Ferdinand Sieveas (1816-1893) of Frankenlust. That was founded 1848. From 48-93 he was pastor there & kept extremely detailed records of all sorts & all still remain. Now if Beaver Zion has such detailed records I do not yet know. I mentioned to Mrs Plamp abt Birth places also.

I am making in W. Germany still most exc. progress. One cousin kidded me that I spend so much time on this project. My reply was & is that everyone there (with exception of Herr Koschnick * 1928) is from 76 to 92 years old. Prof Dr Gerhard Florey @ 92 still writes in German script - not shaky @ all. He continues to give pertinent information & advice on where to seek data I desire. So you see why I keep at this. All men are mortal but I am trying to learn all I can whilst they are still alive & yea able to write. German letters came & go almost every day - especially in winter when I have little desire to be outdoors & freeze. - A ret'd Architect ~~town~~ found in Neustadt am Kulm, Oberpfalz, Bayern "The Book of Citizens 1648 1678". Lost 200 yrs. (G'father Putz born there 13 Sep 1872 - † B.C. 8 Jun 1937). Thomas Butz (sic) 1610-1660 came around 1645 out of "Cresenz in the Land of Count Sinzendorff (Zinsendorf). Thomas, a Lutheran, had to flee. Apparently Count Sinzendorff was R.C. - Now a Count Sinzendorff (1700-1760) wrote "Jesus Lead Thou On" an old Luth. Confirmation song. And Sinzendorffs around 1730 had some thing to do w/ Penn. USA. But that was long after 1645/8. So I now must find "Cresenz". From 1648 to 1987 it no longer is an Austrian

May (4) yet Great fun to study, yea learn - from all of this.

I know the village in Europe where all ancestors (who came to USA) lived save one. My Leibrandt Librant ancestors came from Württemberg. Last son born there 1816. By 1835 they were in Ohio. So I wrote to newspaper Editor area in Württemberg where many Librants now live. Editor so far published (No Cost to me) 3 articles on what I am trying to do. One should never boast. This I well know - but Editor marvels @ my command of German & asks help of his readers. I have great many leads but birthplace of Regina #27 Nov 1813, dau of Johann Jacob Librant & Dorothea ? still unknown to me. I can not get over how helpful Editor has been to me.

Christine (Born) Hayward asked me to translate for her official Church records of Gross Nossin & Lupow. On each is Church Seal. I made photocopies of both but these are not those of your people. Am I correct?

Now @ long last to your most welcomed favor of 5 Jan 87. Sincerest Thanks therefor - I also deeply appreciate what you send on reading Meyer's 1912 Lexikon. Always can learn still more. Hard for me to believe - yet I in no way doubt you that Middleville Mich has now Meyers on 2 Films. Excellent! When I can get away will go there - but Sat mornings I have to work always - Only 1 Sat ea yr are they open from 0900-1800. That day I will take vacation. In Feb ea yr, it happens. Their Stake Annual Mtg. — Mrs Plump leaving for Ariz. soon. I wonder if anyone @ Beaver Zion can read your 1888 material & my 1901 info. Mrs P. says the dates are 1800-1888 but no birthplace on the stone.

Fervently hope Gerhard & Edith Nemitz turn up something. Too bad nothing whilst there. It is, I know, much harder via the mails than in person. Three visits (1962-82-&85) to Germany convince me of this.

Just too bad the records of the first Reformed Church of Salzburg here is the last few yrs (in?) - have disappeared.

is the last few yrs - have disappeared of Salzburg here

5) You had many relatives there; I had a fam. Founded in 1880, it was the "German Church in Salzburg" - so some Lutherans were members there a short time.

I am convinced that the Mormons in Midland must have added to their collection since I was last there - perhaps Feb or Mar 86. - Exc!! - Yet I must state their volunteers are of little help to me. Wrong, however, is it for me to belittle them. I should, as a good Luth., shame myself — The story of the Ret'd Teacher who thought I was a Mormon is 100% true - but on my 85 visit he told me to "forget it" „Vergeßen". A ret'd Luth minister, a true scholar, on neighbouring village, sent me 30 pages of death extracts 1618-1649 (30 yrs was 1618-48) - Why he added 1649? The Pest (Plague) again present in 1649 - last time. Found much therein on my ancestors - Georg Barth (ca 1609 - 18 Mar 1649) was called „Stichen bauer" & from this I learnt he buried his 1st wife, 2 children & he himself died in Plague 1649. The minister - for some one else, put all those 1618-49 records on paper w/typewriter. Wrote him & told him researchers not yet born will laud & praise his efforts. He is a fine Christian gentleman & a scholar of highest order. Visited w/him twice in 1985 - ate one meal @ his home & drank one 1/2 Liter warm beer whilst we ate - rather after eating. Room temperature - He also showed me his personal copy of Bibbe printed by Hanns Luft - Lüther's first Edition. He owns a copy & asked me to touch it & leaf through it. An experience I never even will forget. The ret'd Teacher wants one to believe that 2 + 2 = 5 if he says so. The ret'd minister is just the opposite. They live 8 KM apart & know each other very well, at times work together. How they do so I do not

The Plague in 1649 (Germany)

6/know, Yet I have to deal w/ the retd Teacher. He in that Village (Neustadt am Külm) is only one able to read the script back to 1557. So - so - I just have to swallow hard @ times - Must confess it has been a genuine delight to write this now very long letter. Truly all the letters I write are 75/80 % in German - to Germany. Seldom I write in this hairy English.

Herr Helmut Galley, a retd Hdlz merchant, abt 80, loves his family, his garden & genealogy. I never personally met him - yet he always writes. Most helpful chap I know - He is trying to help on Pomern. - also on 1876-194? civil records. He, in a most friendly manner, writes about his grandchildren & sends family pictures. His late wife's ancestors - the Embachers, are also mine - Chased out of Salzburg 1731/2 by Firmian. because they were Luth. I wrote 2 Eng articles on them - both have appeared in print. Herr Galley was chased out of East Prussia in 1946, - lives now in Schleswig-Holstein.

Thanking you again for all your succor - most deeply appreciated, I remain, Sincerely Ronald Peck

To be sure you will hear from me again God willing as I hopefully learn more for us all. - I subscribe to German Gen Digest. Wrote Ltr to Editor abt 1876-194? books. He never ans'd in print or personally. Doubt if he himself knows. And in which German gen. publication should I advertise. Must write Herrn Galley. He will be able to give me an answer. He, an amateur is in contact w/ a great many genealogists in Germany / also Austria - which could easily be called his specialty. He also goes in for names, places, dates prior to 1732 of all ancestors of those driven out. Recently rec'd from him Thick pkg of 1605-1620 Census records - which someone copied in 1605/1620 German language. Difficult but through study I can learn what all says. But if I have questions w/ meanings of words Herr Galley is always ready to explain in 1987 German. R.V.P.

N84 Log 957 [Jan. 16, 1987]

John G. Schroeder 22 Jan 1851 - 18 III 1934 83.1.26 ☐ 21 Mar 1934
+ Bertha Albrecht Schroeder 1856 - 1919 ☐ 2 Mar 1919
Children: 26 Feb 61.4.4. Germany John Albrecht Wilhelmine Recht

John Gottlieb Schroeder (b. 1851) and Bertha Albrecht (b. 1856)

Elizabeth - died in Germany (Pommern)
Margaret Pommern 1879 - 1964 - (Father Dorothy Hollister)
William 1881 - 1930 - never married
Albert 1883 - 1936 Father of Aura Kolb † 1987
Anna
Leo
Paul 1880 - 1893 died aged 3
Lydia 1893 - 1952 Twice ∞ - descendants remain here
Baby Boy still born
Rudolph 1899 - 1948

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Parents & Margaret came to USA in early 1850.
Margaret then 6 months old

John G. Schroeder was the son of John Schröder - Mother unknown

My dear Rev Mr Wilberidge: Fri 16 Jan 87. Just before Christmas I contacted Mrs Leo Kolb (Aura geb. Schröder - dau of Albert above) for you. She said after holidays she would work on this project. Today from the little wooden white First Reformed Church she was buried, aged 73. She took sick w/ heart attacks on Sun. 11 Jan. - died 13 Jan. 87. She was a very hard worker for the Lord & His Church. That small congregation will miss her sorely. But perhaps through her earthly death those that remain will learn of the Forehearers. - I spoke w/ Mrs Dorothy Hollister, 1811 S. Wenona B.C. 48706 - dau. of Margaret 1879-1964 above. She said her g-grandfather John Schröder lived in Saginaw. Somehow had 2 wives - Then leaved in Beaver [Twp.]

Aura Schroeder (b. ca. 1914)

John C. Schroeder (b. 1821)

Dorothy Schroeder (Mrs. Hollister) of Bay City, MI

somehow had 2 wives - Then leaved in Beaver [Twp.]

Bay Co. (Tomkes lived in Beaver also). John finally died at Bay Co. Poor Farm. The Schröders of that time were very poor. You should write your specific questions to Mrs Hollister. She will help you all this I know you can. May I please ask - is this John your ancestor? He, his son John G (1851-1934) & his wife Margaret 1879-1964 were all born in Pomeroy. John G. & his fam arrd early in 1880. Of the date of the father of John G. - Mrs Hollister does not know. Mrs Hollister said John G. had many bros. & sisters.

Bay County Poor Farm

This even. telephoned Robt Laderach. Her Mother, Wilhelmine Laderach, gab. Schröder was first cousin to John G (1851-1934). Bob said his G'father was Karl Schröder (Karl) & that both he & his wife died long long ago. Bob said tombstones w/dates do exist @ Oak Ridge Cemetery here. Bob said he will get dates for you.

Robert Laderach

If I get dates I will contact Bay Co. Clerk for you. Also go to B.C. Pub. Libr. & copy from newspapers for you - Mrs Holb was so interested in your project. I have to think. "Mrs Mrs find right since Mrs" "My ways are not your ways" [from Isaiah] Chapter 55 perhaps

My I ask if your ancestor was Karl Schröder? born in 1845-1855 era. Here I am uncertain. And then there was a Policeman Schröder here in Salzburg. Mrs Fred Dustin of Saginaw still lives - very aged. Mrs Hollister knows her. She was a Schröder girl from Salzburg.

The people in our Co. Clerk's Office have always been very helpful to me - I must write this - They do not charge me for info. But of course I do not try to flood them either. They say "Birthplace is always "Germany" never the town - But the B.C. newspaper often gave the exact town - in obits.

Please be to me so good & write to me the villages when your various Schröder, Nemitz, Tomke &c &c ancestors dwelt or born

3) Some were from Grob Dübsow - Not True? I should like to keep your information in an especial place - in order that I may find it - should the need arise.

Willi Krenke was in our House & stated his son-in-law, a resident of W. Germany soon will be going to old Pomern on business. - Whilst he was here (in Sep. 86) he promised me to look for answers to our puzzler. More later.

I know of no one here w/ name to-day of "Neuitz". Did they live in Beaver? I believe you wrote this to me.

You, a Baptist, Mrs Kolb was Reformed, I am a (German) Lutheran. Yet we all know, as Christians, she now is with her Lord. That has to be a comfort for all who hold the Protestant faith. Roman Catholic people w/ their Purgatory never know when their people finally do get into Heaven. I always think of our Saviour's words to the Malefactor "Heute wirst Du mit mir in Paradies sein" I never ever argue Religion nor politics but feel sorry for my R.C. friends when a loved one dies. - Yet about Religion is not why we write to one another. But standing before Mrs Kolb's lifeless body last night made me express the conviction that she has won her greatest of all victories. She was a very ardent bowler - knew her very well.

Aura was a "very ardent bowler"

And please - how are you related to Mrs Hollister? Were Wilhelmina & Mathilda Schröder your aunts? Then "Bob Laderach" is your first cousin? Or 2nd Cousin?

I write/wrote this letter in haste but the lesson of the last few days prompts me to do so. "Work whilst it is day ex the night cometh when no man can work" "Ich muß wirken als es Tag ist" - Lord teach us all to remember that we must die.

Did you have any ancestors with the "Kirche" at Lupow?

any ancestors "Kirche" at Lupow?

4) If John Schröder died so utterly poor, I wonder if there is a tombstone for him. - Some residents of the Bay Co. Poor Farm were buried in land there. A golf course is there now - a short fence surrounds the places of burial. And Oak Ridge also has its "Potter's Field." If we could only learn when he died! Much confers your puzzle fascinates me. Difficult problems to solve do I love to do. I am having one with my Leibrandt ancestors from Württemberg. They left abt 1830 w/o permission. And when 2 (or 3) sons become U.S. citizens they did disclose how old they were when they arrd nor when they arrd. Yet Judge did make them citizens of USA. Odd indeed. One has to wonder - why all the secrecy? Yet it all adds up to the delight in finally knowing, yea learning, the total/trial answer

My Wendt people belonged for a sh time to 1st Reformed, later rettd to Lutheran faith. Sadly all early books of 1st Reformed now lost. (Cong. founded 1880) Twenty years ago they were at hand. ~~One~~ No one knows why/when they disappeared.

My Thomas Butz (sic) (1610-1660) was driven out of Cresenz in the land of Count S(Z)in s(z)endorff in Austria - around 1645. But Cresenz was the 1645 name - what is it in 1987. - A later Count Zinzendorff (1700-1760) come to Pa. & founded a Lutheran community there. He also wrote the very famous Lutheran Confirmation hymn, "Jesu, geh voran!" - Jesus still lead on. (JESUS LEAD THOU ON) - Sung @ my Confirmation. Zion Luth. - Salzburg 26 V 1946. So as a true scholar must seek further on Zinzendorff & Cresenz. Are you familiar w/ the Z(S)in z(s)endorff Family? Logically one comes upon conclusion Count Zinzendorff circa 1645 was R.C. - This has been a long rambling letter (Nov 17 1987). If you can answer my Schröder questions will do all I can to aid you. One should never boast - Thus I will know - but I have a great many connexions here & know a great many people in Bay Co. Wishing you God's richest blessings in 1987 (& always) I remain

Sincerely, Ronald J. Putz

[Upside down:]

PS. We are not busy now. So in Jan & Feb I can work on the project. Comes warm weather - Then we become very busy & no time then for genealogy. RJP

[Continuation of Jan. 16 letter on back of envelope]

Some new fear I spend a lot of time w/ my-self. But the lesson of the last few days again pushes me onward. All those who succeed me in Germany / Austria are between 70 & 92 (save one man) & I desire to learn all I can from them while they are still w/ us - to yea able to commune with the Man Jesus Christ

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N85 Log 958 [Mar. 2, 1987]

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March 2, 1987

Dear Ronald,

Your two January letters were very fascinating and full of interesting facts and experiences. I have wanted to answer ever since they arrived, but my genealogical research had to be concentrated for several weeks on the Norton line in my wife's ancestry back into England. Now I am able to turn to my Nemitz ancestry again. I know it would have been better for you if I could have written early in February, but I had to stick with the Nortons. Elizabeth's relative in Arizona, for whom I was preparing the material, had last written to us in March of 1986, and I hadn't answered her yet! Obviously I'm working on too many lines at once.

"Obviously I'm working on too many lines at once."

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

I'm happy to report that Esther Plamo wrote and gave me the information that confirms the fact that Henrietta Nemitz, whose tombstone is in the Zion Lutheran cemetery in Beaver Township, is my great-grandmother. Esther was uncertain of the date of birth on the tombstone when she first wrote about it, but it is now confirmed as 1800. Since her husband's name is listed as Heinrich, I also know my great-grandfather's name, though I don't know any more about him except that he apparently died in Germany. But I do know my Nemitz ancestry one generation farther back than I did before I started writing to you--all because you put me in touch with Frances Tomke and Esther Plamo. Thank you again.

Henriette Bonke's birth year confirmed as 1800 (not ca. 1810)

Anita Schmidt hasn't had a chance to report on the presence of any death or burial record of Henrietta Nemitz in the Zion Lutheran church register. She is very busy and not in the best of health, so we must be patient.

Anita Tomke Schmidt

Your first information about Aura Kolb was welcome news, and I fully intended to write to her. Your second letter was quite a shock, and I was deeply disappointed not to be able to correspond with her about the Schroeder family. I know how sad you are to have lost a good friend, and how concerned you are about working with all possible speed to learn everything you can about family matters while others are still able to help. Fortunately, Dorothy Hollister will be able to provide much of the data on their branch of the Schroeder line. I'll write to her.

Aura Schroeder (b. ca. 1914)

John C. Schroeder (b. 1821)

John Gottlieb Schroeder (b. 1851)

Wilhelmina Nemitz (b. 1851) and Charles (Carl) Schroeder (b. 1845)

The enclosed sheets show how their line fits into my family only by marriage. Aura's and Dorothy's grandfather, John G. Schroeder, was the son of the same John Schroeder who was the father of Carl, who married my great-aunt, Wilhelmina Nemitz. This sounds complicated, but you'll understand when you look at the enclosed sheets.

These sheets will tell you all I know about my German ancestry and will also show how I tie into both the Tomke and Schroeder families. I have no Tomke or Schroeder ancestors--just cousins. As you can tell from these sheets, Wilhelmina Laderach and Mathilda Schroeder were my mother's first cousins, so Bob Laderach is my second cousin. You will note that the only towns mentioned in Pommern are Stolp and Dummer. I think I told you, however, that I now think the town my grandfather was born in was Dammen near Stolp.

Dammen

The other day I went to the L.D.S. Branch Library to check through a microfilm I had ordered on loan. It was the confirmation register of the Lutheran church in Dammen from 1890 to 1915. Of course, that was too late a

period to include any of my ancestors, but it was the only film at Salt Lake City on Dammen, so I wanted to see if there were any Nemitzes there. Sure enough, I found four Nemitzes and two Schroeders from 1890 to 1892, but none from then on. So at least I know it is certainly possible that Dammen was the place where my grandparents were born. Some day I hope the Mormons will have films of the earlier registers of Dammen.

While at the Mormon library I looked for Rathdammitz in Meyer's 1912. After very careful scrutiny of every possible location, I decided it wasn't there. I also looked in their microfische of Miller's Grosses Deutches Orts-buch, which you are no doubt familiar with, and I couldn't find it there, either. So I guess you'll have to report this to Herr Kroschnick when you write to him.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

You asked about Nemitzes in the Bay City area. My grandfather, William Nemitz, went first to Chicago when he came from Germany about 1873. Shortly thereafter he went to a farm near Manteno, Ill., and stayed until about 1888, when he moved to Bay City. His wife (my grandmother) had died in 1885, leaving him with four young children (including my mother, Edith), and two older daughters. His two sisters, Johanna and Wilhelmina, and their families were living in Bay City, so that is probably why he moved there. Now I realize that his mother, Henrietta, was also living there. Perhaps he went to Bay City for his mother's funeral in 1888 and decided to move to Bay City at that time.

George L. Reid

Curtis Farm, Fitchville

Grandfather worked for George Reid on the Curtis Farm, possibly the one also known as the McGraw Farm (at the corner of Pfeifer and McGraw Ave.). One of my cousins said he also worked at one time for a factory that made fertilizer. In 1905 Grandfather moved to Saskachewan, Canada, when his oldest daughter, Bertha, moved there. So Grandfather and his children and mother were the only ones in our family by the name of Nemitz who lived in Bay City.

Another Nemitz couple does show up in the Bay City Directories. In 1881-82 is the entry: "Nemitz, Caroline (wid Wm), res. NE cor. 30th & Seward," followed by "Nemitz, Herman, laborer, res. NE cor. 30th & Seward." Caroline also shows up in the 1891-92 directory. I have assumed that Herman was the son of William and Caroline, but I have no idea who they were or if they were relatives. Perhaps William was an uncle of my grandfather and thus the brother of Henrietta's husband Heinrich. Here's a nice little problem for you to keep in mind and perhaps clear up some day. You said you like to solve problems.

Write to Court House and Library

Your offer to look up some information for me at the Court House and at the library was most generous. Of course, I'll be glad to pay any costs involved. I realize that with spring coming on you won't be able to spend much time at this, but whenever you can, I'll be most grateful. I think the best approach is just to let you use your own judgment and look through these sheets for events that might be recorded at the Court House or in newspapers. I don't suppose the county death records begin as early as 1888, but it would be good if they did. And I don't suppose the Bay City papers would have death notices for people at Beaver, but you'll just have to check. I do think that the county death records as well as newspaper obituaries of John G. Schroeder in 1934 and Bertha Albrecht Schroeder in 1919 would be available and might mention towns in Pommern where they were born or married.

The latest letter from Gerhard and Edith Nemitz came during the last week of January. They still have no further information about Gerhard's family, because his cousin who had been working on this had developed serious back

trouble and had undergone a delicate operation in Berlin. So here again we'll just have to be patient. In December they sent, without comment, the enclosed sheet about records available for certain cities in Germany. Gerhard's sister or his cousin had sent it. Since I couldn't figure out what was available or how to get it, I asked about it when I wrote. In this last letter they said this was all they had, so they couldn't tell me what the "A" stands for after the entry for Stolp. Since there is an address in the margin, I wonder if you would write and ask what is available for Stolp and how we could get specific information from the records. Who knows? This might lead to something for other towns that you are interested in. When you write to Germany, do you enclose International Reply Coupons? Here is some money to cover the cost, as well as your postage to Germany.

$2.00

Your mention of Count Zinzendorf and "Jesus Still Lead On" sent me to a book I have about hymns and hymn writers. I was very happy to find the enclosed article about him and how he fits into the Pietistic movement within the Lutheran Church. I'm sure you will find this very interesting.

In your several letters you have never mentioned anything about your family or relatives. Are you all alone? I have assumed that other members of your family were still involved in your hardware business. Is that correct?

Not married. Lives with his father.

One last thing. I'm somewhat embarrassed to ask this, though I suppose I shouldn't be--not being able to speak German. Do you pronounce Putz to rhyme with but, put, or duty? Please let me know. [as in put]

Pronunciation of Putz

Thanks again for your interest and help.

Yours sincerely,

[as in put]

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(JPW 20-61) 4b

N92 Log 973 [Mar. 5, 1987]

My dear Rev Mr Witheridge: 5 Mar 87 | N92 Log 973

Your most welcomed letter of 2 III 87 arrived today. Heartfelt thanks therefor. I know I never can finish this letter tonight but I must make a beginning; hence I do as I do.

Mr G. O Zedlitz, yourself & myself are, to my knowledge only ones deeply involved in U.S.A. in genealogy in Stolp area. Mr Zedlitz' people lived in Lupow, just a short ways s. e. of Stolp. - Mr Zedlitz sent me copies of pictures of church @ Lupow, 2 pictures, interior & exterior. I sent copies of both to widow of last Luth. Pastor there. She is Frau Karin Gehlhoff, 2361 Klein Rönnau, Seeweg 11. I also asked if a 1 or 2 p.p. history of Lupow ever was printed. She immediately replied. The Church is indeed Lupow; the interior before 1916 on acct of stained glass windows not in place - the exterior post 1916 for windows then installed as seen. She also photocopied for me 3 articles on history of Lupow. My grandmother Wendt, nee Wendt, was baptized in Lupow 12 VI 1872. Mrs Gehlhoff sent me address of Frau Voss (no first name) whose mother was a Wendt. Frau Voss is 83; her father was last custodian of church @ Lupow (before 1945). Most fervently do I hope the Lord permits the health of Frau Voss to be good enough to reply to me. Then Christine neé Born (Mrs Jack Hayward) * 1921 lives in Bay City. She sent me perhaps 10 documents & letters. One, dtd. 1924, is from Frau Wendt (no first name given) but written in Lupow - to her friends here in Bay City. May send photo duplicate to Frau Voss this week end. Perhaps she may recognize handwriting. Frau Gehlhoff strongly recommended I write to: Pommersche Landmannschaft, 2400 Lübeck, An dem Lahmühle 25. Last night I composed a formal letter & sent it out this a. m. Mrs Hayward's documents show one beautiful impression of Church Seal of Lupow; an only fair one of Church @ Groß Nossin (my other ancestors from that parish).

Lupow church

Four different Wendt families here: One at Beaver Zion Luth (may I please tell you you have an error - Beaverton or Beavertown - is not Beaver - entirely different place) Please make correction, thank you. Second in Brooks, Bay City - extreme S. W. end of Bay City, 3/4 m. S. S. W. of Salzburg; 3rd a different Wendt

family from Pomern - but lived in Salzberg & 4th ly my Wendt fam. I intend to (present tense) put all the pieces of this puzzle together — The Mormons in Midland have increased their library there. They also now have on film Meyer's 1912 Book. Exc! For Herrn Koschnick I made copy of Rohs Tomnitz. - I believe I spelled it in error to you - And I again studied "B2" & I must confess I still can not figure this one out. - On 9 Feb. 87. before Sag. Vall. Gen. Soc. did lecture for an hr. abt reading the German script. All went to me perfectly (Good German - poor Eng. - I realize). Spoke an hr; asked questions for 15 mins. & helped peo. 30 mins. more later on. Was asked to repeat lecture to Mich. Gen. Soc. in Spring 88. Said I will have to give it more thought. Just may accept & announce my decision to 2 directors in Sag. soon.

May I please ask if you are aware that the odd Mich. Census records for Bay Co of 1884 & 1894 exist? The Main B. C. Lib. has them on film. Exc. Overall the hand writing clear & legible.

To the Mainest (terrible Eng) Question; Were 2 sets of records made in the 1876 - 1900 era? No one seems so far to my knowledge to know — one for the local area; another for the Kaiser in Berlin. Verily, verily, I should like to know the answer to this question. * See below please. Thank you.

May I please ask if you know of the Petitions for Naturalization for Bay or Sag. Co. of the 1882/1905 era still exist? Here I speak of Circuit Ct. records which are STATE, not federal records. The Archives in Chicago does not have them for they have NO state records, only federal records. And the Mich. Archives on Logan St. in Lansing does NOT have them. Personally do I know Dr. LeRoy Barnetts. He would/will not lie to me. I know him too well. He answ my letter/questions, gave negative answers.

* I submitted this question to Edna Bentz of San Diego, Cal. In Apr. 87 Friedrich Wollmershäuser, expert from Germany will address them here. Asked Frau Bentz to ask the expert. I know her well enough; I know her enthusiasm - she indeed will ask him. Anxious to be sure to learn his answers.

Roy Wendt of Idaho is a Mormon & quite deeply into genealogy

3) Now I see I inadvertently previously told you a half-lie - & be a minister at that. Roy & his wife are somewhat into genealogy in the Stolp area - but I do not believe they are currently doing any research. They claim to be related to me but I can not see how this can be. My first known Wandt ancestors came from Lischnitz & Langeböse & in his forms that he sent to me he has never had anyone from that area. I wrote to point this out to them; they have not replied. - May I please ask if you are aware of the new "Family Registry" that the Mormon Church now has? Costs only a 22¢ stamp & may be just exactly what we all seek. It surely will put a dent into some commercial ventures.

Temporarily have I misplaced your last letter, but I can tell you that you are not blood related to Mrs Hollister nor the late Mrs Vera Kolb. Their ancestors were Schröders; your aunt or was it great aunt only married into Schröder family & to a brother of ancestor of the two ladies.

Now to the main point of this letter. Sincerest thanks for sending me pp. 76 & 77. May I please ask when you obtained this? You indeed there may have the key to solve the puzzles of many! Obviously it is very modern with address: 1000 West Berlin 41. And obviously the entire book is about 100 pages long if Stolp is on page 77. But what are: "A" "BO" "H" "BW"? And something in Stolp is dated from 1762-1913. What? Obviously 1762 is far too early for civil registration. Might these be two books or two records? I do not know. Obviously I shall write & see what this is all about. I shall even ask cost of book. Surely it can not be very expensive. - One also can see on left hand page 76 that someone appended that some records 1932-45 "Spangenskeu were later frame. (By the way, please - were your people city dwellers in Stolp itself? or ~~they~~ did they say Stolp (like Bay City in stead of Beaver?) Indeed may you have come upon what so many have sought. To be sure in next day or two will compose German letter to the starter and will send 2 coupons - & ask just what this is all about. Naturally will inform you as soon as I hear. But it all sounds too good to be true. Yet if we never try we never will succeed. Nothing ventured no-

"pp. 76 & 77" - see DEW's May 29, 1987, letter below

Thing gained. Can KK be Katholische Kirche?; P(?): G = Birth Geburt? — F? — S = Sterben Death? And you note only lands now under the Communists controlled — none in West Germany on your 2 pages. Obviously I am fascinated with what you have here. ST. A = Standesamt = Civil Registration. — And: EK here: Evangelische Kirche — for Starkenberg.

It strikes me as most odd that the Mormons are unaware of this. Perhaps I somehow here am in error.

Further question: Have you ever heard that a duplicate set of records 1876-1945 were kept — one locally & one for the Kaiser? I seem to have heard this. — Mr Zedlitz of Calif writes to Polish Consul in Chicago for his info. $30 fish entry, 10 for a bit more info. Do you know if the Ausweisungs Bücher (Departure Books) 1877 to 1891 exist? If so where? Thirdly, do you know if the Standesamts Bücher for Regierungs bezirk Köslin exist in Poland; if so, where? We all could benefit were we to know the answer to this question.

Even though your letter is not now before my eyes I vividly recall the scholarly fashion of how you enter & foot note all your data. The perfect way indeed!. May I please ask — do you have a numbering system for all your ancestors? I do — if I did not I would be entirely lost. My father is 2, my late mother 3, &c &c. And when I get the data from Germany on christenings (births), marriages, deaths/burials I record in German every word I receive — date rec'd & from whom. That way I can locate the material — all stored in boxes — one box for each writer to me. I now have rec'd hundreds of letters from Germany (& I write the Truth here); I thus can immediately locate any information I seek.

Odd that I misplaced your letter, But then I never ever throw those things away. It will turn up soon somewhere — for a fact will keep a photocopy of letter I send to Standesamt in W. Berlin. I will have to think most thoroughly to compose an perfect questions as I can able to assemble.

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Myron Gruenwald
(of Oshkosh, WI)

Please excuse paper. I must confess that Myron Grünwald at times rather disappoints me. For example he should have known what you discovered; he should thoroughly have investigated it/ian a most scholarly fashion; he should have reported concerning it. But his obvious deficiency in German no doubt is apparent here. Sometimes I am disappointed in what he puts into print. I believe he should investigate leads & then publish them. At times I ~~believe he that~~ am of the opinion that he believes the leadership wants to know about him personally. Really I could care less. I pay my money to learn leads & history of Pomern. I do not care about his rheumatism - even though I am a Lutheran. Too bad he has to suffer but that is not what I pay my money for. I pay my money to learn. Nes personal life is of little consequence to me - even though as Christians we should love one another. Well, perhaps - on paper I am coming across too strongly. If so, please as a fellow fellowman excuse & pardon me — Oh, I forgot on p 77 is: N 65 / Log 929. What is this? Obviously some library coding system. But who put it there?

Kindly permit me to state it now is rather seldom for me to write a genealogically orientated letter in the English language. 95% or better of mine are now in German.

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Ach - I forgot. My Regina Leibrandt * 27, Nov, 1813 was last ancestor/ancestress of mine ~~I know I d~~ (who came to America) of whom I did not know exact birthplace. Only "Württemberg" I wrote to newspaper Editor in Göppingen, Württemberg. He published no charge some 5 articles on my search. One reader, a retired merchant w/ college degree (Dipl./Kfm) became utterly fascinated w/ my problem & sought incessantly for my Regina - Königin: Queen. And he found her in Klein Ingersheim. May I please ask. Do you remember Judge/Lawyer Karl Leibrandt of Bay City? Now I know he was a very distant cousin. - Of all of my ancestors, the Leibrandts are the most famous. So many researchers these have worked on this line. So utterly much has been published on them. And They, as all my lines, contain no royal blood. I cannot account for all this in print except that they locally often were prominent people. Yet our Saviour taught us that we ever were to remain most humble. That I am.

16 III 87 Rambled on long enough. You shall hear from me again when I either learn something new or come upon some information that I believe you should have. Sincerely, Ronald

N109 Log 998 [May 29, 1987]

N109 Log 998

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 29, 1987

Dear Ronald,

I am just now getting around to answering your letter of March 5th, and I have to go through it all again, because I have had to shift to many other matters since then.

Perhaps the best approach is to deal with your letter one item at a time in the order you wrote it. I enjoyed hearing about your contacts with people who have a relationship with Lüpow and with the Wendt family. You are very fortunate to have these contacts, and I know you will continue to learn more and more.

AGoFF (Genealogical Society of the German East) ↓

However, I want to pass on to you the information that there are at least a few others (though not in the U.S.A.) who are working on genealogy in Stolp--at least in the Kreis and perhaps in the city and its vicinity. You will see that I have enclosed a list of members of AGoFF sent to me by a member of our German Interest Group here. I haven't written to any of these yet, because I've had so many other things to do. It occurs to me, however, that because of your ability to write in German and your many contacts already in Germany, you would want to write to some of these AGoFF members and find out what sources they are successfully using in Kr. Stolp.

See AGoFF entry in index

In case you are not already familiar with AGoFF, I am enclosing a two-page description of it prepared by Steven Koehler. I feel confident that you will be able to take advantage of its resources in a way that I could not at the present time.

Anita Tomke Schmidt

I am also sending the cover and title page of an AGoFF book, Wegweiser, that my cousin Anita Schmidt has there in Beaver Township. Right after you wrote to me the last time, she finally sent me a listing of the Tomke births, marriages, and deaths as she has them. I am in the process of integrating those records with mine. I'm not sure how well Anita reads German, but I think you would greatly enjoy seeing and studying this book.

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

As I probably told you, Anita is Esther Plamp's niece. She would probably love to have you borrow the book if you would telephone her and tell her how you have been helping me in this family research. You might find something that would help both you and me.

Thank you for explaining about Beaver, Beaverton, and Beavertown. My first information came from a cousin I visited out in Vancouver, B.C. She had been born in Bay City in 1891, but had moved to Canada with her family about 1905, so she was not very accurate on some of her information. In her recent letter Anita Schmidt just straightened me out on this, too. I would love to have a map of Bay County, if you could send me one.

I'm very glad you told me about the films of the 1884 and 1894 Michigan Censuses for Bay County. I did not know these were in existence, and I wonder if they could be borrowed by the Minneapolis Public Library either from the Bay City Library or from the Michigan State Library in Lansing. Perhaps you could check with the Bay City Library by phone and also get the reference numbers for me, so I could try to order them.

No, I do not know anything about the Petitions for Naturalization you asked about. I have never tried to find any for that area, because my grandparents were in Illinois for many years after they immigrated, and I never really thought I could find theirs. If you ever do locate them, please let me know, as I could try to find the records for grandfather's relatives there.

Regarding the Family Registry of the Mormons, I have not as yet registered any of the families I am working on, though it would be a good thing to do, I know. I did look up some of my wife's families there, but don't recall finding anything useful. As the Registry grows, something useful will no doubt turn up.

When you wrote your last letter, you had temporarily mislaid my last letter. Perhaps you have found it, but in case you haven't, I'm enclosing another copy. It includes a lot of information about my family you should have in your files. There are also several questions in my last letter that I hope you will answer the next time you write. If you cannot find the family group sheets I sent, please let me know, and I'll send another set.

Gerhard Heinrich Bruno Nemitz (b.1926)

"Pages 76 and 77"

I see you were as excited about "pages 76 and 77" as I was when I first saw them. How great it would be if you could get a copy of the whole book. It might also lead to many more useful sources. As this copy of my letter will explain, I got this photocopy in December from Gerhard Nemitz, but he had no way of telling what it meant, either.

Regarding "pages 76 and 77," see the Dec. 17, 1986, letter in the Gerhard Nemitz (b. 1926) section at the beginning of folder Z.18.

You asked whether my ancestors lived in the city of Stolp itself or in the rural area or some small town nearby. That is what I am still trying to discover. Grandfather always gave his birthplace as Dammer (Dammen?), whereas his younger sister Wilhelmina (Schroeder) gave her birthplace as Stolp. Grandfather's oldest daughter, my Aunt Bertha, also gave her birthplace as Stolp. Did Grandfather's parents move from Dammen to Stolp before they had their youngest child, and is Stolp where my grandparents lived when or after they got married? We need more records of many kinds from that area before we can piece the story together.

DEW's document and log numbers

By the way, the N65/Log 929 on the photocopy of page 77 is my numbering system for filing and making reference to documents that contain genealogical information. By documents I mean photocopies of articles or records, longhand notes from some source, letters I have sent or received, and so on. I number and file them according to families (N for Nemitz, W for Witheridge, etc.) or locations (MD for Maryland, DE for Devon, etc.). The Log number represents a numerical listing of every library trip, record search, or letter written where a document is involved. This Log number often helps to locate certain items. I didn't start this process until about five years ago after hearing a lecture at one of our Minnesota Genealogical Society meetings. So I am still having a lot of catching up to do from my earlier work where many items had been lost or forgotten. I also use these Document Numbers to identify references on the back of my family group sheets, as you may have noticed.

DEW's ancestor and relative numbers

Yes, I have a numbering system for my ancestors and relatives similar to yours, starting with our older son as 1, his father (me) as 2, his mother as 3, and so on. These numbers appear in the upper right hand corner of the family group sheets as Family No._____. Each number is preceded by JPW, which are the initials of our older son, to indicate where this particular set of numbering begins. My system assigns a number

to every one of my relatives and to every one of my wife's. If you are interested in more detail, I can send you a copy of my description of the system. It has some complicated features, I realize, but it works for me.

Myron Gruenwald (of Oshkosh, WI)

I agree with you that Myron Gruenwald leaves much to be desired in his publication. Even with my meager acquaintance with German and Germany I can see that he is sometimes superficial and inadequate. But remember that it was through his publication that I found you, and I'll be forever grateful for that. Thank you for all your help.

No, I do not remember Judge Karl Leibrandt of Bay City. I never lived in Bay City as an adult, though I attended Junior College there as a commutor and I worked with architects, contractors, and building owners during the years I was a heating and ventilating sales engineer with Father in Saginaw.

Mr. Putz's article (see next document)

Our German Interest Group (of the Minnesota Genealogical Society) has a small library located in the library of Concordia College in St. Paul (related to the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod). One day when I was over there looking through the recent issues of the German Genealogical Digest, I suddenly came upon your article about the Salzburgers. I was very pleased to read it and greatly impressed by your good work. Of course, I immediately made a photocopy for my files.

Enclosed are a number of sheets I have copied for you in hopes that there may be at least a few items that are new and of interest to you. There are many addresses, though I can't vouch for their accuracy! There is also a bibliography that I see was prepared by the librarian of the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Some of these books could probably be secured by the Bay City Public Library on interlibrary loan.

Now I believe I will close this letter and apologize for being so late in answering yours. Please write again, but please be patient with me when I take so long to respond.

With warmest regards,

David

time of event, and sources of the information.

Surname(s) Given Name(s) Year of Birth

INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

Birth Date	Birth Place
Marriage Date	Marriage Place
Death Date	Death Place
Father's Surname(s)	Father's Given Name(s)
Mother's Surname(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)
Spouse's Surname(s)	Spouse's Given Name(s)
Your Relationship to This Individual	

INDIVIDUAL CHRONOLOGY

Suggestions for entries in this area: military service, family movements, land purchases, church and organizational affiliations, marriage, civic activities, schools attended, medical history, travels, probate proceedings.

Date	Event	Locality	Source/Comments
This sheet compiled by			Date

Early Lutherans Flee Salzburg to Avoid Persecution

by Ronald John Putz

Notwithstanding the world movement toward tolerance and consideration of human rights, religious persecution continues and will, no doubt continue as long as there are religious beliefs. History is spotted with tragic persecutions and when one of these is connected with your ancestors it takes on a great significance. A search for my forebears led into the midst of religious purges that ended about 250 years ago.

At the beginning of the 16th Century, the Roman Catholic Church dominated the religious faith throughout Europe. This domination was dramatically altered by Martin Luther when he rebelled against the Roman Church. Thus began the Reformation period of European History.

An area of Salzburg, Austria was caught up in the Reformation movement and during the period from 1587 through 1732 one particular group of people was singled out and persecuted in a manner that culminated in the group being driven from its homeland in Austria into what is now known as Germany. This group of Lutherans were later called the "Salzburgers".

By the mid 16th Century the Lutheran faith had spread and there were many followers in Salzburg. As the number of converts grew, the Catholic Clergy recognized the seriousness of the movement and a "Counter Reformation" was begun about 1545.

The reformation followers and believers who were the first Protestants were told by the Roman Clergy in the counter movement to either rejoin the Catholic Church or leave the country. Intense pressure was centered upon those who had chosen to adhere to the Lutheran faith. Rather than renounce their new faith many decided to leave the country and go to other German speaking lands.

Those compelled to flee were called in Latin "Exulanten" and in German "Vertriebene". They left with few material possessions, most of what they had built up had to be left. My own

Putz people (then spelled "Butz") fled in this 1632-35 era and settled in Neustadt am Kulm, Oberpfalz, Bayern.

Continued pressure was put on the remaining Lutherans who would not conform. In the midst of the Winter of 1685 a "Decree of Banishment" was issued for the Salzburg Lutherans. Another group of exiles, torn from their own children and property wandered out and went to Bayern, Wuerttemberg, and Baden.

Conditions continued to deteriorate. In spite of strict orders issued forbidding the practice of Lutheranism, these deeply committed people continued to meet in secret to study their Scriptures, sing their hymns, and learn Luther's catechisms.

The last and greatest drive to remove all Lutherans began in 1727 as archbishop Leopold Antonius Eleutherius von Firmian, who also was temporal ruler of the area relentlessly brought matters to a climax. Stating that "He wanted all heretics driven out of the land" on the pretext of fomenting sedition and rebellion, he initiated the final effort to rid the land of all Lutherans.

This climax came in the Winter of 1731-32. Around 25,000 to 30,000 (authorities differ) left with their horses and wagons and began their trek through Bayern, Wuettemberg, and Baden. Many died en route. Amongst those exiles who lived were my ancestors Christian Embacher/Empacher and his daughter Gertraudt, born in 1713. They left the procession in Hohenstaufen, Wuerttemberg making their new home in that town.

The emigrants comforted themselves by singing two great hymns of Luther, "A Mighty Fortress is our God", and "Lord Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word." On lookers marveled at their great faith and many even helped them.

After arriving in the Wuerttemberg/Baden region, the group turned toward Berlin. The Pilgrims were greeted there by King Friedrich Wilhelm I himself. He was delighted to have them as he wished to populate a barren area of East Prussia over which he also ruled. The King arranged for them to sail from Stettin in Pommern to Koenigsberg in East Prussia. They arrived and settled there. Many hundreds died on the long trek.

It is believed by present scholars that 16,000 (1731/32 Exulanten) arrived in East Prussia; between 3,000 and 4,000 remained in Bayern, Wuerttemberg, and Baden; 700 broke off and went to Holland; and about 300 departed for the then American colony of Georgia. In Georgia they founded the settlement of New Ebenezer (Ebenezer meaning in English "The Lord hath brought us hitherto".)

Thus ended the religious persecution of the Salzburgers. They found new homes for themselves and their descendants in many places.

Ironically, the largest group of the "Emigranten" (as they were also called in German), which had settled in East Prussia, was destined for further troubles. Slightly more than 200 years later descendants were forced to flee at the end of World War II as the land came under communistic rule. Most fled to West Germany where they continue to reside to the present time.

A number of scholars have made extensive studies into this persecution and migration. In West Germany there is currently an organization devoted to the study of this series of events. It publishes a quarterly journal entitled "The Salzburger". The mailing address of the still active organization founded in 1911 is: Salzburger Verein e. V., 4800 Bielefeld 1, Memeler Strasze 35., West Germany.

La jeune Allemagne.

[June 3, 1987]

[Trip plans]

June 3, 1987

Dear Ronald,

You will be surprised to get another letter from me so soon! Elizabeth and I are planning a trip to Michigan next week. We'll be visiting our very close friend, Mabel Butterfield, in Lapeer for a few days starting Friday evening, June 12.

It occurs to me that it might be a good idea to try to meet you and a few relatives with whom I have recently begun to correspond. I could come over to Bay City on Monday, June 15, while Elizabeth and Mabel are doing some other things. Are you going to be there on that date?

I've written to Esther Plump to find out if I could see her on that morning, and perhaps also meet her sister and her daughter. I know you have to work at the hardware, but I wonder if I could meet you and take you to lunch as my guest. It would give us a wonderful chance to get acquainted, and you do have to eat somewhere.

In the afternoon I thought I'd drive out to Anita Schmidt's and perhaps go to the cemetery at Zion Lutheran Church. I might even be able to call on see Bob Ladenach. This may not all work out, but perhaps some of it will.

Could you drop me a line when you get this and let me know if you'll be able to go to lunch with me. If so, please tell me how to get to your place from downtown Bay City. We'll be leaving Minneapolis Thursday morning, June 11, to drive to Chicago and spend the night with Tom and Virginia. If I don't get an answer before we leave, I'll call you from Mabel's: 1231 Second St., Lapeer, MI 48446; phone (313) 664-2934. I hope I'll be able to meet you.

Sincerely,

David

[June 5, 1987
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postmark

At Work Fri 5 VI '87. My dear Rev Mr Witteridge your 2 letters have just arrd. Please pardon haste of this letter. Fri 15 Jun '87 is just fine w/me. I can take off all day. I have really no further vacations planned in '87. It indeed would be a pleasure to meet you personally. Am 100% positive we will have much to talk about. I will also gather material to show you. Should indeed be a most pleasurable visit.

God be Thanked - we are extremely busy now. We now have excellent growing weather - just what we all need - So I write this in great haste in between waiting on customers

Sincerely, Ronald

P.S. Much Much more verbally

Back of envelope

Salzburg

We are located in S. W. Bay City, 2 blocks EXACTLY South of the First Reformed Church. We are @ corner of Salzburg & Wenona, right next to Saginaw River - We are in old village of Salz (also on M-13) We are indeed very very easy to find. And a bragging I believe everyone in Bay County knows where The Putz Hdwe is — I will have a Map of Bay City & Bay Co. for you also

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[June 8, 1987]

6/8/87

Dear Ronald,

Delighted to hear that you will be there when we come to Michigan. However, you inadvertently (I hope) wrote that "Fri. 15 Jun '87" would be just fine with you. Fri. June 12th is the day we get to Lansing, but I won't be coming to Big City until <u>Monday</u>, June 15.

Since I hope to be with Esther Plamp in the morning, I'll call you from there and let you know when I'll pick you up for lunch. I'll try to make it about 11:30 a.m.

As you know, I also plan to go to Bance Township in the afternoon, so I won't be able to stay as long as either you or I would like. But it will be a great joy to meet you.

Sincerely,

David

[June 15, 1987]

Ronald Petty - 6/15/87

Archiwum Państwowe (archives in Stolp)
Ul. Partyzantow 31a
76-200 Słupsk

~~Have been looking in Stolp area [illegible]~~

Look for Count Zinzendorf in 1500's

N 116
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[July 27, 1987]

N 116
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July 27, 1987

Dear Ronald,

My visit to Bay City and Auburn last month was a great success. It was a pleasure to meet you at last and to talk with you in person about our common interests. Thank you again for the lunch. I wouldn't have suggested our having lunch together if I had thought you were going to pay for it. Here are two pictures of you that I think turned out quite well.

I asked Anita Schmidt if she would be willing to have you borrow the AGoFF book, Wegweiser, we talked about, and she said she would. Some time when you are able to go out and pick it up, you should call her at (517) 662-4630. The address is 1837 West Beaver Road, Route 1, Auburn, MI 48611, but you should probably ask Anita for directions. It's a good thing you gave me that map of Bay County, because when I went out Garfield Rd. from U.S. 10, there was no sign indicating Beaver Rd. so I went past it and didn't realize it until I began seeing the names of the other roads.

While I was at Anita's I learned a little more about the Bertha Tomke who married Charles Popp. (She was a sister of Charles Tomke and thus the aunt of Frances Tomke and Esther Plump.) The people at Anita's said that Charles Popp was Bertha's second husband, but they didn't know who her first husband was. She was his second wife, and he had three wives; but here again they didn't know the names of his other wives. I don't know if there were children from any of these marriages.

Now here is where you might be of assistance. They said Charles Popp was either related to or acquainted with

Anita Tomke Schmidt

AGoFF (regarding East Germany genealogy)

Charles Popp

Bertha Tomke (b. Jan. 1866)

Charles August Tomke (b. 1862)

Wendt family

the Wendts. Someone thought Charles' first wife was a Wendt. It was also suggested that the records would probably be at St. Paul's Luth. Ch. in Frankenlust or at Zion Luth. Ch. in Salzburg. Because of your Wendt ancestry and connections, you might have some information on this situation or you might have an idea of how to proceed. Let me know what you think.

I am still hoping that we shall eventually track down the book from which "pp. 76 + 77" were copied. For some reason I can't seem to remember what your next step was going to be in this regard, but I know we discussed this. I know you will keep me informed.

I guess this is all for now. Best wishes to you and your father.

Sincerely,

David

See previous document

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This is the back cover of the book I got from Germany.
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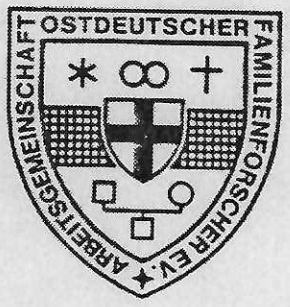

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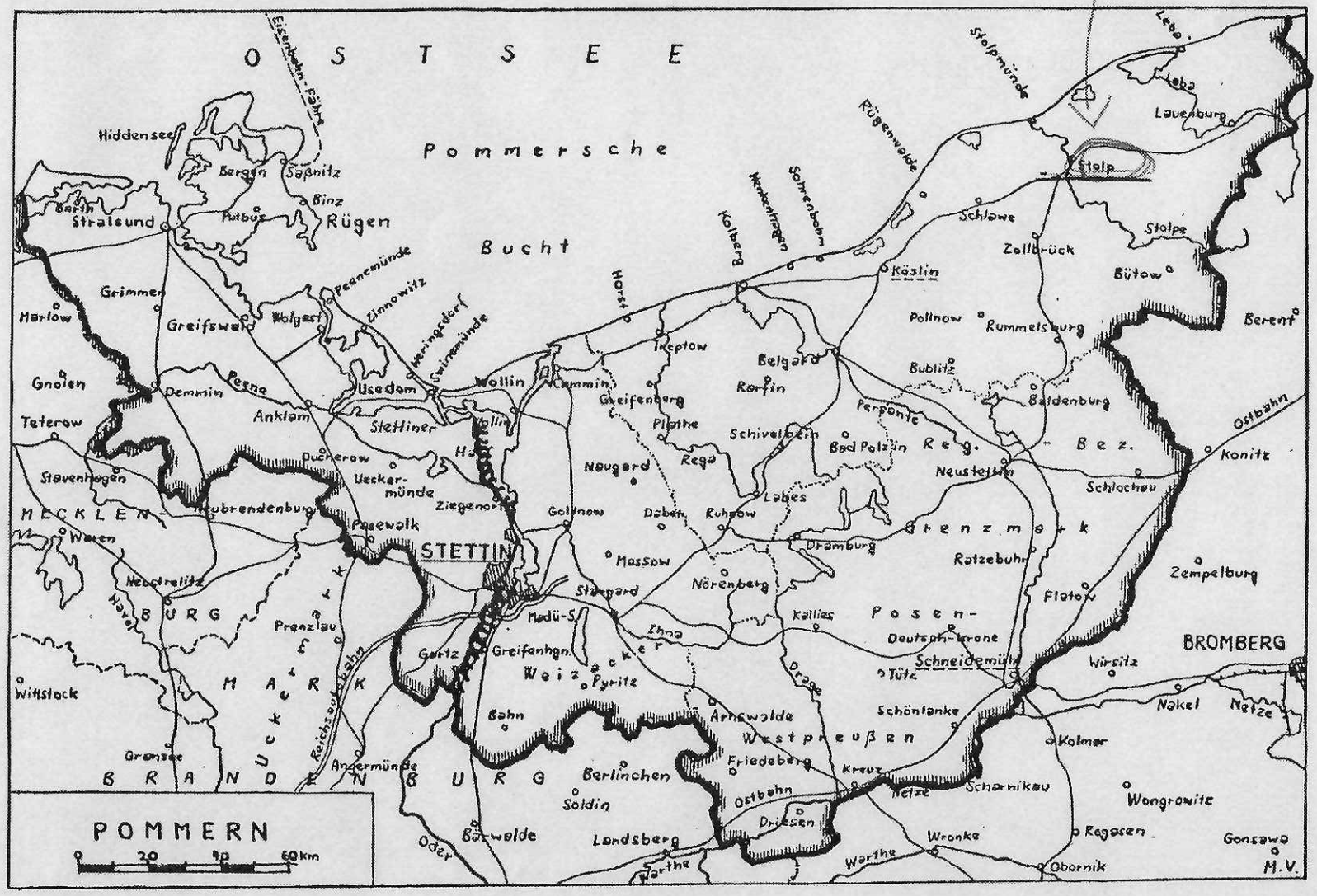
Where the Jonkes Came from, now Part of Poland



[Location of Stolp in Pomerania]

N130
Log 1021

[Aug. 18, 1987]

My dear Rev. Mr. Wilbridge: 18 Aug 87. Sincerest thanks for your very welcome letter of 27 Jul 87. It was indeed a pleasure to hear from you, since we now know one another personally.

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Log 1021

Regarding ancestry from Pomerania I am now more confused than ever. 1) I wrote to Steven K — of Minn — mentioned in your letter. I sent SSAE. No reply. 2) G. O. Zedlitz of Calif. gave me an address in Supsk where he obtained info. I wrote there. Only reply I ever recd from Poland. "The records I seek they do not have nor know to whom I should write." 3) I wrote to German Info Agency Park Ave, N.Y. N.Y. (They sent Anita Schmidt the Mrs newspaper in 1978. — That letter came back "Moved - No forwarding address" The Bay City Pub. Lib. gave me new address in N.Y. N.Y. I wrote there. No reply yet. 4) A professional genealogist in Bayern I asked about AGOFF. In translation he wrote "You THROW your money out the window. I have yet to have heard positive results through them." 5) Mr. Y suggested I write to Sedina Archiv. About a year ago I wrote to them & sent a $10 bill asking for info on genealogical publication they issue. Never an answer. 6) AGOFF suggested I write to an Archiv in Köslin (Kozalin) This was over two years ago. I wrote there. Never an answer. 7) Today I read Grönwald's letter "Lauta". He now lists an entirely new place. - By the way, Grönwald erred twice "Übung macht der Meister - accusative not dative. dem". He surely murders German - and so often. Yet, as you pointed out, he still may be able - in some instances - to help.

Steven D. Koehler

Anita Tomke Schmidt

AGOFF

Thank you for the 2 pictures. - Mrs Schmidt lent me her "Mrs newspaper" which the German Info. Agency sent her 9 years ago. - Perhaps they will send me an updated version. I TRULY HOPE SO. If so, I shall inform you.

Charles Popp

Regarding Chas. Popp - who I believe was also a

Bertha Tomke (b. Jan. 1866)

Po memer. His first wife (he never had any issue) was Bertha Tomke. His second was a Miss Kerl (her sister married Charles Wendt (1870-1924). She died in 1927. (A huge amount of deaths here that year - and she was one of them). Then about 1930 he married Minnie _____. It was her 3rd marriage also - She also died without issue. She died perhaps 1958. I knew her yet - lived just several doors from where I visited - No one I know of knows Minnie's Maiden name nor names of husbands 1 & 2. - Charlie Popp is buried at Oak Ridge. Next time I go there I shall copy info on him & his first 2 wives - will send all data to you then. Minnie not buried with him. - Miss Kerl was either "Wilhelmina" or "Hermina". I am not sure - Now it can be that Charlie Popp was Bertha's second husband. I know nothing of this. Charlie Popp was janitor at Riegel (Public) School here in Salisbury. He died about 1941 - throat cancer. He spoke broken English - one told boys "Don't munks mit die (he used incorrect German here) American-sche Flag" Boys were throwing stones at our Flag. He smoked a curved pipe. I remember him. I doubt very much if Charlie ever bowled. I would judge him born around 1865 - but will find this data at Cemetery next time I go there. He was a member of Bethel Luth. Wisc. Synod. They would have the records on him & his first 2 wives. I am not sure of the religion of Minnie but coming to think of it she too may have been Lutheran. Stones for Charley & first 2 wives exist

3) Since I have been so utterly confused, I haven't done any more on "Pages 76 & 77" - My ancestor Wilhelm Koschnick (1803-1878) as a young man had to serve in Prussian army. Please go back & read No 4. He wrote that the ca. 1821-31 records of soldiers were kept in Berlin & he is 100% positive the 1939-45 war "negated them all" - So - so - so - another deadend.

But not all negative. I just learned that Thomas Putz (1610-1660), who lived in Neustadt am Kulm, Oberpfalz, Bayern came from Gresten (not Cresenz) Lower Austria Nieder Österreich - Gresten was in Count Zinzendorf land. Thomas Putz was married twice. In 1658 "Thomas Putz from Neustadt am Kulm" went back there to settle dispute over inheritance regarding "Elisabetha" daughter of his first wife. Thomas Putz married

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a widow.(4) The dispute was settled in 1658. So the ~~Putz~~ puzzle is now solved. The land was Lutheran until 1626; thus he was baptized Lutheran - but the R. Cath. Church around 1627 burned all the Lutheran church books. - Rev Georg Kuhr, Neuendettelsau, Bayern (aged 80) is world's greatest authority on Gresten. His ancestors also came from same village. He has spent since 1929 researching Gresten & has photo copied everything. - But so far we do not know points of Thomas. & probably never will. We do know of ~~people~~ PUTZ men born in 1580's & 1590's but no way of knowing who was father of Thomas who lived on the "Brunn bach" or "Spring brook" farm. Thomas first wife died in 1653. In 1654 he married Margarethe "2" & had a son, Josephus by her in 1657. Thomas also was a sponsor at (child's) baptism in Gresten. Pfarrer Kuhr has an huge card system & at 80 is still most deeply into this. In fact he sent

Rev. Georg Kuhr

5) me a booklet on his research. Fascinating if one's ancestors lived there. Did I ever write how I learned of Pfr Kuhn? If not, please inform me. - Please excuse paper I must buy 500 new sheets. Almost all out now but our bookkeeper is now vacationing in W. Germany & we are short handed. Her son-in-law is U.S. professional soldier stationed @ Wiesbaden in Hessen, near Frankfurt am Main. Gladis speaks no German & is distantly related to Minnie Popp. But she has absolutely no details on Minnie Popp of anyone who does. - Can you please contact Steve K— of Minneapolis for me, yea verily? - Seldom, seldom in life am I ever confused - but here I am 100% - Totally. - Who - who - can help find me into I, yea me, seek? - I find it hard to believe AC&PA would not answer my letter with money enclosed - but

perhaps one chance in 100,000 the letter got lost. Odd whatever - but so much out of Pomern is strangest. And from Bayern & Austria of over 330 years ago information is relatively easy to come by. - Peculiar indeed!

More as I learn of it. You will hear more from me, God willing. I still believe I can ascertain some facts from out of old Pomern. May the Al. Mighty grant unto me my supplication!

(6) Sincerely, Ronald

7) Forgot: Willi Krenke * 1926 in Pomern w/ wife & daughter Kristel * 1950 came to Bay City in 1951. Kristel I know very well. – A German man (* 1932) YES!! Came to Bay City to work in Sugar Factory here. Kristel married him 1980. Daughters born there 4 & 5 years ago. They moved back in 1980 to W. Germany. – In Sep. 86 They 4 were here for a month. Got to know her husband very well. He is most interested in helping us & in Spring 87 – on business – was near Skopsk. – Willi & his wife there for visit Jul 87. ~~They~~ Willi & his wife returned & Willi exclaimed to me "Kristel & her Man have much for you." I asked if they (Willi & his wife) brought it back. His answer was one word "NEIN!" – I could hardly believe my ears – And I in Sep. 86 gave them $20 (US money). Odd – strange – indeed!! Will have to write Kristel now.

(8) When she is here she speaks English ~~often~~ to me; her Man can not speak English so I always use German to everyone. – I can not understand this situation either. – ~~For~~ Surely a most peculiar turn of events. And Kristel took all data on my Ancestors with them when they returned home in Sep 86. So just what do they now have?

Who knows

N 131
Log 1022

[Aug. 29, 1987]

N131
Log 1022

August 29, 1987

Dear Ronald,

Steven D. Koehler

First, let me say that I have just talked with Steve Koehler on the phone. I had a hard time reaching him, because his telephone number had been changed. When I called the old number, I found it had been disconnected. So I called another member of our German Interest Group, and the only number she had was the same as the one I had, but she was sure he was still around. She said Steve usually has an unlisted phone number. However, she did give me his mother's number, and after several days of trying, I finally got her, and she gave me Steve's new number.

"pages 76 and 77"

When I called him, he remembered our contact of two or three years ago. I mentioned the photocopy I have of "pages 76 and 77," and suggested that I send him a copy to see if he can identify it or figure out how to locate the entire book. He agreed to do this. Then I mentioned your letter, and he remembered it at once--even said your name when I mentioned Bay City. He said he had received a great many communications recently and always answered them in the order in which they were received. I know he will get to yours in due course. I was glad to find out that his P.O. Box number is the same as we had.

I do sense your frustration at having so many attempts to get information from old Pommern result in failure. I guess we'll have to have patience and trust that some day we'll crack the problem. Personally, I take great comfort in having found a friend like you who has so many contacts and knows German so well.

Thank you for all the information about Charles Popp. I have begun a family group sheet for him, but I hope to add to this after you have a chance to visit Oak Ridge Cemetery and possibly check the records of Bethel Lutheran Church. I am especially hopeful that you will be able to find Bertha's gravestone.

Rev. Georg Kuhr

It seems to me that you have previously mentioned Rev. Georg Kuhr to me, but I do not recall that you ever told me how you learned about him. I'd be glad to hear about that some day.

You said that Anita Schmidt lent you her copy of Wegweiser, 1978, but you didn't say what it contained or whether it was of any use to you at all. I'd be interested in knowing what it was all about. Perhaps by now you have heard from the German Information Agency in New York about getting a more recent edition.

I agree that it is especially maddening that Kristel and her husband were near Gusk last spring and apparently found some information of interest to you but failed to send it back with her parents. Let's hope that you can get through to Kristel and that she and her husband really do have something helpful to send you.

That's all I have for now. May God help you in your many endeavors!

Sincerely,

5) A final P.S. I was a soldier in Panama - drafted - not a volunteer - 1955 & 56. - The luth. minister Mo. Synod came across the Isthmus every Sunday afternoon to preach in English to between 8 to 12 of us - never more than 15 people. And @ Zion German was dropped when we had an average of over 100 every service. Stimmt? Please look in your Wörterbuch was stimman - bedeutet. Danke sehr.
m̄ = mm; n̄ = nn - always

6) Did I write that I delivered a lecture in early 87 to the Sag. Vall. Gen. Soc. on reading & writing the old German/Gothic script? It went over very well.

Most fervently do I hope that you do not feel that I was TOO personal - but to a respected clergyman I wrote my views exactly as I see/saw them.

A still further P.P.P.S. Regarding genealogy: I keep constantly at it for I see more & more why one should „Work while it is day ere the night cometh when no man can work".

I should also put on paper that I truly love Martin Luther's German of 1518 & 1534 & the language of King James (1611). My German relatives always comment when I visit or write that I use the German language as it was used in Luther's time. They find this most peculiar but I keep on practicing my 1518/1534 German. They, however, can understand me - never ever a problem. Example: First, Other, Third, &c &c.

[Upside down on original]

Do Dorothy's ministers take a text from the Bible & preach on it? Funeral sermons? I do not believe I ever attended a Mother's Funeral. So I do not know. Dorothy's are not given in Sorg etc.

[On back of envelope]

Through The Mormons Family Registry I have submitted all my surnames in old Hinter Pommern. Surely worth a try. Cost only 22¢. Have you done likewise?

N133
Log 1026

Ronald J. Pritz,
201 Saginaw Ave.,
Bay City, Mich.,
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Rev. Mr David E. Wilbridge,
2425 Irving Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minn.,
55405

N133
Log 1026 [Sept 20, 1987]

My dear Rev Mr Wilhelmi: 20 Sep 87. Sincerest thanks for your most welcomed favour of 29 Aug. 87. It was indeed a pleasant hear again from you.

As a good Christian I went to Church at Zion Luth here this a.m., partook of Lord's Supper & then went to Oak Ridge Cemetery. I knew where "Charlie" Popp was buried so I went straight to the grave site. And I found: POPP, Bertha Jan. 27, 1866 - Sep. 15, 1901. John 5:24 (was funeral text); Hermina 1878-1927; & Charles 1864-1941. - Minnie, the 3rd wife is either not buried there or she has no stone. Both Minnie & Charlie were married 3 times; no issue anywhere. And Hermina's maiden name was "Kerl" She was born in Hannover. - So now you have that. I should say I did my Boy Scout duties but when I was a youth we were strictly forbidden to be a Boy Scout by Luth Church Mo. Synod. That now is changed.

Charles Popp's gravestone

Bertha Tomke (b. Jan. 1866)

Hermina Kerl (b. 1878)

Thank you for telephoning Steve Koehler. Much appreciated. As yet he has not written to me. By the way, did you notice still another new address (for writing concerning records) in the latest Luth? But I think I will join the AGOFF for a year & go that way. I now have waited long enough.

By the way, I think it unfair & an hoax that Angus Baxter writes in his book(s) about census records of Pomern. All, who I know in Germany agree that they never even existed as we have & have had them since 1850. (Even back to 1790 for name of head of house was listed even then). I just wrote to 2 authorities in Germany "if any 1850 U.S. style census was ever made there - in era we seek" of course to them I explained our 1850 Census. It will be most interesting to hear what I learn. I also asked both about military records of Pomern in 1820-40 era ("Do they exist"). I know one gr gr grandfather served & perhaps also another did so. To be sure you will hear what I learn.

Angus Baxter

Census records of Pomerania

Back to Charlie Popp: Bertha's tombstone, black granite is very easily read & the dates still extremely clear.

I learned of Rev. Georg Kuhr whilst attending a lecture at Frankenmuth in Jun 87 concerning "Rev. Wilhelm Löhe, founder of the four Franconian colonies" here. I asked in German after the lecture of the lecturer (Dr Hans Rösler) if he knew of Cresenz in the land of Count Sinzendorff. His reply (in translation) "I do not but to be sure Pfarrer Kuhr

Rev. Georg Kuhr

to be sure Pfarrer Kuhr

does as he the the greatest expert on those matters" This is how I found my Thomas B(P)utz 1610-1660 who come from Gresten, Lower Austria, ruled then by Count Sinzendorf.

I telephoned Anita Schmidt about returning the "Wegweiser" back to her. She said she often comes to town & can pick it up rather than me making an especial trip to her place. Said "Fine with me if agreeable with you". - Sadly it contains nothing of help except old address of AGoFF. By the way, she never ever tried anything through it. It also told that the Sponsor/Sister City of Stolp is Bonn itself but somehow I wouldn't think that that in itself would help us. "Wegweiser" just lists organizations w/ addresses about tracing ancestry - in very very general terms. Nothing that I would call specific is to be found in the "Way-Pointer-Oster" AGoFF

Yes, it again was frustrating that Kristel Koch's (nee Kronke) Parents did not bring back what Kristel & her man Günther gathered for me from near Stolp (Słupsk). So I wrote Kristel, sent her money, & asked her to mail everything to me. No reply yet. If it is of value shall naturally inform you.

You are a clergyman so I write of religion to you. I was raised in a very formal, strict fashion, including a "Changeless Christ for a Changing World" When I was raised, Church was always "perfectly correct" The hymn tunes never ever varied in any way, the clergy alone read or preached every word, no layman ever touched the Communion vessels in public (Day people put them away after services); the clergy was always "Reverend Wiseacre" We never ever called a clergyman by his given name - that was disrespectful of the high office available to man. Nothing ever humorous was told in Church. Before going to Holy Communion you had to go to the Minister on the previous Thursday & "announce". And before partaking of the Sacrament of the Altar you had to go to "Confession - Zniffa = Beichte" - All of this is changed & I miss it all terribly. That is why I like to go to German services in Franken much. There nothing ever changes & it is perfectly the way I "love" it - So much. - Please, did the Baptist Church change this much also? - Somehow I am led to believe that the old Lutheran services were more formal than the Baptist services. Am I here correct? Thank you for your reply.

Changes in the Lutheran practices in which Mr. Putz was raised (see also next page)

The Baptist services. Am I here correct? Thank you reply.

John H. Putz Hdwe. INC.

Salzburg at Wenona Since 1916
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

3)

Charles Popp's third wife (— Rutzen)

The 3rd Mrs Popp lived until say 1952/56. Somehow her maiden name was Rutzen or she married a man by that name - And Popp was not pronorced „Pop" as "7 up" is. I do not know how to put on paper its German pronouncation. Somewhat like PUP but make the "U" extra long like PUUUP - but never Poop. I do not know a single English word that rhymes w/ Popp

After a terribly hot humid & dry summer we again are getting too much rain now. Farmers can not harvest crops. „Der liebe GOTT" = The dear God - but I never ever heard those three words used in English - but always used in German Church services - must be telling us something.

I am almost tempted to write to the President of Mo. Synod & ask him about the "Changless Christ for a Changing World" As a child I went to the Lutheran (parochial) school & we really had the Catechism pounded into us. And I retain almost every thing. We had all men teachers who really loved their Lord & their work - Kindly pardon my digression yet I thought it would help you understand us Germans here.

Mrs. Downing

Charlie Popp lived 1808 S. Chilson. Perhaps Mrs Downing who lives there now would have

somebody on Minnie (I suppose "Wilhelmina") or Charlie. I shall ask her, knows Mrs Downing very well (4)

We have customers of all faiths & of no faith. I never ever argue religion nor politics - We have perhaps more Roman Catholic customers than Lutheran. I respect all Church members & urge them to take their religion to heart - Kindly pardon abrupt tory manner of this letter. Yet this is better than no letter.

May I be permitted a perhaps somewhat personal question: Do members of the Baptist & Methodist Churches still hear sermons preached against consuming alcohol? To be sure, those homilies are never ever heard in Churches of the pope nor in Lutheran Churches. I most fervently hope I have not offended you with this question. If so, may ~~my~~ our Lord Jesus pardon my sin.

Wishing you God's richest blessings on all your endeavours; likewise perfect health in spirit & in body & years & years. I remain, Sincerely, Ronald

P.S. Methodists have "Bishops". Do Baptists? NO - I believe - Many American Lutherans have Bishops - Germany indeed has them but Mo. & Wisc. Synods forbid them. R

The Misses Frances & Caroline Tomke always also attended German services at Zion. I am 100% positive of this

[DEW's phone call notes] [June 30, 1988]

Ronald Putz - Phone call to him 6/30/88

1. He will be going July 19 - Aug. 5 but only in W. Germany.

2. Never heard from Stan Koehler

3. Can't find out about Civil Reg. - books 1876 - Moeslin - (the whole district)
Mormons in Hamburg. He has been in touch with them, but as far as they know - they are lost. Have tried 40 yrs. to find them.

4. Military Records do exist
Freiburg - Research Off.

5. Might go in a year or two with a distant relation to the Holy Sea

6. German Consul Gen. of Calif. He has joined this.

10. Angus Baxter - Canons - a book

9. Schroeders - He keeps looking for information about my Schroeder family.

I gave him the explanation of the abbreviation "bz." (respectively) in the population figures in Meyers Orts.

I also gave him the name and address of
Willi Eoldwan
Graf-Wilhelm-Strasse 13
4950 Minden
West Germany
who is an expert on genealogy in Kreis Stolp.
Ron suggested if I write a letter in English, he will translate it into German, and we can send both.
I'll do this after Ron returns from Germany.

[Nov. 14, 1989]

Nov. 14, 1989

Dear Ronald,

Greetings to you out of the distant past! You must have wondered many times what had become of me. I see that it has been over two years since we exchanged letters, though I did telephone you last summer after my wife and I returned from our month-long trip to Britain.

That trip left us quite exhausted, because we came home with very bad colds that lasted many weeks, and we found that they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here; so we had very little energy all summer. (You probably had the same drought and heat wave.)

Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick (b. 1988)

Toward the end of the summer (last year) our daughter-in-law Virginia in Chicago presented us with a granddaughter, who occupied our attention for the rest of the year. Little Rebecca was 2½ months premature and weighed only 2 lbs., 2 oz., so we were all greatly concerned. However, she developed beautifully and was able to go home in eight weeks weighing four pounds. Now she is nearly fifteen months old and is able to walk by herself. We are all very thankful, of course.

Because I have had so much correspondence with people in Britain and follow-up to attend to on both my wife's and my own English genealogy, I have had to drop all work on my German ancestry temporarily. I'm glad that I can now write to you again, and I hope you will forgive my long silence.

I'm sure you have continued your genealogical efforts over the past year or so, and I'll be glad to hear if you have had any interesting developments. Everything moves so slowly in this field. As I recall, you were planning a trip to Germany last summer.

The recent developments in East Germany, Poland, and elsewhere are very exciting and hopeful. Eventually it may be possible to locate the old records more easily than it has been.

In May of this year we were fortunate to have the annual conference of the National Genealogical Society here in St. Paul.

National Genealogical Society conference

there were dozens — maybe a hundred — one-hour sessions on every imaginable topic. My wife and I attended several each day, and I served about five or six hours as a volunteer door monitor. I got a few new ideas, but the sessions were not as specifically helpful as I had hoped.

One session we attended was a luncheon meeting of the German Genealogical Society of America. The speaker was Michael Palmer, co-founder and research director of the society. Later that day I was able to talk with him briefly, and I showed him those "pages 76 + 77" of the unknown book we have been trying to identify. He said they are probably pages from Verzeichnis der im Berlin (West) vorhandenen ortsfremden Personenstands- und Kirchenbücher (Frankfurt/Main 1955), a directory of vital records in:

Michael Palmer, German Genealogical Society of America

"Pages 76 and 77" mystery

Standesamt I
Rheinstrasse 54
D-1000 Berlin 41
West Germany

As I said, I have been too busy to do any German research, so I have not pursued this any further. Perhaps you would be interested in doing this.

My sister in California sent me the enclosed article. Because she and I both graduated from Saginaw High in the same class (1931) and would be about the same age as Ted, she wondered if I remembered him. I looked up our annual for that year and discovered that indeed he was in our class, though after all these years I couldn't remember how our paths might have crossed in those days. It's a fascinating article, and I have an idea that somehow you might know him or his family. You seem to have an extensive knowledge of the German community of Saginaw Valley yourself. If you can find his address, you might like to correspond with him.

Louise Alice Witheridge Mark (b. 1913)

I always enjoy your writing about your religious experiences and the way things are and have been in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It's good to have the insights of someone who is really on the inside and understands and loves the denomination as you do.

Just a few words about the Baptists. No, we don't have sermons about drinking alcohol any more, nor do the Methodists, as far as I know. When I was growing up as a boy we had a Church Covenant that we all read at the Wednesday prayer meeting before the communion service on the first Sunday of each month, in which we promised to "abstain from the sale and use of alcohol as a beverage." This is no longer done in any Church that I know of, though most older people who grew up as Baptists tend to drink very little alcohol or none at all. My wife and I have always been total abstainers.

Baptist position on drinking

Regarding bishops, Baptists are still strongly opposed to them and are very democratic in church procedures. What might shock you even more, we don't believe at all in creeds, but allow freedom of conscience or "soul liberty" in what an individual christian may believe. In addition, each congregation is autonomous and free from any control by the central organization.

I should also say that Baptists have changed in their worship and church practices over the years just like Lutherans. Of course, we were always more informal and lacking in the type of liturgy used by Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Catholic. Because of the congregational freedom I mentioned, there is great variety around the country and between conservatives and liberals. You may also be dismayed to learn that we belong to the most liberal wing of the American Baptist churches. I know that religious liberals are greatly disliked by the Missouri Synod. But I hope you will continue to be my friend!

American Baptist denomination

Now I must close, and I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience — though I don't deserve a reply very soon!

Yours sincerely,

David (Baptist ministers don't mind being called by their first names!)

[Feb. 25, 1991]

Feb. 25, 1991

Dear Ronald,

It must be a couple of years since we last correspond with each other. I hope you are well and are enjoyin your busy life.

DEW asks for help with translation

I am writing because I am urgently in need of a help from you. As you can see, out of a clear blue sky I received this letter and family information fr Germany. I don't know how Mr. von Bostomski got m name and address, but probably from some list of pe with German ancestry where my name appears.

I think I know approximately what the letter sa but I'm not very good at translating German, even wit a German English dictionary. You're the only one I know who is an expert at that, and I hope you will be w to translate this and return it as soon as possible.

In addition, if you have any thoughts on what th family summary is all about, especially the part referrin to Marie Marianne Nehmitz, I'd appreciate that, too. I don't know whether he wants my own family information in that form, or whether he wants to know if I am rela to that Nehmitz family. What do you think? Is Fam Roots a publication of some sort? How do you thin I should reply?

My wife and I are in reasonably good health. We were very happy about events in Europe and the unification of Germany, but then this Persian Gulf War developed, we are greatly disturbed. Let's hope it ends soon.

Recently our son Tom and his wife Virginia and 2½ old daughter Rebecca came from Chicago to spend a long weekend with us, and we all had a great time.

Best wishes, and thanks for your help.

David Nutbridge

postmark → [Mar. 4, 1991]

My dear Rev Mr. W. Pheridge! 3391 Sincerest thanks for your letter. Enclosed please find translation. So nice to hear again from you. I was back in DE 1990, sadly learned almost nothing about Pomerania - except that everyone who has been there says the Polish/Russian have destroyed 99% of everything pre 1945. But on my paternal ancestors in Württemberg & Bayern I continue to learn ever more.

I trust hope this finds you & yours well. God be thanked & praised, I continue to hold my own. May Almighty God grant unto you & yours His richest spiritual & temporal blessings.

Did you know Miss Frances Tomke died - in 1990? Brain tumor as I understood it. She was not ill a long time.

Frankly I do not know what Herrn von Gostomski is after. But I have always suspicion when someone tries to intend another via means of royal/imperial connexion. And Maria Marianna Niemitz can hardly be an ancestress of yours - female line Jan 1770.

It sounds to me that Forscher Kontakte is some sort of publication but the writer surely does not make clear. Were I you, then would I write & ask just what he is after.

I see that M. M. Nehmitz married Johann Barfknecht. Their children were born from 1802-1813. Note places of birth.

Somehow I smell a rat. But to each his own. I surely would not opt send elaborate material at this time - I would simply ask just what he is after. Let us hope you receive then a positive reply.

Ever modest & ever humble I nevertheless can report I continue to make most excellent progress in research (in former) West Germany. Know more and more serious researchers there; this enables me to do more & more. And I can report I have delivered some lectures here on "German Genealogical Research". Then too I have done quite a bit of professional translation. Find all most stimulating.

Always an optimist, I nevertheless believe very, very little material from Pomerania will surface. All authorities know the records were burned - with glee - by the Polish & Russians. All sources tell me this. So need to have great hopes for something that does not exist.

May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you in every way. I would English service here this a.m. - but soon expect to hear God's Word in the language of my ancestors. And I enjoy the German Hymns especially clearly. Can sing them without the book. Have sung them that often.

May I please ask: Have you learned anything more on your Pomeranian Ancestors? Thank you. - Wishing you the very best always, I remain

Sincerely, Conrad Pitz, 201 Salisbury Dr., Lake City, Mich 48 706 5327

Traveled to Germany in 1988 and 1990

Death of Frances Anna Viola Tomke (b. 1910)

I ask for completion & sending back - also reporting errors. It should appear in the next "Contact for Researchers."

Sehr geehrter Herr Witheridge

Bl. Forscherkontakte,

ich bitte um Ergänzung und Rücksendung auch bei Fehlmeldung. Es soll in den nächsten Forscherkontakten erscheinen.

Kontakte zu anderen NEMITZ vorhanden. Umfangreiches Material aus dem Pommerschen und Westpreußischen (auch Kaiserlichen Adel vorhanden.

Mit freundlichen Grüß

Ihr

von Gostomski

JA von Gostomski
28 Bremen
Kulmer Straße 57
Tel. 613273

Julius Anton v. Gostomski Institut
MÜNCHEN

2 Fleischm.

(There are) at hand contacts with other Nemitz (researchers) - Extensive material from Pommerania & West Prussia (also imperial nobility) is present.

With friendly greeting

Yours von Gostomski

Overview of the Family

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F A M I L I E N U B E R S I C H T

**** Datum : 22.12.90 Dokument : GOSI1917-001 Seite : 00002 ****

Nr.	Familien Nr. / Personen Nr.	Datum / Name (Name)	Ort	Vornamen (Given name)	Datum (Date)	Ort (Place)	Kinder (Children)
Kinder:	ANSO1950-001	ANSORGE		Peter	22.05.1950	1000 Berlin	
13	BA-NI-1866-1 J	um.01.1866	Bischo				N 1/ 1
	BALK1840-001	BALKOW		Christlieb Martin	um 01 1840(?)		
	NITZ1842-001	NITZ		Henriette	um 01 1842		
Kinder:	BALK1868-001	BALKOW		Pauline Alwine	31.10.1868	Elsenau	
14	BA-PA-1962-1 J	um.01.1962	Jozefow	b. Kodrab			N 1/ 1
	BANA1943-001	BANASZKIEWICZ		Marek	um 01 1943	Jozefow	
	FALM1941-001	FALMOWSKI		Boguslava	13.12.1941	Jozefow	
Kinder:	BANA1964-001	BANASZKIEWICZ		Ivona Margarethe	19.07.1964	Dmemin	
15	BA-NE-1800-1 J	um 1800					N 5/ 4
	BARF1775-001	BARFKNECHT		Johann	um 01 1772		
	NEHM1770-001	NEHMITZ NIEMITZ		Maria Marianna	um 01 1770		
Kinder:	BARF1802-001	BARFKNECHT		Johann	01.07.1802	Nowa Huta	
	BARF1804-001	BARFKNECHT		Dorothea Sofia	um 01 1804		
	BARF1810-001	BARFKNECHT		Carl Martin	09.11.1810	Massowitz	
	BARF1813-001	BARFKNECHT		Elisabeth Christina	16.01.1813	Kl.Massowitz	
16	BA-MI-1820-1 J	um 1820					N 6/ 1
	BARF1799-001	BARFKNECHT		Johann	um 01 1799		
	MISC1800-001	MISCHKIN MISCHKE BISCHKIN		Catharina	um 01 1800		
Kinder:	BARF1822-001	BARFKNECHT BARWKNECHT		Ernestine	um 00 1822	Kl.Massowitz	

[Mar. 10, 1991]

March 10, 1991

Dear Ronald,

Thank you for your prompt reply and your translation of the letter from Von von Bartowski. I have prepared a sheet showing my earliest Nemitz ancestors and their children in Pommern to send to him. I'm not sure how or if he will use this, but I figure that if I send him something, he will be more inclined to send me something!

As you see, I'm hoping you will be kind enough to translate my letter to him into German. I tried to keep it short and to the point, because he seems to favor short letters. Maybe you should print or type your translation, so I will spell it all correctly. I'll send him two international postal coupons and hope he sends me the names and addresses I'm asking for. Perhaps something will come of this some day.

I'm glad you are still having good success in your research in Württemberg and Cayen. I continue to hope that something may turn up for me in terms of records that had already been transferred elsewhere before 1945. No, I haven't learned anything about my Pommerschen ancestors in recent years, though I think the unification of Germany and the slightly improved relations with Poland may eventually help.

Yes, I had heard about Frances Donke's death from Anita Schmidt in her note at Christmas time. I was sorry to hear about this, as I thought Frances was a lovely lady, and I am glad I met her the last time I was in Bay City.

Thanks again for your help.

Yours sincerely,

David

Amanda Nemitz

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Editor's Note

The following undated document, a list of relatives made by Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904), is impossible for me to figure out. I'm simply not smart enough.

If Dad were here, he would glance at it and tell me exactly what Amanda meant. But he isn't here, so all I can prudently do is present the list as I found it and hope someone smarter than me — perhaps you — will be able to figure it out. Good luck!

By the way, you might find some useful clues in the one-family records also made by Amanda, which are located in the Nemitz Iowa Branch section, the first section of folder 2.15.

Tom Witheridge
May 19, 2023

[List of relatives made by Amanda Rosa Rosetta Nemitz (b. 1904)] [Undated, probably ca. 1977]

William Roche
Emma Roche
4 children dead infants
Laura an adopted daughter deceased
Edgar deceased
Erwin deceased
Herbert deceased
Lydia
Elmer (Denison Iowa)

Helmuth Knuth
Bertha Rasch Knuth
children
Harold deceased
Barbara (Arvada, Colo.)
Etta (Denver, Colo)
Henry Rix
Rix, Augusta Rasch
Hugo deceased
August deceased
Paul
Caroline Hopp

John Nemitz
Anna Fick
children
Elsie Kohlmeyer
Carl deceased
Ernest deceased
Robert deceased
Herbert
Elmer

(Mrs. Elsie Kohlmeyer
1114 S. Oak Ave.
Sioux Falls, S.D.)

Mrs. Healy Hoppe
6545 - Tordal St. Arvada Colo
80002

[Christmas 1977 and 1979]

Dear Heloise and now dear one —

May the blessings
of Christmas be yours,
and may happiness
fill each day
of the new year.

Sincerely
Amanda Rabe

12/77

1979
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1979

Season's Greetings
and all good wishes
for the Coming Year

God's blessing this holiday season and through the New Year.

Amanda Rabe

[Christmas 1980]

Dear Ones - I think we are all looking forward to a happy family time at this Blessed Season of the year. There are many changes for me as I have moved from my home to a Senior Citizens Apartment. I was having health problems and the Sioux City specialist advised me to get away from all outdoor work such as snow scoffing and the yard work. It was hard to get someone in Riketts. I had my family for Thanksgiving dinner. One can pillman Con- Tented Sheep in one stall. It's not crowded I have a 2 bedroom apt. So if you should get down stop and stay with me. One of my grand daughters was married Nov 29th, a Grandchild too. She teaches music in Nebraska, has bought a home in Papillion. This is Joa Lee's daughter, the gal with the gray hair if you remember. I hope you are both well and enjoying your retirement. Have a very happy holiday! My family will all be together on the 26th for our family Christmas.

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Papillon, NE

1980

To wish you
a merry Christmas
and a happy New Year

Christmas Joys and New Year
Blessings is the wish of
Amanda

[Christmas 1981]

Christmas 1981

Dear David and Elizabeth -

Merry Christmas! And I hope this finds you both in good health. The years tend to go faster each year as we grow older. I can remember way back when it just took forever for the long awaited birthday and Christmas to roll along.

In my own family we had some real worries and heartaches as I know so many others had. My second daughter Lois had major surgery in June and we can be very very thankful everything turned out well. My both daughters in law had surgery but fortunately they were not as serious. A brother in law and a very dear nephew the same age as my son Bill passed away of a heart attack. Other than this we are pretty O.K.

Iva Lee, the eldest and her husband Jerry built a beautiful new home. They moved in the day after their 35th anniversary. She will have our family Christmas. My three daughters rotate having these Christmas gatherings. They have so much more room than I do. I used to have them for many years.

I have adjusted to living in an apartment and I'm never lonely. Some of my family are always stopping by and I have many friends here. I was raised in Charter Oak, lived here till I married. And I don't miss the snow scooping and the yard work at all.

Iva Lee
Sophie
Greene (b. 1925)

This summer was my first time for a visit to Minneapolis in several years. Used to never miss.

I recently had a very nice two weeks through the Thanksgiving holiday. My son & his wife from Minneapolis came and then my son & his wife from Tyler Texas came. It was the first time in 6½ years that my five & their spouses were all together since Walter's funeral.

William Clarence Greene (b. 1936)

Ronald Lee Greene (b. 1938)

My sister from Chicago moved to Denison after her husband died. She had his body brought to Hanover next to our parents. Chicago is no longer a good place for a widow & elderly. She had been there 40 years.

One of my granddaughters was chosen County Junior Miss and is to go on in January to compete for the state title. She is a Senior in high school, an avid basket ball player, the county beef queen etc. But as for winning this is rather a big step but its very good experience.

Are you enjoying retirement? And how is the book coming? Are you still working on the family tree?

When my son was here at Thanksgiving you had quite a snowstorm I heard. Where he lived there were 8" and more further south. We had 4-5" and my Texas daughter was so thrilled, she had never seen snow like that, even wanted to make a snowman.

I hope you have a very happy family get together at Christmas and I pray God will grant you both good health in the year ahead.

In His Name Amanda Rebe

[Christmas 1982]

Dear David and Elizabeth –

With Christmas not far away and 83 just around the corner, it is time to remember all our dear ones.

It has been a busy year. I was privileged to go to Texas in June for a grandson's wedding. In July our Greene family had a reunion at my son's lake home on Lake Oahe. One of my granddaughters was chosen Iowa Junior Miss of the past year and she had some truly exciting experiences including a 2 weeks trip to Mobile Alabama where the pageant was televised in June. Surely some wonderful memories for her and quite a sum of money and many other gifts.

Le Roy Nemitz' brother died this year and his dad has been very sick also.

I know you will be having a happy family gathering as we plants. My daughter Phyllis will have our family Christmas on the 26th.

I hope you are both really well and may God grant a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous year ahead.

Does the book coming? 1982

Le Roy Nemitz

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The season's greetings and every good wish

for a happy New Year

From my heart to yours

Love Amanda

[Christmas 1983]

Christmas 1983

Dear David and Elizabeth -

Time to think of all those dear to us again some of which we only get in touch with at Christmas time.

I know you too must be having this wintry weather. I especially dont appreciate it now because we have a wedding in our family Sat. Dec. 10th. This is one of Lois and Hels sons, Joel. The wedding is at 4:00 and dinner following. Friday evening I have been asked to the rehearsal dinner but it is so snowy and icy out and the weeks forecast does not sound promising.

Ora Lee's and Jerry's eldest son Rick 36, had major surgery for a tumor on the brain in August. They said it was benign but they couldnt get it all because it was so close to the brain. So they did a followup of 30 Radiology treatments for 30 days. Nov. 17th he went back to Omaha for a check up and his doctor was real pleased. He will stiel be on medication until February. We are so very thankful. And we keep praying.

And a dear grand daughter Janine, Phyllis and Orlens eldest, she is a beautician had a break down and was in the Sioux City Hospital 10 weeks. We are thankful she too is home and doing well.

My son and his wife there in Minneapolis celebrated their 25th anniversary in June. at their lake home on Lake Osakis. We, most of us went and had a wonderful time.

My youngest son and wife and son & his wife and baby were here from Texas in August It was great having them.

Lois will be having our family Christmas the three girls rotate having it. Their homes are so roomy.

My back and knees both are not improving but I am grateful to get around.

I hope you are both real well and know you too will be looking forward to being with some of your dear ones at this joyous Christmas season.

How's the book coming?

Love Amanda

[Christmas 1983]

1983

May the joy of the Christmas season
be with you all through the year

Amanda Rake

[Christmas 1984]

Dear David and Elizabeth — 1984

I hope it was a very good year for you. Evidently you too are thoroughly forgiveful to having you come and family with you. We will be having our family Christmas at Lee's the 23rd. Mom will not be here but they were here too in October.

My children and grandkids had a truly great 80th birthday for me in October and all the family together. Took them all out for a buffet dinner the evening before then on Sunday morning we all went to church together. In the afternoon they had open house at Lee's seen 100 friends and family. Here be thy precious memories.

I hope Elizabeth's sickness has lessened.

My back and hip and knees are bad but feet fair O.K. cause I'm off my feet.

We are having some snow after a really beautiful past week. I hope we don't get too much.

The crop prospects exceptional this year. Grange hopes you might be coming to Concord this year.

Le Roy father has passed on since you were here last.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your dear ones and I hope you are both real, real well.

Have you ever finished the complete family tree to date? If you have I would like a copy if you have had some made and it will be good to pay whatever it is.

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Amanda's
80th birthday
celebration

May all the magic of this beautiful season

be yours.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you

throughout the New Year.

Love Amanda

[Christmas 1985]

1985

Dear David and Elizabeth -

I hope you are both well and I'm sure you are looking forward to the joys and blessings of Christmas.

Phyllis will be having our family Christmas but our hearts have a deep ache this year. My son Bill, the one you there passed away last Dec. 28th of a heart attack. He was 48 years, left his wife and 2 children Cheri 23 and Jim 26. Jim has had to take over the management of the business. It is hard to think of Christmas without him.

Death of her son, William Clarence Greene (b. 1936)

The rest of our family are well excepting myself. I have been having some bad health problems.

Our weather is very cold and we have quite a bit of snow. The crops however were exceptional considering the lack of moisture.

Over Labor Day week-end my three daughters and their guys and myself drove to El Dorado Kansas where we met my other son and his wife from Tyler, Texas and spent the time with them. Had a very nice weekend.

The Carolers were here Sunday evening (Men's Club) and their wives from our church. We always love all the Christmas Carols.

Keep well if possible and enjoy your holiday with your family.

May the
Joy and Peace of Christmas
be
Always with You

May the blessings and joys of Christmas be yours and your families.

Love Amanda

[Dec, 18, 1985]

(over)

December 18, 1985

Dear Amanda,

Greetings again at Christmas time! We hope you are in reasonably good health, as we are. We're sure you had a very busy year, and we look forward to your card and note.

Our son Tom and his wife Virginia will be home from Chicago for Christmas. Our other son Jim still lives in Minneapolis, so we'll all be together.

David Ash Witheridge (b. 1986)

Our best news is that, if all goes well, Tom and Virginia will present us with a grandchild in April. Virginia called the other day and said the new test they give — amniocentesis — showed that the baby is doing very well and that it is a boy!

I don't remember if I told you last year of my efforts to find some Nemitz relative in Germany. Through an organization that has an index of million of names and addresses of persons forced out of the part of Germany now in Poland, I got the name of a woman born in Stolp whose maiden name was Nemitz. I wrote to her and finally got an answer, and I have written to her again. So far we haven't tied up our families, but I have hopes for the future.

Ilse Babiel

We keep busy in our church as always. In addition, Elizabeth gives talks in the schools about writing books, and I spend a great deal of time on genealogy. Unfortunately, I don't have anything written up yet on the Nemitz family. Love,

David + Elizabeth

Death of William Clarence Greene (b. 1936)

P.S. I had just finished writing this and sealing the envelope when your card came with the sad news about Bill. We know it has been a very difficult time for you and for his wife and children. We are sorry that we did not make a special effort to meet Bill, but maybe we can meet Jo Ann and Jim and Cheri some time – perhaps when you are up for a visit.

Also sorry to hear about your health problems and hope they do not persist.

D. + E.

[Christmas 1986]

1986

[Amanda died Feb. 16, 1987]

The past year has been a hard one. I have been in and out of the hospital since May.

My problems do not improve very much, but I am still in my own home. And I hope to be able to stay there.

I have a lot of fluid which involves the liver not working right.

Pastor Holstein was here today and gave me communion. Last evening the carolers from my church were here and I enjoyed that very much.

My prayer is that your Christmas will be happy and that God will bless you with good health and happiness in the New Year.

Amanda Rabe

James H. Reid

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[Plans for visit to Saginaw, MI] [July 1, 1975]

From the Desk of

REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn.
July 1, 1975

James H. Reid

Call Sun. a.m.

Mr. James H. Reid
2120 Simson Street
Saginaw, Mich. 48602

Dear Mr. Reid:

I am a first cousin of Anna Stewart, a daughter of your half-mother, Johnie. So I guess she would be your half-niece! My mother, Edith Henry Witheridge, was a sister of Anna's mother, Mary Henry Reid.

Until recently I knew practically nothing about Mary's descendants, but some I had from Anna Stewart and appreciated learning information about their ancestors relative of mine.

I have an additional interest in the Reid family, since my mother was living with your uncle Perry Reid's widow, Mrs. Perry Williams, when my mother married my father.

My wife Elizabeth and I are on a trip east, and on the way back, about July 16-18, we'll be in Saginaw, staying with a friend Mrs. Grace E. Perry.

Anna Reid (b. 1897)

John Stephen Reid (b. 1876)

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)

Sarah A. Reid (of Bay City, MI)

Grace E. Perry

4730 Colonial Drive Apt 1. Now some of these days I'd like to write you and your wife and talk to you about the Bird family.

When I get to beginning, I'll try to call you and see if we can get together. I do hope we can.

Yours sincerely,

Lowell E Hutchings

P.S. If you are not going to be home at that time, I'd appreciate a note from you, in care of Mrs Green, giving us his address you know.

James H. Reid 1975

2120 Division

Saginaw

Hammerberg to Detroit

(jog in subdivision)

dead end right or left.

Turn left on Detroit

1st st inside city limit

Superior - 6th st.

Division 2nd st.

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[Newspaper source unknown, DEW apparently received this obituary from James H. Reid, perhaps in 1975.]

April 7, 1947
Died April 5, 1947

John Stephen Reid (b. 1876)

John S. Reid, Old Resident, Passes

Tavernkeeper Lived Here for 72 Years

John S. Reid, 72-year-old Bay Cityan, died Saturday night at the Bay City convalescent home after a year's illness.

Co-owner of the Wonder Bar, he had participated in the Klondike gold rush in 1899 and homesteaded in Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1901. Son of the late James L. Reid, co-owner of the Reid Ice and Truck Co., he was married in Bay City in 1895. He was born here Jan. 24, 1875.

Surviving are: three sons, James W., of Pontiac, and Roland J. and Trall E., both of Bay City; a daughter, Mrs. Jack Stewart, of British Columbia; and a half-brother, James H. Reid, of Bay City.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hyatt chapel, with the Rev. Henry Kreulen officiating. Burial will be in Pine Ridge cemetery.

Births

To Mr. an
Morris, 1015
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Robert Alle.

To Mr.
Luczak, 30
street, at Ge
ter, Joyce

To Mr. a
2317 Nort
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Trall E. Reid

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[Trip plan] [July 1, 1975]

From the Desk of

REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn.
July 1, 1975
10:00 a.m. Thurs.

Trall E. Reid (of Bay City, MI) → Mr. Trall E. Reid
210 Banfield Ave.
Bay City, Mich. 48706

Dear Mr. Reid:

Perhaps you are aware that I am a first cousin of yours. My mother was Edith Nemitz Witheridge, a sister of your mother. It was not until I corresponded with your sister, Anna Stanek, that I knew you were one of Mary Reid's sons and that you were living in Bay City.

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883) → Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875) → Anna Reid (b. 1897)

I was born in Bay City August 15, 1914, but moved to Saginaw with my parents at an early age. I graduated from Saginaw High in 1931 and attended Bay City Junior College for two years, riding back and forth every day in a car pool.

Then I graduated from the University of Michigan in engineering and worked with my father in Saginaw for years before deciding to be a minister and going to the seminary in Rochester, N.Y. Now I am Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

A few years ago I realized how little I knew about my ancestors and relations, and so I began to piece the information together. Finally, last summer I made contact with Aunt Mary's and Aunt Bertha's descendants through Anna Stevens and Thomas Kuth.

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

My wife Elizabeth and I are on a trip east, and on the way back, about July 16-18, we'll be in Saginaw, staying with a friend, Miss Grace Perry, 4730 Colonial Drive, Apt 1, Saginaw 48603.

Grace E. Perry

On one of these days, probably Friday, July 18, I expect to go to Bay City to study some records in the Court House and the Library. I would be very happy if I could meet you and your wife on that day.

When I get to Saginaw, I'll try to call you and see if we can get together. I do hope we can.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witbrodt

P.S. If you are not going to be home on July 18, I'd appreciate a note from you in care of Miss Perry at the address given above.

[Dec. 1975]

Dec. 1975

Dear Trall and Edith,

I'm sorry we did not send this picture to you sooner. We think it is very good, and we hope you like it, too.

I certainly enjoyed getting acquainted with you last summer and hope we can get together again some time. I wonder if my brother John in Saginaw ever stopped in to see you. He is quite an expert stamp collector, so I know you would enjoy meeting each other.

Yours sincerely,
David

[Trall's business card]

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[Christmas 1975-76]

1975

Wishing you
all the special joys
of the
Christmas Season

Season's Greetings
Trace and Edith Reid.

1976 → 19

To wish you
MANY BLESSINGS
at
Christmastime
AND THROUGHOUT
THE COMING YEAR

Trace and Edith Reid.

1979 [Christmas 1979 and 1983]

1983

WISHING YOU A
JOYOUS
Christmas
AND A
HAPPY AND PEACEFUL
New Year

Grace & Edith Reid.

May Christmas with its gladness
Close a happy year for you
And God's love bless and keep you
Day by day the new year through!

Grace and Edith.

Joyce Rienecke

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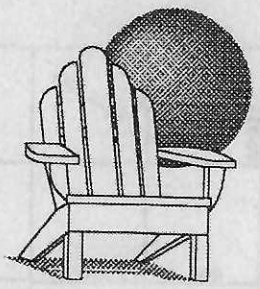
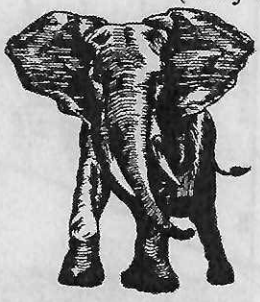
postmark [July 15, 1998]



THE 1998
TOMKE FAMILY REUNION
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1998
AT
MONITOR PARK
(Directions and Map Attached)

Please Bring:

- A smiling face
- Your own table service
- A dish or two to pass
- Lawn chairs
- Your own beverages - other than coffee and lemonade, which will be provided (Only dinner meal this year)



We will have a White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring an item which is usable and gift wrapped pretty. Regular $2.00 donation per family.

Should be lots of fun!

There will be games for the children.

NOTE: No swimming facilities are available, but there are horseshoe pits, a volley ball net, a baseball diamond (bring whatever equipment you have for baseball), etc.

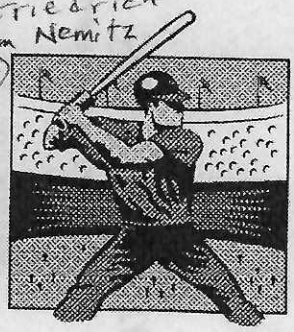
DIRECTIONS TO MONITOR PARK:

From South (I75) take M84 exit - turn left to the light. Go right (3 Mile) follow to Monitor Twp. Park just past RR tracks.

From North (I75) take Wilder Rd. exit to 3 Mile to Monitor Twp. Park.

From West take M10 to Macknaw Rd. exit to Midland Rd. to 3 Mile to Monitor Twp. Park.

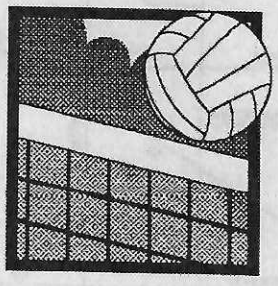
[Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)



Fredrick is also always welcome

Charlotte, LeAnne, Carole, Joyce {See third page of next document.

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL!

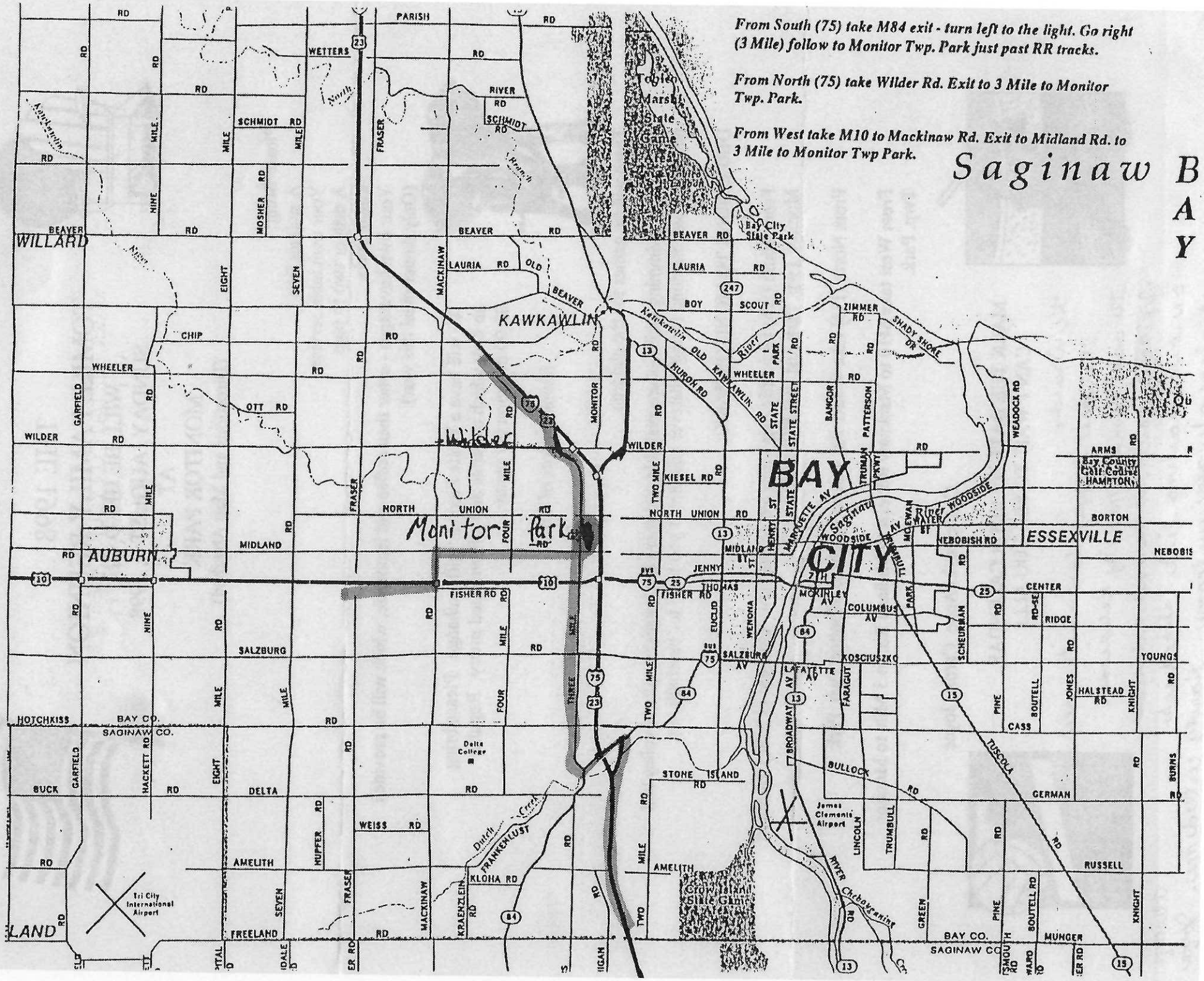


Hi David,
We are happy to invite you to our Tomke Family Reunion. I placed your name and address on our mailing list. Fredrick is also always welcome. Harvey called me. Always, Joyce

From South (75) take M84 exit - turn left to the light. Go right (3 Mile) follow to Monitor Twp. Park just past RR tracks.

From North (75) take Wilder Rd. Exit to 3 Mile to Monitor Twp. Park.

From West take M10 to Mackinaw Rd. Exit to Midland Rd. to 3 Mile to Monitor Twp Park.



[DEW's notes for a phone call] [Between July 15 and 31, 1998]

Call to Joyce Rinecke (William)
36446 Waltham Dr. 810-939-3450
Sterling Hts, MI 48310

Is this a convenient time to talk?

Thanks for invitation to Donke Reunion.
Can't come, but want to talk to you about it.

Joyce's mother and sister

Years ago had correspondence with and met your mother, but don't think I met you or your sister Carole Stephan

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b.1934)

I suppose you have heard about our cousin, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist in Germany, who has visited here in America both last year and this year. Almost a miracle that we found each other, because our families had been out of touch with each other for 125 years.

It's too long a story to go into now. I'll have to write you about it.

Last summer he came to Milwaukee with a tour group from Germany to an annual event called the Pommerntag, a gathering of people who descend from Pomerania. I went to Milwaukee to meet him and had a great time along with a few others of his American relatives, including Mike Deonge, whom you ~~may~~ possibly know.

Michael Richard George (b.1950)

This year Friedrich returned with his wife and with a cousin and his wife. Before going to Milwaukee, they spent a week in Minneapolis, and we were able to get 28 of their relatives together to meet them.

Friedrich and his wife are hoping to come back again — possibly next year, but more likely the following year. Next time they'd like to come to the Bay City area, because there would be so many relatives near there, and because

Henriette Bonke (b. 1800)

The grave of his great-great grandmother, Henriette Remitz, is there at the Zion Luth. Ch. in Beaver Twsp.

My thought was that it would be wonderful if they could be in the Bay City area on the weekend of the Bonke Family Reunion, the 2nd Sun. in August.

That would add an extra special feature to the reunion — to be able to meet some cousins from Germany. What would you think of that?

The only problem is that there would have to be someone or some couples who would meet them at the airport and guide them around during the weekend — act as their hosts. Do you think we could find someone in the Bay City area who would be willing and able to do this?

They would probably arrive Friday afternoon and leave Monday morning. They would want to see something of Bay City and possibly Saginaw on Saturday, and on Sunday morning they would want to attend church. They are very active in their Lutheran church in Germany.

The reunion (this year) may or may not be a good time to try to get someone to do this. It may require telephone calls to various people before or after the reunion.

I wouldn't want to advise them to go to Bay City unless we can find someone who would feel comfortable about serving as their hosts. They wouldn't have to provide overnight lodging, because they could stay in a motel or hotel, as they did in Minneapolis.

How would you suggest we try to find someone?

Carole Stephan (Joyce's sister)

By the way, I had your name spelled Reinecke, but I see it's Rienecke. Also, how do you pronounce Carol's last name? Stephan

Clara A. Tomke (b. 1893)
Charlotte Ittner
Fred Ittner
LeAnne Tomke
Martin Emil Herman Tomke (b. 1901)

Charlotte Bach, dau. of Clara & Fred Ittner
LeAnne Eteen, dau. of Martin + Laura Tomke

Who are the Charlotte and LeAnne who signed the invitation to the reunion with you?

If Friedrich and his relatives do come to the reunion, I assume some of my Witteridge relatives in Michigan would also be welcome, along with some of the other Schroeder descendants (from Wilhelmina Maintz and Carl Schroeder). Are you in touch with anyone in that family?

EPW's death

Also - my wife died about three years ago - Alzheimer's

She will call me the week after the reunion.

See enlargement on next page →

Clara A. Tomke (b. 1893)
Charlotte Ittner
Fred Ittner
LeAnne Tomke
Martin Emil Herman Tomke (b. 1901)

Charlotte Bach, her 1st husband son
Clara Stamper, of Marion Iowa

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See previous page

EPW's death

Our family had lost touch with Magnolia.

He will call you the week after the reunion.

[July 31, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
July 31, 1998

Dear Joyce,

I enjoyed talking to you, and I decided to send you a few things in writing before the reunion. As you see, I'm sending some sheets that show how the various branches of the Nemitz family fit together.

The first shows the children of Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz, all born in Germany. Henriette is the one whose grave is at Zion Lutheran Church in Beaver Township. She had come to be with her two daughters in Bay County.

Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833) and Johann Friedrich Tomke (b. 1829)

The first child is your ancestor, Johanna Nemitz, who married Johann Tomke. Their children, as I have them, are listed on the second sheet.

The second child of Heinrich and Henriette is Wilhelm, my grandfather. My mother was Edith Nemitz, his daughter.

Dr Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Ferdinand, the next child, was the only one who remained in Germany. He was the great-grandfather of Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, the dentist who visited in America last year and this year. Friedrich is thus your third cousin.

Heinrich Ludwig Nemitz (b. 1810) and Henriette Bonke (b. 1800) (and their children)

Next is a son who my grandfather thought stayed in Germany. However, Ferdinand told his descendants that this brother also went to America. We think he came after all the others had come, but he didn't know where they were. They didn't know he had come, so they never had any contact with him. He is our "lost brother."

The next child, Ernst, went to a farm in Iowa, where he had a great many descendants, many of whom still live there. Fortunately, a number of his descendants, both in Iowa and Minnesota, were able to meet Friedrich and his relatives when they were in Minneapolis earlier this summer.

The last child, Wilhelmina Nemitz, married Carl Schroeder in Germany. They came to Bay City and helped establish the German Reformed Church in Salzburg. The list of their children is on the third sheet. Some of the people at the reunion may recognize some of these names.

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887) (and her sons)

I have known some of this family, particularly Wilhelmina Laderach and her two sons: Robert Laderach, who still lives in Bay City and worked many years for Dow Chemical; and Dr. David Laderach of Grosse Pointe, who was a doctor many years for Ford Motor Company.

Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

Ida Nemitz (b. 1879)

I also knew Mathilda Schroeder, who taught German at Bay City High School and Junior College. Just before World War I she went to Germany and met her Uncle Ferdinand. When she returned home, she told her family that Ferdinand was a mail carrier and that he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse. These simple facts are what proved that Dr. Friedrich Nemitz is our cousin. When I told him this story, he confirmed that his great-grandfather was indeed a mail carrier and that he had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse!

The next time Friedrich comes to America, possibly next year, but more likely the following year, he'd like to go to the Bay City area to see some of his many relatives in Michigan and to visit the

grave of his great-great-grandmother Henriette. I think the best time for him to go to Bay City would be on the weekend of the Tomke Reunion.

Somehow we'd have to find someone, or some couple, who could act as a host or hosts to meet Friedrich and his wife Renate and perhaps a couple of others at the Bay City-Saginaw airport and shepherd them around during the weekend. They speak and understand simple English, especially with the help of their German-English dictionary. They would not need to have lodging in private homes, but they could stay in a hotel or motel, as they did in Minneapolis. But someone would have to provide transportation, as they wouldn't want to drive a rented car in America.

They would probably arrive Friday afternoon and leave Monday morning. I know they would want to attend Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday morning, as they are very active in their Lutheran church in Germany. On Saturday they'd probably like to visit various places in Bay City, Saginaw, and Beaver Township.

So that's pretty much the picture, and I look forward to hearing from you after the reunion. I hope all goes well, and I hope you have gorgeous weather. Say "Hello" for me to anyone I may know there.

Yours sincerely,

David Witheridge

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[Aug. 11, 1998]

Call from Joyce Riesacke - 8/11/98

Reunion highlights

There were 39 people present at the Tomke Reunion, but only 3 younger families.

The Tomke family (descendants of John) will be in charge next year. They are the largest family group now. This includes Anita Schmidt, Shirley Kerstacker, and John Tomke (gr), who is an engineer at Dow Chemical in the international office.

Anita Tomke Schmidt

John Albert Theodore Tomke, Jr.

Next year will be the 40th Reunion. If one of the older relatives dies near then, they would probably consider the funeral as the reunion. They're not sure yet if the year 2,000 reunion will be held, or who would be in charge.

One of the girls, who is a senior in Alma College, is working on a degree in business administration and in German. She was in Germany this summer.

Joyce asked the group if anyone there spoke or understood German, but nobody did.

She asked the Tomkes to send me an announcement of next year's reunion.

I asked her for John Tomke's address, but she couldn't give it to me.

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Martha Riggle
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[ca. Nov. 9, 1996]

[DEW's notes from a phone call]

Martha J. Riggle, 231 So. Morningside St., Wichita, Kan. KS
~~1-(316)-555-7272~~ (316) 686-7759 67216-1812

Writes for German publication for people whose ancestry goes back to Pommern

Last Sun. of June in Milwaukee Pommerntag every year. Dr. Nemitz (a dentist) plans to come from Germany. There will also be a group going from New Ulm.

Pommerntag, Milwaukee, WI

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

Dr. Nemitz also sent Martha a copy of the letter he wrote to me and is very excited about the possibility of our being related

[Nov. 9, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55408
Nov. 9, 1996

Dear Martha,

It was so good to talk to you on the phone and to hear how you had brought Friedrich Nemitz and me together.

Here are the letter and other materials I am proposing to send to Friedrich. As you see, I am now almost certain we are closely related. It all depends on whether or not his great-grandfather was a mail carrier.

I hope you will change this letter if necessary to make it better for him to understand or easier to translate into German.

Is there any chance that you would translate this letter for me? It would save a lot of time if I didn't have to find someone here to do it. I will gladly pay whatever your regular hourly rate is.

Thank you for all you have done.

Sincerely,

David W. Etheridge
(612) 377-4810

[Dec. 13, 1996]

Dear David,

Enclosed is the requested translation. Instead of paying a fee you could make a small donation to our Verein. The address is:

Pommerscher Verein Freistadt
Post Office Box 204
Germantown, Wisconsin 53022

I am also enclosing a copy of the *Rundschreiben*, our newsletter. I hope you hear from your German cousin soon.

Sincerely,

Martha

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
Dec. 13, 1996

Dear Martha,

Thank you for translating my letter again. I did send $10.00 to the Pommerscher Verein Freistadt and also joined the society, but this time I want you to have this $10.00. Don't think of it as a fee, but a little appreciation gift – or a Christmas gift!

When you answer, would you tell me again just where you got my name and ancestry and where you published it so he could see it? I am still very grateful.

Sincerely,

David

[Dec. 10, 1996]

Martha J. Riggle
231 South Morningside
Wichita, Kansas 67218-1813

16 December 1996

Reverend David Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Dear David,

Enclosed is my translation for your letter to Doctor Nemitz. As for the ten Dollars, that was not necessary, but thank you anyway. And Merry Christmas to you, too.

How Martha connected DEW with Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

In answer to your question, I contribute articles to a German language weekly newspapaper, the *Pommersche Zeitung*. Doctor Nemitz read one of my articles and wrote to ask if I knew of anyone who might be related to him. I found your name in an old listing in Myron Gruenwald's *Pommersche Leute* and gave him your address. The rest is history.

I suppose you know by now that your German relative and his wife plan to come to this country with a tour group in 1997. They will land in Los Angeles, go to San Diego and then cross Arizona and New Mexico. Then they will go on to Milwaukee by way of Dallas, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Saint Louis.

Pommerntag, Milwaukee, WI

I don't know yet just when they will arrive in Wisconsin and am not certain which hotel they will stay in, but will let you know when I find out. Would you like for me to make a reservation for you? We will be in Wisconsin for Pommerntag, but are not certain where we we will be staying, either.

Sincerely,

Martha

P.S. Your translation of Dr. Nemitz's letter was very good.
M.

[Jan. 27, 1997]

Jan. 27, 1997

Dear Martha,

I thought you would like copies of Friedrich's last letter to me and my reply to him. The copies without Tuan not very well at the place where I made them.

Although he asked me to write in English, I thought it was worth to add my feeble attempt at Tamagotching in write German. The Minneapolis I began an 8 wk. course in German put on by the Minneapolis Public Schools Community Education Department.

I'll be glad to hear from you when you get this letter. I'm now looking forward to finding Tuan around when he comes to Minneapolis.

Please let me know how much your phone calls cost to Germany and to Minneapolis when you get the bill.

Sincerely,

David

DEW will be starting an 8-week German language course put on by the Minneapolis Public Schools community education department

Wichita, Kansas
4 February 1997

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter and the copies. I think you two will communicate just fine.

Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Nemitz with particulars about his trip. They have decided to come with the group. They will fly into Los Angeles and arrive by bus at the Holiday Inn Express on Thursday the 26th of June. They will depart on the day after Pommerntag, the 30th of June. He expressed the hope to meet you and many more of the Nemitz clan there. We will also stay at the same hotel. How would you come to Milwaukee and when? Perhaps your son could drive with you. Did you get in touch with any of your relatives?

Included you will find the directions you mentioned, as well as some useful information.

Riggles hope to meet Dr. Nemitz in Germany (summer 1997)

We hope to meet with Dr. Nemitz when we are on our German tour from 12 May until 3 June.

He also encourages you to write in English.

There has been no telephone bill yet, but congratulations on taking German class.

Sincerely,

Martha

[Feb. 22, 1997]

Martha J. Riggle
231 South Morningside
Wichita, Kansas 67218-1813

22 February 1997

Dear David,

Enclosed is a copy of our telephone bill that you requested. I have marked the call to Dr. Nemitz and the directory assistance call I had to make to get his number. The call that I lined out was charged to us in error. ATT&T has promised to allow us credit for that on our next bill.

My husband and I are both poll workers and will be busy for a primary election on Tuesday the 25th. We will be away from home for a few days after that to go to Albuquerque to see our son.

I hope you received the map alright and can make sense of it. If you can't, please let me know.

I know you are busy with preparations for your trip to England, so I will make this short. Have a good trip!

Sincerely,

Martha

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[Mar. 4, 1997]

March 4, 1997

Dear Martha,

Thank you for your letter and the telephone bill. Enclosed is my check for $23.33. I have added in the two calls to Minneapolis.

Just to keep you up-to-date I'm again sending you Dr. Nemitz's last letter to me and my answer to him. As you see, he is now coming alone, instead of with his wife and cousin.

I'll have to admit that I didn't go back and read your letter again after I got his letter. I guess I figured everything had changed, and his last letter was the last word. But he didn't say when he would arrive in Milwaukee, so I thought he was still talking about a ten-day stay, especially since he wanted to see me "in Milwaukee or in Minneapolis."

Now that I read your letter again, it looks as though the tour will get to Milwaukee on Thursday, June 26th. But if that is so, I don't see how he thought he could see me in Minneapolis.

At any rate, I'm glad I wrotermy letter the way I did, so he will have to be more specific about when the bus will get to Milwaukee and what is planned for their stay there.

Plans for attending Pommerntag in Milwaukee

I still will go to Milwaukee on Friday, June 27th, and some other relatives will come there to meet him. It will mean, however, that my family here won't be able to meet him.

It just occurs to me that, rather than staying with the tour until it gets to Milwaukee, he could leave it a day or two early and fly here to Minneapolis and stay a day or two with me, which would enable him to meet my family before we go to Milwaukee on Friday. I don't know where the tour would be a day or two before it gets to Milwaukee, but it might be Omaha or Kansas City or St. Louis. I'll have to wait now until I get his next letter.

My first German course is almost over, but I'll be starting an eight-week advanced course in April.

Yours sincerely,

(316) 686-7759 [Mar. 10, 1997]

Wichita, Kansas
10 March 1997

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter and the copy of the letter from Germany. We haven't heard from Dr. Nemitz lately and were not aware that he plans to come alone. And some of his confusion is caused by something I have noticed before, even with West Germans: They simply cannot comprehend how huge our country is.

But we can shed some light on his schedule. His tour group will land in Los Angeles and travel cross-country, ending up in Milwaukee on the Thursday before Pommerntag. I will enclose a copy of their schedule for you so you can see for yourself. I doubt if you will be able to persuade him to come to Minneapolis with you after his arrival in Milwaukee and before Pommerntag, but you can try. There is simply not enough time. Some of the visitors from the group may plan to remain in the area after Pommerntag, but I suspect he will feel a need to return right away.

We will arrive at the hotel by Thursday noon, because we will want to be there when the bus arrives. That will be between one and two o'clock in the afternoon.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freistadt, WI

One suggestion I might make would be that one of your relatives might take you and him to to Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt on Sunday morning. It is the original Pomeranian church in Wisconsin, established by the Old Lutherans in 1839. The present church building dates to the late 1800s. From Freistadt it is only a few miles to the festival grounds.

We will be in Germany for three weeks beginning on 12 May and hope to be able to meet with Dr. Nemitz at that time. Maybe we will know more after that.

Thank you for the check. Sincerely,

Martha

[Mar. 24, 1997; Apr. 26, 1997]

3/24/97

Dear Martha,

I want to keep you up to date, so I'm sending you copies of Dr. Mannitz's last letter to me and my reply to him.

I hope he decides to come to Minneapolis. I know he would have a good time.

I'm too busy now to write any more!

Sincerely,
David

4/26/97

Dear Martha,

I'm hastily trying to get ready to go to England, but I wanted to send you our latest correspondence.

My suggestion for him to come to Minneapolis didn't work out, but will have a good visit in Milwaukee.

I hope you and your husband get to see him on your trip.

I look forward to meeting you in Milwaukee.

Sincerely,
David

[DFW's notes for a phone call] [Jan. 27, 1999]

See editor's note at Pomeranian Interest Group, Minnesota Genealogical Society

Martha Riggle (316) 686-7759

Telephone call, 1/27/99

Pomeranian Group of Germanic Geneal. Soc. met last night, and that made me want to call you.

I wondered What is the name of the publication you write for in Germany? I looked back in one of your early letters and found that it is

~~Are you acquainted with~~ die Pommersche Zeitung.

Jane Pejsa

What a coincidence! In Soc. Neighbor of mine, Jane Pejsa, sent me a copy of a clipping from that town. Dr. Friedrich Nemitz had sent them an article and a picture of our Nemitz gathering here last summer, and they published it. Jane is a friend of the publisher, who sent Jane the clipping, because it talked about Minneapolis. Friedrich had sent me the article in both German and English, but I didn't realize he was sending it to a paper. It's a small world!

Die Pommersche Zeitung

Then Jane told me about the book she wrote: Matriarch of Conspiracy: Ruth von Kleist, 1867-1945. Did you ever hear of it? It tells the story of the land-owning nobility of Pomerania and how some of them resisted the Nazis. Ruth von Kleist was a friend of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a theologian who was part of the plot to kill Hitler and was captured and executed. He was engaged to Ruth's daughter.

Rev. Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I bought a copy of the book from Jane, and greatly enjoyed it. I think you would like it. It has been also published in German, and I bought two German copies and sent one to Friedrich and one to his cousin Dietrich. But I haven't had time to hear anything back from them about it.

At our Pomeranian Group meeting I told them the amazing story of how Friedrich and I found each other through your help. Several of them wished they could get in touch with you to see if there were any way in which you could help them search for relatives in Germany. Can you think of any way you might be able to help? Would you mind if they wrote to you?

Die Pommersche Zeitung

They were also interested in having our group subscribe to die Pommersche Zeitung for our library, which is located at the Concordia College library in St. Paul, ~~(Maybe they could also subscribe to the publication you write for.)~~

Speaking of newspapers, were there newspapers published in Germany about 1850, as there were in this country? Would there have been a paper in a city the size of Stolp – probably a few thousand people? If so, would there be copies of them in the major German universities, and would they be microfilming them now, as they are doing in this country?

Fire in Dammen about 1840

Fire in Dammen about 1840.

I'm so excited about all this, that I just had to call you and talk about it.

How have you both been?

[Feb. 4, 1999]

Subj: **Re: pommern-l**
Date: 2/4/99 9:12:39 AM Central Standard Time
From: lesrig@feist.com (Leslie A. Riggle) ← Les was Martha's husband
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear David,

Thank you for your e-mail.

>After a week of trying, I have finally connected to pommern-l. We were using Pommern-L
>the wrong address. I sent an e-mail to majordomo@genealogy.net and used the
>message subscribe DWitheridg@aol.com. Within a short time I had a message
>back saying I was a subscriber and including eight pages of instructions in
>both English and German. So I expect to be getting messages from other
>subscribers soon. Thank you for telling me about this group.

I'm sorry my instructions were not entirely correct. But I never claimed to be a computer expert.
>
>Now another question. Do you have any back copies of die Pommersche Zeitung?

Yes, I think Martha has an extra copy or two. She answered an e-mail from
→ Delphine Thomas, telling her how to subscribe, including the cost. But one thing she may not have made clear is that this is a weekly newspaper, not a daily.

>I'd like to show it to our Pomeranian Group as they try to decide whether or
>not to subscribe to it for our library. A number of our group can read
>German, and we could pay for it either out of our library fund or by personal
>donations. If I could borrow an old issue for a while, then I could send it
>back after we make up our mind. Please let me know.

Martha will send a back issue to you directly by snail-mail. It will not be necessary to return it because she has one or two extras. But please, if anyone does subscribe, mention Martha's name. She has secured other subscriptions and that is why they give her the extra copies.

→ And one thing more. Is Dr. Nemitz on line?

Until we hear from you again,

Les & Martha

[Feb. 2-10, 1999]

lesrig@feist.com

Pommern-L

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David

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lesrig@feist.com

Dr. Friedrich Nemitz

So I won't forget it, I'm answering your question as to whether Dr. Nemitz is on line. No, I don't think he is. At least he wasn't last year when we were corresponding about the reunion here. But he does get e-mail through his son, the one who is a dentist and works with him in his office. I used this address successfully last year several times: christoph.nemitz@t-online.de

Thanks for the copy of die Pommersche Zeitung. I'll look forward to receiving it.

David

Subj: **Die Pommersche Zeitung**
Date: 2/10/99 2:50:08 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com

Die Pommersche Zeitung

Thank you for the back copies of Die Pommersche Zeitung. After I go over them carefully, I'll pass them on to our Library Committee, of which Del Thomas is the chairman, so they can decide if our Pommern group would get enough benefit from it for the cost involved.

David

[Feb. 12 - Apr. 15, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Cousin Brad Babcock**
Date: 2/12/99 12:58:40 PM Central Standard Time
From: mjkpom@juno.com
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Martha and Les like to help:

Dear David,

Just a short note to thank you for keeping me informed about your progress with the Nemitz family. We are so glad that you have discovered a new cousin on Pommern-L. Les and I have helped to put several families together, but often we never hear from them again.

Also forwarded to Fred Burke

And something else. I would like to have a list of Pomeranian names and places your group is researching, if it isn't too much trouble. Perhaps I can help.

Once again, thanks for the information copy.

Martha

Subj: **Re: Cousin Brad Babcock**
Date: 2/13/99 11:09:26 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com
CC: fburke@juno.com

Dear Martha,

Thanks for your note. Our Pomeranian group is just getting reestablished after not meeting for a few years. We are working on a list of names and places people are interested in, but we don't meet again until April. I'll try to send you a list after that.

David

Subj: **Pomeranian Group**
Date: 4/15/99 3:28:26 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com

Pomeranian Interest Group, Minnesota Genealogical Society

Dear Martha,

We had our Pomeranian Group meeting this week, but the program was a slide presentation by a college professor who had taken a trip to Poland to visit his ancestral Pomeranian village. The result was we didn't get around to discussing Die Pommersche Zeitung. We also have still not finished the list of names and places our members are interested in. Just thought I ought to report.

David

[May 7-30, 1999]

Subj: **Martha**
Date: 5/7/99 12:00:18 PM Central Daylight Time
From: mjkpom@juno.com
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear David,

I think I should tell you that Martha is not well. She took a turn for the worse about 7 weeks ago and then last week she collapsed. I immediately rushed her to the hospital, where it was determined that her level of digoxin was at an unacceptable level. Our family doctor had been prescribing it for a heart condition, but it seems had neglected to check (even though he was collecting blood samples weekly for another reason). He insisted all along that it was a matter of nerves.

She is out of the hospital now, but still not her old self. We had to cancel our trip to Germany, but she insists that we will go to Pommerntag even if she has to go in a wheelchair. We will see.

She will be in contact with you again when she is able,

Leslie

Subj: **Re: Martha**
Date: 5/8/99 5:16:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com

Dear Les,

Very sorry to hear about Martha's illness. I appreciate your telling me. I hope she continues to improve enough to go to the Pommerntag, as I know how much she enjoys that every year. Please give her my love and best wishes for the coming weeks.

David

Subj: **Martha**
Date: 5/29/99 9:24:32 PM Central Daylight Time
From: lslrgl@juno.com (Leslie A. Riggle)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear David,

I thought you would like to know that Martha suffered a congestive heart failure and went into surgery on Wednesday the 19th of May. She was released from the hospital 8 days later and the new artificial heart valve seems to be working alright. It is guaranteed for 20 years and that would make her older than her mother, who died at 96.

She is at home now and my daughter, who is a nurse, and I are giving her lots of TLC. She is in good spirits and is gaining strength, but she still has a ways to go. We hope to be in Wisconsin for Pommerntag, but cannot be sure.

Hope everything is well with you.

Les

Subj: **Re: Martha**
Date: 5/30/99 7:28:44 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: lslrgl@juno.com

Dear Les,

Dreadfully sorry to hear about Martha's heart failure and surgery, but relieved that she is home and doing well. It's good that you have a daughter who is a nurse and can help you with loving care. With four weeks to go before Pommerntag, maybe she will be well enough to go. Give her my love and best wishes.

will be well enough to go.

David

[July 7 – Aug. 1, 1999]

Subj: **Your Health**
Date: 7/31/99 7:30:03 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com

Hi, Martha,

I think of you often and wonder how you are progressing. Did you and Les get to the Pommerntag? If so, how did you get along? I hope the recent hot spell hasn't been too hard on you. I managed by staying in most of the time with a couple of window air conditioners.

David

Subj: **My Health**
Date: 8/1/99 11:39:34 AM Central Daylight Time
From: mjkpom@juno.com
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear David,

It was good to hear from you. You wrote:

>I think of you often and wonder how you are progressing. Did you and
>Les get
>to the Pommerntag? If so, how did you get along?

Yes, we made it alright. We stayed in the Holiday Inn Express again and I had to use a wheelchair, but I would say the trip was a great success. And last month we went back again to Germanfest. I still used the wheelchair, but not as much. Since we returned I have not been in the wheelchair anymore. I hope that part of my recovery is behind me.

Good outcome!

My heart valve replacement was on the 19th of May and I am still recovering. My doctor is pleased with my progress, though, and so am I. I eat well and am gaining strength daily. I have much to be thankful for.

Yes, it has been hot here, too. But you expect that in Kansas and so we stay where there is air conditioning as much as possible.

But I have a question for you. Did you ever get the list of Pomeranian family names from the members of your group.

And another question. What to you hear from Friedrich Nemitz?

Martha

[Aug. 3-6, 1999]

Subj: **your e-mail**
Date: 8/3/99 5:19:17 PM Central Daylight Time
From: mjkpom@juno.com
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hello David,

Thank you for sending your last e-mail again. I would fire Les as my secretary, but good help is so hard to find.

You asked me how the two trips to Wisconsin went. Both went very well. At Pommerntag we met Heinz Radde. Are you familiar with his web page on his home village of Groß Tuchen in Kreis Bütow? And, of course, there was the usual contingent of Pomeranians from Germany. I was pretty much confined to my wheel chair, but still would not have missed the experience. Have you seen the report on Pommerntag the Ron Schultz is putting on Pommern-L?

And then we went back for Germanfest and by this time I had gained more strength, getting out of my wheel chair most of the time. Since then, I haven't been in it again. I still get tired but both Les and I can see almost daily progress.

Thank you for the e-mail address for Friedrich Nemitz. Les will drop him a line. We plan to go on the Freistadt Verein's tour to Pomerania in September 2000, but no firm commitment has been made yet. Don't know if we would be able to seeFriedrich, though. We will spend two nights on the Island of Rügen and then it will go on to Hinterpommern. There will be stops in Stralsund and Greifswald, but don't think we will be at either place very long.

I am glad that you will publish the story of how you two met. Would it be possible to get a copy of the article when it is finished? And, yes, feel free to use my name, address, telephone number or e-mail address.

Martha

Subj: **Re: your e-mail**
Date: 8/6/99 4:54:58 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: mjkpom@juno.com

Hi, Martha,

Glad to get your report on your trips to Milwaukee. Hope your health continues to improve. I gave up Pommern-L for now, because the number of messages was overwhelming. I hope you do go to Pomerania next year, and I'm sure Friedrich will try hard to see you, since he is retired now.

I've sent my article in now to the editor, but it may not be published until the winter issue, because technically the deadline for the fall issue is July 1, but sometimes they are short on material. I'll certainly send you a copy of the article.

David

[Aug. 12, 1999]

Subj: **Friedrich Nemitz**
Date: 8/12/99 9:40:28 AM Central Daylight Time
From: mjkpom@juno.com
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hello David,

We just received an e-mail from Dr. Nemitz. He told about his experience with prostate cancer, since I had told him that Les had a similar experience.

Dr. Nemitz's health

And he asked us to explain to you about the health system in Germany. They are light years ahead of us, but then, they always were. Ever since Bismarck.

After his hospitalization he was released to a clinic to recuperate. In his case he was sent to a place near Lübeck. Let me translate what he said:

Health care in Germany

"With health care it is obviously different in Germany as compared to the USA. With us there are numerous health clinics. As a rule they lie in placesof natural beauty. When a patient is operated on in a hospital, he is immediately released and comes into such a clinic. Here it is like a hotel. A patient has a nice single room, is will taken care of and his medical treatment continues. If he likes his spouse can visit and she also receives her meals there. Only the spouse must pay for her upkeep. For the patient, everything is covered. As a rule, a stay in a clinic last 3-4 weeks. I was in a clinic near Lübeck, directly on the Baltic Sea. My wife came to visit me two weekends and remained there overnight. A cancer patient can visit such a clinic for three years in a row. (I believe that Germany is a paradise in this way.) And still, so many people are ungrateful that it is embarassing."

But he said of his treatment in the hospital: "My operation was on Monday the 28th of June. A routine check up indicated that the prostate was swollen. Further examination confirmed that I had a malignant tumor. Then it was my wish that it be removed as quickly as possible. And that is what happened.

Many people comforted me and said (like you, dear Mr. Riggle), that It is no longer a death sentence. I believe it. But, remarkably, so far no doctor has told me that. Perhaps medicine is more advanced in America. Here they say: "We can extend your life by removing the cancerous growth, but no one can say whether the cancer will return.. The cancer cells may lodge in the lympfnodes in other parts of the body."

Beyond that, he says that he is doing well. His son has taken over the dental practice. He is now retired and Renate helps out now and then.

I hope this finds you in good health. My own strength is improving daily, but I am still not ready for any long hikes.

All the best from both of us,

Martha & Leslie

[Oct. 21, 1999] [Nov. 12, 1999]

10/21/99

Dear Martha,

Here is the list of names and places being searched by members of our Duncan group. It isn't very complete yet but I thought you might like to look it over. One woman is trying to get additional information from the group and if I get a better list, I'll send it to you.

I hope your health is continuing to improve and that Joe is doing well. My health is O.K., and I hope it remains good through the coming winter.

Sincerely,
David

11/12/99

Dear Martha,

They did get my article in the fall issue, so here is a copy for you. I think it is a remarkable story, and I seem more to be grateful for your part in it.

Since our Harmonic Band always meets the second Tuesday of every month, you could send inquiries for help from quite a distance. I don't know if anyone will contact you, but I hope so for sure.

I hope you and Joe are getting along well. I'm doing fine.

Sincerely,
David

DEW's article published

(see pp. 13-16 in folder 2.3)

[Feb. 6, 2001]

Subj: **Help!**
Date: 2/6/01 8:27:04 PM Central Standard Time
From: lesrig@feist.com (Leslie A. Riggle)
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hello David,

I haven't heard from you for awhile and due to a computer crash had lost your e-mail address. Fred Burke gave it to me again. If I ask too much of you, blame him.

Frederick (Fred) Peter Burke (b. 1925)

Martha and I are doing well and plan to be at Pommerntag again this year. In May it will be two years since her heart valve replacement and she is making progress. But not enough to suit her.

But to the favor. I have been corresponding with someone who is a Pomeranian, but now lives in Schwerin in what was once East Germany. He is trying to trace the descendants of an aunt who came to the United States. One of them is Richard Hensel, who married on the 25th of May 1948 in Minneapolis-St. Paul. He only knows the wife's name, Mary. But they have a daughter, Kathryn Josefine. She is known as Kathy Jo. I understand they live (or lived) in a suburb of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Do you suppose you could check the telephone book to see if there is a Hensel that knows anything about this? I am sorry to burden you with this, but you are my best hope.

Sincerely,

Les Riggle

[Feb. 8, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Help!**
Date: 2/8/01 8:37:40 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: lesrig@feist.com

Hi, Les,

I can't believe it, but I already have your problem solved. The amazing thing is that I only had to make one telephone call. There are a great many Hensels in the Minneapolis and St. Paul telephone books, and three of them are Richards.

So I just chose one of them and called him tonight. After explaining what I was trying to find out, I asked him if the name Kathy Jo meant anything to him, and he said, "Yes, that's our family." So I asked if he was the Richard who got married here in 1948, and he said, "Yes." Isn't that amazing?

He would be glad to have you write to him. His address is:

Richard Hensel
3925 Lovell Rd.
Circle Pines, MN 55014

I asked if he has an e-mail address, but he doesn't. His phone number is
(763) 784-3760.

I'm sure your friend in Germany will be delighted to have made contact with a long-lost relative in America.

Tell Martha I have just recently found in the Lupow churchbook at the Mormon library the baptismal entry of my great-grandfather, Heinrich Nemitz, in 1810, which gives me the names of my great-great-grandparents, Michael Nemitz and Maria Louisa Reppen. I was thrilled to find that, and Friedrich was also delighted.

I'm glad you are both well enough to go to Pommerntag again.

Sincerely, David

[Feb. 9, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Help!**
Date: 2/9/01 9:57:35 AM Central Standard Time
From: lesrig@feist.com (Leslie A. Riggle)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Good Morning David,

At 09:37 PM 2/8/01 EST, you wrote:

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>thing is that I only had to make one telephone call. There are a great many
>Hensels in the Minneapolis and St. Paul telephone books, and three of them
>are Richards.
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>was trying to find out, I asked him if the name Kathy Jo meant anything to
>him, and he said, "Yes, that's our family." So I asked if he was the
Richard
>who got married here in 1948, and he said, "Yes." Isn't that amazing?

Indeed it is! Wolfgang and I owe you a debt of gratitude. I will write to Richard today and he should have my letter by Monday. Once again, thank you!

But we have been thinking about Friedrich Nemitz. Does he intend to come to the US again or do you have a trip to Vorpommern in mind? Martha says that he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer and was depressed. We told him that I was diagnosed with the same condition and had radical surgery in December 1998. As far as I can tell, my operation was a success and I am cancer-free. I still have a problem with incontinence, though. My surgeon said that the problem could be repaired with surgery, but I would rather wear a pad the rest of my life rather than to spend another day in the hospital.

But enough about me. How have you been doing? I am glad you are still making progress with your research.

Please keep in touch,

Leslie & Martha

[Feb. 12, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Help!**
Date: 2/12/01 8:32:35 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: lesrig@feist.com

Nemitz reunion in Seattle, 2000

Hi, Les and Martha,

Just a short answer to your last e-mail. Yes, I hear from Friedrich frequently. He seems to be getting along all right. His operation for prostate cancer was successful, and he has had follow-up treatment. I don't know if that is continuing, but he does see his doctor on a regular schedule. Renate is worried about her eyes. She thinks it may be glaucoma.

They came over to Seattle last summer for a wonderful Nemitz reunion. There were about 70 there, including five from Germany and people from many parts of the United States and Canada. I wasn't able to go, because I don't travel anymore and I missed it greatly.

The Nemitz family in Iowa is talking about having a reunion there in 2002, and I know Friedrich is hoping to come, if his health is OK. My health is generally good, but I do everything more slowly now. I gave up travel, because that is always more stressful, and I'm not as resilient as I used to be.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope you get a good response from Richard Hensel.

Sincerely,

David

Sharon Rose

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[Undated]

	BORN	DIED
Hannah Tomke Shaw		
Carrie Ruth Shaw (Gillooly)	07/23/1897	06/11/1988
Lloyd Lester Gillooly	07/03/1895	03/03/1977
Bette Ann Gillooly (Halloran)	07/29/1921	06/12/1981
John Andrew Halloran	12/20/1914	08/29/1970
Patricia Jean Halloran (Creta)	10/25/1945	
Michael Creta	02/09/1946	
Michael John Creta	02/01/1971	
Dorian Creta	12/31/1973	
James Creta	08/15/1981	
Shari Lee Halloran (Rose)	05/19/1947	
Larry Dale Rose	05/09/1945	
Christopher Dale Rose	06/12/1970	
Chad Andrew Rose	03/09/1973	
Bonnie May Halloran (Call)	10/15/1948	
Kenneth Paul Radde	03/15/1949	
Brenda Lane Radde	12/05/1969	
Brett Owen Radde	05/30/1973	
John Lloyd Halloran	07/07/1954	
Maureen Brandes (Halloran)	08/26/1958	
John James Halloran	09/03/1988	
Cory Brandes Halloran	12/20/1990	
Ryan Michael Halloran	02/19/1993	
Patrick Thomas Halloran	01/31/1996	
Kathleen Marie Halloran (Grover)	04/23/1958	
Jeffrey Barker Grover	12/09/1957	
Kelly Grover	05/31/1988	
Chelsy Grover	02/06/1992	

Editor's note:
The source for this list is unknown to me, although it may have been Shari Lee Halloran (aka Sharon Rose). See the one-family records in Carrie Gillooly's section in the latter half of folder 2.9. Also see my editor's note at the beginning of that folder.

TFW
May 23, 2023

[Feb. 18, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 18, 1998

[Plans for Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998]

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rose
6021 Wynnwood Rd.
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Sharon Rose (b. 1947) and Larry Dale Rose (b. 1945)

Dear Shari and Larry,

I fully intended to contact you last summer when I got back from my trip to Milwaukee to meet Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (a dentist), our cousin from Germany. However, I had a very difficult summer and fall and could never get around to it.

We had a very good time in Milwaukee, and I know Friedrich enjoyed it all. There were five of his relatives who were able to get there to meet him. Besides me, there were two all the way from Montana, one from Milwaukee, and one from Wilmette, Illinois. I know you would have enjoyed meeting Friedrich and the others, and I'm sorry you weren't able to work it out.

Now I'm writing to tell you that Friedrich is making a return trip to America this June, and this time he is actually coming to Minneapolis. So I hope you will both begin to make plans now, so that you will be here to meet him when he comes. This time his wife, Renate, will be coming, as well as his cousin, Hans-Joachim Nemitz, and his wife , Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes.

They will arrive in Minneapolis on Friday, June 19, and stay until Thursday, June 25, when they will go to Milwaukee for the annual Pommerntag. I'm trying to get a large group of their American relatives to come and meet them (and each other!) sometime during their stay. It looks as though we could have a very good gathering. I find that there are about thirty Nemitz descendants and spouses right here in the Twin Cities and nearby Minnesota. Can you believe it? I also hope to get a few each from the Seattle area, from Montana, and from Iowa.

In Minnesota, besides all the members of your family, there are several who come from the Iowa Nemitz family. They are descendants of Ernst Nemitz, who was a brother of my grandfather Wilhelm and of your ancestor, Johanna Tomke. There are Tim and "Deda" Greene and Tim's sister, Cheri Schwalbe and her husband Tim. I've talked to them on the phone, but I haven't met them yet. Then in Sauk Centre there are Marjorie and Robert Lackmann, who also have a son and a married daughter right here in Minneapolis.

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My family consists of two sons, Tom and Jim, both of whom live in Minneapolis. My wife Elizabeth had Alzheimer's and died 2½ years ago. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter, Rebecca. He and his wife Virginia have separated, and he lives with me now. Rebecca is with us about half the time. My other son, Jim, is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg, in an apartment about a mile from me, so I see them frequently.

Johann Nemitz (b. 1875) and Anna Fick (b. 1881)

Out in Seattle there are a number of descendants of Ernst's son John and Anna Fick. In particular there are LeAnn Bench and Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, a dentist, whom Friedrich is hoping very much to meet. Jeffrey wants to come to Minneapolis in June and is trying to work it out.

Dr. Jeffrey John Nemitz

LeAnn Bench (b. ca. 1928)

In Montana are some who descend from both my grandfather, Wilhelm, and from your ancestor, Johanna Tomke. (My mother's sister Bertha married her cousin, Herman Tomke.) They are Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, both of whom went all the way to Milwaukee last summer to meet Friedrich. I know they'd like to come to Minneapolis to see him again and meet his wife and the others.

I don't know who might come from Iowa , but I hope a few will be able to. I've written to a cousin there in hopes that she and her husband might be able to come and also find others from there who would like to meet their German and American relatives.

Friedrich and his family will be staying in the Regency Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. It is the least expensive of the downtown hotels, but it is approved by the AAA, and it has all the features we need, such as a dining room and adequate free parking for guests.

Of course, everyone won't necessarily be there at the same time, but most people will be able to come at least part of the time on the weekend, from Friday evening to Monday morning. We'll be able to eat all the meals together in the dining room, and Friedrich will have a large suite with plenty of room for extra chairs, so we can be together to visit and get acquainted. If you can't make it on the weekend, perhaps you could come on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday for dinner and the evening.

As the retired head of a non-profit organization, DEW knew how to make "The Ask"!

Since you are the only one in your family I know, though I might have met one or two others years ago, I really need your help to contact all your relatives in this vicinity. Is that too much to ask? If I had all their addresses, I'd be glad to write to them, but they may not know anything about me, anyway. For Friedrich's sake, I'd like to have a good turnout of relatives from this area, especially because they're so close to where he and his family will be. It will be a great chance

(Sharon and Larry did attend the reunion; see DEW's Dec. 2 letter below.)

for all of us finally to meet each other and to meet Nemitz relatives from several other places.

Please do your best to save this time yourselves and to tell others in your family about this gathering. I'd like you to call or drop me a note and tell me if you think you and some others can be with us, so I can report to Friedrich the next time I write to him.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

David Witheridge
377-4810

[DEW's notes from a phone call] [Apr. 28, 1998]

Call to Shari Rose - 4/28/98
~~546-2066~~ 935-9160

Husbands birthday that weekend
Going to Fergus Falls for his family's reunion

Brother in St. Louis Pk.
Two sisters in Twin Cities (one in Minnetonka)

Shari thinks they might be able to come either
Thursday evening or Tuesday or Wed. eve.

She will talk again to the others. They didn't
seem too interested.

She will call later

[Dec. 2, 1998]

12/2/98

Dear Shari + Larry,

I'm finally getting around to sending these pictures from our reunion. I've been intending to do this for a long time, as you can imagine, but I always seemed to be too busy.

Thank you for making a special effort to come and meet our relatives from Germany, as well as the others you did not know. I think we all had a great time.

I hope everything is going well with you. I'm doing fine.

Sincerely,

David

Anita Tomke Schmidt

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N56 Log 908 [Sept. 1, 1986]

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Log 908

Anita Tomke Schmidt

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
September 1, 1986

Mrs. Anita R. Schmidt
1837 ~~1907~~ West Beaver Rd., Rt. 1
Auburn, Mich. 48611

Dear Mrs. Schmidt,

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

Maybe you have heard that I have been in communication with your aunt, Esther Plamp, about our family background and ancestry. I am your father's second cousin and therefore your second cousin once removed. My mother's maiden name was Edith Nemitz, and her father, William Nemitz, was a brother of your great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz, who married John Tomke. I was born in Bay City in 1914, but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three, and our family eventually lost contact with yours.

How DEW learned about Anita

Ronald John Putz (b. 1933)

Some years ago I became interested in genealogy. I've been trying to trace my Nemitz ancestry back into Germany; but that has been very difficult, because the part of Germany they came from is now in Poland. Through a publication I receive for people with ancestry in Pomerania, I got the name and address of Ronald J. Putz, who lives in Bay City and whose grandfather came from the area near Stolp. When I wrote to him, giving him the family names of Nemitz, Tomke, Schroeder, and Laderach, he put me in touch with Robert Laderach and your aunt, Frances Tomke. Frances referred my letter to her sister Esther.

Charles August Tomke (b. 1862)

Herman Martin Tomke (b. 1866) and Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

Among other interesting items, Esther mentioned that you have been working on the Tomke family tree. She said you have written to Germany for information on your grandfather, Charles Tomke, who I assume was born there. According to information I have, Herman Tomke, a younger brother of Charles, was born in Stolp on Nov. 26, 1866. Herman, as you probably know, married his cousin Bertha Nemitz, my mother's oldest sister.

Now I am hoping you will be willing to send me what you discovered through your correspondence with persons in Germany. Were you able to contact any official registration offices or churches? Was your correspondence with some distant relative? I'm very anxious to know what information you have and how you got it.

If you have constructed a family tree, I'd be very happy to pay you the cost of making a photocopy of it and of any accompanying information. Please let me hear from you.

Gladys Schmidt

By the way, it's quite a coincidence that I have a second cousin on my father's side by the name of Schmidt, who also lives in Auburn. Her name is Gladys Schmidt (Mrs. J. Elner), and she lives at 115 Macomber Ave., Rt. 3. At least, she lived there several years ago. Her father, George Chivers, was a first cousin of my father, William Witheridge. Perhaps you know Gladys.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

N60
Log 925 [Sept. 12, 1986]

9-12-86
Auburn Mi 48611

N60
Log 925

Dear Pastor Witheridge:
Received your letter last week and was glad to hear from you, Aunt Esther and Aunt Fran had told me to expect to hear from you. yes I am interested in our ancestry and have some information am trying to gain more. I do have a book from Germany
its by - Ver Lag - DEGENER & Co INH.
GEERHARD GESSNER -
D 8530 - NEUSTADT - (AISCH)
POSTFACH - 1340 -
I got it through the German Information Center
410 Park Ave NY - NY - 10022

The only thing its written in germon and my germon isnt that good any more. Will get the information I have to you. But it doesnt go back any further then Johanna Nemitz my

great grandmother. However
I have some info on
my grandfather Brothers
and sisters. as as soon
as I can I will get
it written up for you
my grandpa Sonte came here
at the age of 14. He bought
the homestead in 1883 - we
are the 4th generation that
are living here. as he
also had his parents living
with him. There was also
a Henrietta Nemitz but I
do not yet know the
connection She died in
1888 and is buried on
our church cemetary as
well as my parents, grandparents
great grandparents and brothers
Do hope this helps a little
and would love to talk
with you. If you come this
way be sure and stop
here - to see the homestead

Herman Tomke is also
buried here in Beaver Twp.
The Kohns and Spenglers are
also interred here. Albert
Tomke, Bertha Tomke Papp and
Johanna Tomke Shaw are
interred in other places.
However I do have some
info on their descendents.
Sorry I don't have it
all together, but will
work on it, and get it
to you when I get more
organized. We have had
a record rainfall 13 or more
inches in the last 2 days - a
lot of the Crops are drowned
and millions in damages
around here. You may
have seen it on National
TV last evening.
Hoping to hear from you
again

Anita Schmidt
(TOMKE)

N61 Log 926 [Jan. 3, 1987]

January 3, 1987 | N61 Log 926

Dear Anita,

I should have acknowledged your very welcome letter when it arrived in September, but somehow I thought you would be writing again soon with additional information. I realize now that what you had to do was very time consuming, so I'll be patient.

In the meantime I have just finished recording all the changes and additions that Esther sent me some time ago. As I looked her material over, I thought of a few things I'd like to have you do.

Esther Ottelia Loretta Tomke (b. 1907)

DEW's "assignments" for Anita

The most important is in regard to Henrietta Nemitz. Esther is of the opinion that she was Johanna Nemitz Tomke's mother. However, when Esther took the information off the well-worn gravestone, it appeared that the birth date was Feb. 23, 1869, and the death date Nov. 22, 1888. As Esther said, "these dates just do not make sense." Her husband's name is given as Heinrich Nemitz, but since his grave is not there, he must have died earlier in Germany. Therefore, it seems likely that Henrietta would have been older than 19 at the time of her death. I wonder if the birth date was actually 1809. Would you check and see if that could possibly be the case?

Secondly, since Henrietta was buried in the Zion Lutheran cemetery, I'm hoping the church register will include her burial entry. If so, it might contain her age and names of relatives. Esther said you know the church historian who is collecting material for a history of the church. No doubt either he (or she) or the pastor would be willing to check the register to see if Henrietta's burial is recorded there. If, by any chance, they need someone to read or translate the old script, I know Ronald Putz would be willing to help. There is also the possibility that the church minutes or other documents might refer to Henrietta Nemitz, as well as other members of the Nemitz and Tomke families.

Other burial entries that should be copied are those of Johanna Nemitz Tomke (d. Aug. 30, 1894), Johann Friedrich Tomke (d. May 30, 1897), and Augusta Tomke, infant (d. Sept., 1890)

also the baptismal entry for Augusta Tomke (b. April, 1890). Two marriage records I'd like to have are for Albert Tomke, about 1884, and for Charles Tomke and Anna Spangler, mar. about 1888. In each case these entries in the church register should be copied completely as recorded.

Who was the Bertha Tomke who married Charles Popp? Esther mentioned her but didn't state her relationship to the family. She said Frances knows where they are buried. If you can't give me the data on Bertha and her family, Esther and Frances can get it for me.

Bertha Tomke (b. Jan. 1866)

I hope you will also give me the information on the Albert Tomke and Augusta Tomke Kohn families, as I have nothing on them at present.

I have noticed that many references to Zion Lutheran Church and the locality where the Tomkes lived speak of Beavertown. Is there actually a community by this name, and should it be used in this way, or should it just be called Beaver Township? Also, what about the use of Auburn as a location? Is Beaver Township adjacent to Auburn? I don't have a very good map of that area, so I can't tell exactly where you live in relation to the church.

Please tell me about your correspondence with Germany. I'd like to know what you were trying to find out and what luck you had. Also, you forgot to tell me whether or not you are acquainted with my second cousin, Gladys Schmidt.

This book that you have from Germany — you didn't say what it's about or how you happened to send for it. I'd love to see it some time. I don't read German easily, but I can usually translate slowly with the aid of a couple of German-English dictionaries I have.

Now I must close. Thank you very much for your letter. I am delighted to know that someone in the Tomke family is working on family history, and I look forward to much interesting correspondence in the future.

Sincerely,

David

[Mar. 9, 1987]

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Dear David:
Im sorry its taken me so long to answer your letter and get this infomation to you. But have been unable to get all the info collected till recently.
As far as I know she was Johanna maiden. The 1909 date does sound right, The stone is badly deteriated. And my eyesight is poor.
I did look in the church regester there is very little infomation there. She is listed in the communicant roster of 1887 and that she died in 1888. No mention of husband or family.
Johann Tonke my great grandfather was the 1st sexton of Zion church and Cemetary.
When and if I get more info on this I will let you know.
Am sending all the info I have at present.
Am sending a map of Pomerania where the Tonkes came from it is now a part of Poland.
You mentioned Beaverton there is a Beaverton Mi, But that isnt Beaver twp - Bay County

"She" refers to Henriette Bonke (b. 1800)

← DEW corrected the year to 1809

Zion Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Beaver Twp., Bay Co., MI

Johann Friedrich Tonke (b. 1829)

Beaver twp is located about 15 mi SW of Bay City or 4 miles NE of Midland Mi - Between Williams Twp on the S and Garfield twp on the N. Kawkawlin twp on the east and Larkin twp Midland County on the West. Auburn is our Post Office City My husband Herb & I live on the homestead, a centennial Farm - that my Grandfather bought in 1883. Part of the origeinal house is part of our home. It has been remodeled and made handy. My grandmathers original garden is a little bird refuge here on the farm. So I am the 5th generation living in this house -

I do know Elmer Schmidt but not personally. We are no relatives. My husband has only his children as relatives he was an only child, so was his father.

I guess I've said enough for now. if you know of any additional info, send it to me - Till Then -

Anita

Anita's husband, Herb

They lived on the old Charles August Tomke (b. 1862) "homestead," a centennial Farm bought in 1883.

J. Elmer Schmidt, husband of Gladys C. Schmidt

Editor's Note

The next 17 (or so) pages contain document N88, Anita Tomke Schmidt's complete genealogical records as of March 9, 1987, the date on which she mailed them to Dad.

Despite some apparent errors in her data, Dad found the document to be enormously helpful, as his previous knowledge of the Tomke family had been fairly limited.

While I have decided not to index the most recent generations of this large family, you may rest assured that I have reproduced Anita's entire document here.

Tom Witheridge
May 24, 2023

[Mar. 9, 1987]

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continued

Johann Friederich Tomke 10-21-1825 - 3-24-89
Johanna Nemitz Tomke 5-9-1829 - 8-10-94

Editor's note: Some of these dates may be erroneous. TFW, May 24, 2023

The Children of Johann + Johanna Nemitz Tomke

3. Carl
4. Hermon
1. Albert
2. Augusta - Kahn
5. Bertha - Papp 2nd wife of Charles Papp.
6. Johanna - Shaw at least 2 children Shirley Ellaine

granddaughters

The Children of Carl + Anna Spengler Tomke

Augusta
Caroline
Clara - Ittner
Alice - Schroeder
John - Flora Reiss
Martin - Laura Hopp
Edgar -
Esther - Plamp
Frances -

Family settled in Michigan

The Children of Herman Tomke

Florence - Emil
Edward
Ruby - Laderach ← Hass

Family settled in Canada

The Children of Albert Tomke

Arthur - Rosa Barolewski
William - Lillian Clements
Charles - Lena Zessin
Elizabeth - Watson
Minnie

Most of family settled in Detroit area

Could be more

Charles August Tomke

12-14-62 — 4-19-52

Father Johann

Mother Johanna Nemdy

Born in Grauzen Germany.

Baptized 12-16-62 in Stalp Germany by Pastor Meinkof -

Confirmed 9-24-76 in Duemen Germany by Pastor H. Harn, came to United States at age 14 in 1976 with sister Augusta - Settled in Koshville Mi - in 1883 bought farm in Beaver twp - Farm has been in Tomke family continually since then.

Married Anna Barbara Spengler on May 12-89 at Zion Lutheran Church on May 12-1889 by Pastor F Mueller They had 9 children

Anna Barbara Spengler

10-18-67 — 8-18-55

Father George Johann

Mother Margaret Gaty

Born and Baptized in Frankenlust (Kochville Twp.) 11-27-67 by Pastor Sievers

Confirmed 4-10-81 in Montan by Pastor Seivers (Sievers)

Memorial Verse John 8-V-12

Married Carl August Tomke 5-12-89 in Beaver twp - at Zion Luth Church by Pastor F. Mueller - 9-children

		B	D	m
③				
CARL - August	Tomke	12-14-62	4-19-52	5-12-89
ANNA Barbara	Spengler	10-18-66 ?	8-16-55	5-12-89
?				
④				
Augusta Bertha Louisa			Died as infant	
CAROLINA		10-7-91	10-13-78	
CLARA Kundi Gunda		12-11-93	9-15-55	6-21-14
Alice Albert Wilhelmmina		4-4-95	8-3-66	1-1-19
John Theodore Emil Herman		11-16-98	9-16-82	5-14-22
MARTIN		1-13-01	6-19-79	8-13-33
Edgar Ottilia Lorette		1-1-03	6-12-16	
ESTHER Viola		5-5-07		10-11-36
FRANCES		10-4-10		NOT MARRIED
MARRIAGES				
CLARA Tomke	Fred Illner *	6-15-91	2-1-66	6-21-14
Alice Tomke	Paul Schroeder *	5-16-98	6-5-76	1-1-19
John Tomke	Flora Riess *	6-1-03	8-23-84	5-14-22
MARTIN Tomke	Laura Hoff *	3-12-06		8-13-33
ESTHER Tomke	Elmer Piamp	6-15-05	3-13-80	10-11-36

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		B	D	M
④ CLARA TOMKE	Fred ITTNER	3rd Child of		Charles + ANNA TOMKE
⑤				
✓ ELMER		8-16-15		12-27-36
✓ Charlotte		2-2-17		9-14-40
✓ NELSON		9-21-20		6-20-42
✓ VERNA		11-2-22		6-15-46
✓ MARION		5-2-25		7-15-48
✓ Clyde		8-13-27		8-21-48
		MARRIAGES		
ELMER ITTNER	Viola ✓ Engelhardt *	2-10-17		12-27-36
Charlotte ITTNER	Paul ✓ Bach *	2-13-15		9-14-40
NELSON ITTNER	Dorothy ✓ Kircher *	1-19-22		6-20-42
VERNA ITTNER	Melvin ✓ Nickel *	6-11-23	85	6-15-46
MARION ITTNER	Donald ✓ McIntyre *	5-4-20		7-15-48
Clyde ITTNER	Carole ✓ Mueller *	12-29-26		8-21-48

		B	D	M
④ Alice TOMKE	Paul Schroeder	4th Child of		Charles + ANNA TOMKE
⑤				
✓ Viola		12-13-20	11-84	5-1-43
✓ Wilma		12-18-22		7-16-49
✓ HELEN		11-2-24		1-20-51
✓ GRACE		5-22-27		~~5-15-27~~
✓ HARVEY		9-28-31		9-1-63
		MARRIAGES		
Viola Schroeder	George ✓ Wingeier *	7-17-21		5-1-43
Wilma Schroeder	Richard ✓ George *	5-15-27		7-16-49
HELEN Schroeder	Robert ✓ Schoenheit *	4-21-25		1-20-51
GRACE Schroeder	Robert ✓ George *	5-15-27		7-16-49
HARVEY Schroeder	Bonnie ✓	11-4-41		9-1-63

John Tomke ④	Flora Riess	5th child of	Charles + Anna Tomke	
⑤				
Anita		12-4-22		3-2-46 2-14-82
Charles		12-31-24	6-28-41	
Herbert		5-24-27	6-16-82	9-27-53
Florence		1-3-32		6-11-54
Shirley		5-7-36		2-11-54
John		7-30-46		8-15-69
Anita Tomke ⑤	Raymond Dietlein *	5-7-18	2-3-69	3-2-46
	Herbert Schmidt *	6-4-11		2-14-82
Charles Tomke	Never Married			
Herbert Tomke	Eldora Frank *	11-21-32		9-27-53
Florence Tomke	Ross Koch *	9-8-31		6-11-54
Shirley Tomke	Earl Gerstacker *	8-6-29		12-11-54
John Tomke	Judith Spink	11-4-46		8-15-69

		B	D	m
Martin Tomke ④	Laura Hoff	6th child of	Charles + Anna Tomke	
Timothy Tomke ⑤		11-22-40		
Leane Tomke		11-29-44		7-4-69
		Marriages		
Timothy Tomke	Carole Dione	10-22-39	1-28-78	5-29-62 div
	Barbara Meines	3-2-47		1-10-73
Leane Tomke	Donald Setser	6-28-45		7-4-69

		B	D	M
④ Esther Tomke	Elmer Piamp	8th child of	Charles & Anna Tomke	
⑤ Joyce Piamp		3-31-40		6-25-72
Carole Piamp		2-6-42		12-27-69
		MARRIAGES		
Joyce Piamp	William Rocnicke *	2-13-42		6-25-72
Carole Piamp	Luke Stephen	6-16-41		12-27-69

Children of Elmer Ittner 1st son of Clara Tomke 3rd child of Charles & Anna Tomke
And Grandchildren

		B	D	M
⑤ Sandra Ittner		5-20-38		3-16-63
Dee Ann Ittner		2-27-42		10-10-70
		MARRIAGES		
⑤ Sandra Ittner	Robert Mestrovich *	12-5-32		3-16-63
⑤ Dee Ann Ittner	Kenneth Beckett	9-13-38		10-10-70
		Their Children		
Sandra's ⑤				
⑥ Michael Mestrovich		9-21-57		
Dee Ann's ⑤				
⑥ Christine	Beckett	1-24-61		2-17-79
⑥ Scott	Beckett	3-20-63		
Christine Beckett	Craig Burt			2-17-79

Children & Grandchildren of Nelson - 3rd child of Clara Tomke - 3rd Child of Charles & Anna Tomke

Nelson Ittner (5)	Dorothy Kircher			6 - 20 - 42
Changed Name (6) Gaylynn Gaelyn Ittner		12 · 20 - 52		6 - 5 - 76
(6) Gary Nelson Ittner		4 - 2 - 56		
(6) Gina Elaine Ittner		8 · 2 - 57		7 - 21 - 79
	MARRIAGES			
Gaelyn	Daniel Beal			6 - 5 - 76
Gina Elaine	Louis Bransting III			7 - 21 - 79
		Nelson -	10-6-84	

Children and Grandchildren of Charlotte Ittner 2nd Child of Clara Tomke 3rd child of Charles & Anna Tomke

Charlotte Ittner (5)	Paul Bach			9 · 14 - 40
(7) Donald Bach (6)		7 - 15 - 44		8 - 20 - 66
(7) Richard Bach (6)		6 - 29 · 41		6 - 20 - 64
Richard Bach (6)	Carole Sue Coltson	12 · 13 - 44		6 - 20 - 64
Donald Bach (6)	Kathleen A Jorgash	7 · 4 - 46		8 · 20 - 66

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Children of Richard & Carol Sue Bach - 6-20-64

Gregory Richard Bach (7) 6-23-66

Jeffrey Richard Bach (7) 1-17-69

Children of Donald & Kathleen Bach - 8-20-66

Bradley Ryan Bach (7) 12-11-72

Rebecca Carol Bach (7) 9-19-74

Children of Verna Ittner 4th child of Clara Tomke
3rd child of Charles + Anna Tomke

✓ Michael 8/12/54

✓ MARK 8/10/52 DIANA LYNN Steff - M - 5-18-86

Children of MARIAN ITTNER 5th child of
CLARA TOMKE - 3rd child of Charles + ANNA
Tomke

✓ Julie - 6-13-50 Terry Walker M. 7-6-74
✓ NAN 12-6-52 Richard Gookin M 11-4-78
✓ JASON
✓ JILL

Clyde ITTNER
6th Child of CLARA TOMKE 3rd child of
Charles + ANNA TOMKE

✓ CRYSTAL - Chris
RYAN

✓ CRAIG

Children AND Grandchildren of Viola Schroeder 1st child of Alice Tomke 4th. Child of Charles + ANNA Tomke

Kenneth WinGeier 10-10-45 – 10-5-68
Christine Sherren 10-1-47
children CARMIN 7-20-71
Kyle 10-12-74

KAREN Wingeier 1-26-48 – 9-15-68
HENRY STEWART 5-2-47
children NOEL – 1-5-70
ERIC – 8-13-74

Children of Wilma Schroeder 2nd child of Alice Tomke 4th child of Charles AND ANNA Tomke

CLARK – 3-9-55 Adopted
Todd – 4-12-63 "

Children of Helen Schroeder 3rd child of Alice Tomke 4th child of Charles + ANNA Tomke

William – Schoenheit – 6-10-55 Adopted
NONA DAY 4-28-53 M. 9-8-79
children Sherrel Beth 1-7-82
ERNEST 11-18-86

KAY 2-3-59
Elmer ARNOLD M. 10-4-85

Children of Grace Schroeder 4th child of Alice Tomke 4th child of Charles & Anna Tomke

✓ Michael Richard 10-28-50 M. 7-1-72
✓ Katie Paap 6-2-50
children ✓ Alisa - 3-16-74
✓ Kristen - 11-4-78

✓ Patricia Ann 6-26-52 M. 6-12-70
✓ Elmer Steele 3-1-51
children ✓ Toby Roger - 11-6-70
✓ Tammy Sue 11-29-71
✓ Terri Ann 7-13-73
✓ Tina Marie 12-5-76

✓ Pamela Sue 11-30-53 M. 2-16-75
✓ Gene Camarata 6-23-47
children ✓ Ann Elizabeth 7-25-76
✓ Sara Katharine 3-3-80

✓ Gerald Paul 6-20-55 M. 9-23-78
✓ Jenny Milbrandt 4-15-58
children ✓ Derek Paul 1-22-80

Children of Harvey Schroeder 5th Child of Alice - 4th Child of Charles and Anna Tomke

✓ Kim - 12-21-65
✓ Greg - 8-26-70

Children and Grandchildren of Anita Tombe 1st child of John Tombe 5th child of Charles and Anna Tombe

Thomas Charles 10-19-46

Kathleen Lois 1-26-48 John D. Burke 4-6-47
M- 4-12-69 Children Russell David 2-1-71
Sean Christopher 1-21-74
Kyle Patrick 2-15-77
Daniel Joseph 3-13-79

Children and grandchildren of Herbert Tombe 3rd child of John Tombe 5th child of Charles and Anna Tombe

Randall Herbert 10-14-55 Sherry Van Houten 10-10-51
M- Children Benjamin
David
Christopher

Gail Marie 11-16-59 Robert Schlicker 10-14-59
M- 3 Children Kristen B- 84

Children and grand children of Florence Tombe 4th child of John Tombe 5th child of Charles + Anna Tombe

Vicki Lynn 7-2-57 - Emmit Simpson 9-16-
M Children Tyler James 3-5-86
+ Emmits 3 children Jeremy
Nathaniel
Laura

Lee Ross 8-30-61 Karen Troxel
M- 4 Children Amanda 2-16-85

Gary Warren 7-31-67

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children and grandchildren of Shirley Tomke 5 child of John Tomke 5th child of Charles and Anna Tomke

Kirk EARL – 5-12-59 Peggy HANSON 1-28
M- 3-18- children
SARA JO 1-1-85

CARRIE LEE – 8-3-61 DAVID BOER 4-14
M-12-18- children

CLARK 8-9-68

Children of Timothy Tomke 1st child of Martin Tomke - 6th child of Charles and Anna Tomke

Timothy - 11-22-46 Carole Dionne Div Later Died
Barbara Meines - 3-2-47
M 1-10-73 children
Bruce - 12-28-62
Tyrone - 3-14-78
Olivia 9-22-79
Baby.

Leanne 11-20-44 Donald Setser 6-28-45
M. 7-4-69 children Sara 1-25-77
Christopher

Children and of Esther Tomke 8d child of Charles and Anna Tomke

Joyce Anne 3-31-40 William Reinicke 2-13-42
M - 6-25-72 children Paul wm 8-17-74
Steven John 4-17-77

The Children of (Augusta Tomke) Kohn

Hermon – Adelia Guenther
John – Johanna Walter
Charles –
Martha – Carl Arnold
Bertha – Frank Billiard
Hanna – Emary Miller
Hedda –
Caroline –

The Children of – Arthur Tomke

Delores – adopted 1921 – 1939

The Children of William Tomke

Arnold – Pauline 2 adopted girls
Velma – Russ Wilds 2 children

The children of Charles Tomke

Fern
Elaine

Some of the Grandchildren of Albert

KOHN

	August	Carl Otto 4-6-1881 - 6-3-1937
	George	Bertha Johanna 5-21-83 to 4-2-57 m - 6-19-07
	Augusta (Albrecht	Frank Billiard 1884 - 1938
	Ernestina (Raska)	Wilhelm George 5-20-85 - 5-31-85
	Bertha (Schultz)	Herman August 12-19-86 - 1231-34 m - 4-14-09
	(Schedel)	Adilia Gunther 1889 - 1973
Karl 1811 - 1895	Johanna (Gabke)	Johann Heinrich 2-23-89 5-27-71 m - 4-22-14
Sophia	Heinrich 1852 1935 m 1880	Johanna Walter 1891 - 3-6-84
	Augusta (Jonke) 1860 - 1947	Heinrich Emil 6-2-91 - 11-24-70 m 12-25-12
		Ethel Moon 1892 - 1952
		Martha Emma Louisa 4-19-93 7-6-61 m - 1917
		Carl Arnold 1892 - 1962
		Hulda Johanna Wilhelmina 10-28-95 - 3-26-63
		Johanna Erna Caroline 3-15-98 - 8-1-69 m 5-29-40
		Emery Turner - 1909
		Karolina Susanna 12-10-1900 - 9-28-05

KOHN

Herman & Adelia m - 4-14-09
1886-1934 1889-1973

Clara - 1910 Peter Schmidt 1906
m - 1931

- Donna 1933 - Robt Sigloggi 1933
  m - 1953
  chil Suzie, Sally, Barbara, Robt

- Diane 1934 - Herbert Buechler 1934
  m 1954
  chil - Cindy (Zordlab) Beverly Westphal
  Peggy - Katie - Andy

- Robert 1940 - 1942 - m - 1960
  chil Jeffrey + Stacy

Albert 1914-1980 Alice Kaunk 1926
m - 1946

- Glenn 1947 - Martha Eichinger 1945
  m 1970 - chil Emily, Aaron, Mary

- Wayne 1949 - Yerna Lasko Div
  Dawn Marie Rudnick
  m 1986

- Dean 1954 Pamela Nitz 1953
  m - 1980 Eldon - Nathan

Nelda 1922 - Harry Zielenski 1926
m 1950

- Douglas 1951 - Carolyn Buechler 195
  m 1974 chil Bethany + Lindsay

- Deborah 1952 - John Semen
  m - 1975 - chil Jessica + Sara

Victor 1925-1982 - Faye Kraus Taber 1932
m 1957

- Janelle 1969
  + 3 from Faye's first marriage
  Shannon (Brandt)
  Bill
  John

KOHN

Johann Heinrich - Johanna Walter m
2-23-89 - 5-27-71 1891. - 3-6-84 4-22-14

Fred 1916 Clara Buchage 1918
m - 1946

Harward 1947 - Kathleen Weir
Diana Ronnchuk 1974
m - 1974
Chil Elizabeth 1968 - Jennifer 1984

Ronald 1949 - Mary Schlicker 1950
m - 1972 chil Angela 1976
John Frederick 1980

Harvey 1950 Carolyn Smith 1950
m - 1972 chil Cynthia 1976 Alan 1977

Sandra 1951 Mike Weinger 1949
m - 1970 chil David 1971
Scott 1975

Ray 1954 Lorie Frank 1957
m - 1977 chil Renee 1979
Chad 1985

Dale 1957 Katharine Unites 1960
m - 1980

Martin 1918 - Erna Dietlein 1923
m - 1943

Walter - 1923 - 1923

KOHN Heinrich Emil - Ethel Moon m - 12/25/12
6-2-91 - 11-14-70 1892 - 1952

Elaine - 1916 - 1979	m 1958 Gordon Bauer m 1977 George Eldridge	Gary - 1937 Ginger - 1942
Elden - 1918	Lorraine Dansereau 1921 m - 1942	Ernie 1942 Carolyn 1948 George Goodchild Chil Chad 1976 Bethany 1978 Julie 1980
Calvin	Ann Murray -	Cheryl David
Leslie	1933 Loretta Kalb 1933 m - 1953	Richard 1957 Lou Ann Cross 1954 m - 1978 Karen 1966 Katharine 1963
Louis	1925 Ruth Van Tol 1929 m - 1955	

[June 3, 1987]

[Trip plans]

June 3, 1987

Dear Anita,

This is not really an answer to your wonderful letter with all the family information, for which I am very grateful. Elizabeth and I are planning a trip to Michigan next week. We'll be visiting our very close friend, Mabel Butterfield, in Lapeer for a few days starting Friday evening, June 12.

It occurs to me that it might be a good idea to try to meet you and a few others with whom I have recently begun to correspond. I could come over to Bay City and Caseville Township on Monday, June 15, while Elizabeth and Mabel are doing some other things. Are you going to be home on that date?

In the morning I thought I would try to see Esther Plamp and her sister and daughter. At noon I'm hoping to have lunch with Ronald Putz, with whom I've had a great deal of correspondence. Then in the afternoon I'd like to come out to your place and perhaps go to the cemetery at Zion Lutheran church. This may not all work out but perhaps some of it will.

Could you drop me a line when you get this and let me know if you'll be home that day? If so, please tell me how to get to your place from Bay City. We'll be leaving Minneapolis Thursday morning, June 11, to drive to Chicago and spend the night with our son Tom and his wife Virginia. If I don't get an answer before we leave, I'll call you from Mabel's: 1231 Second St., Lapeer, MI 48446; phone (313) 664-2834. I hope I'll be able to meet you.

Sincerely,

David

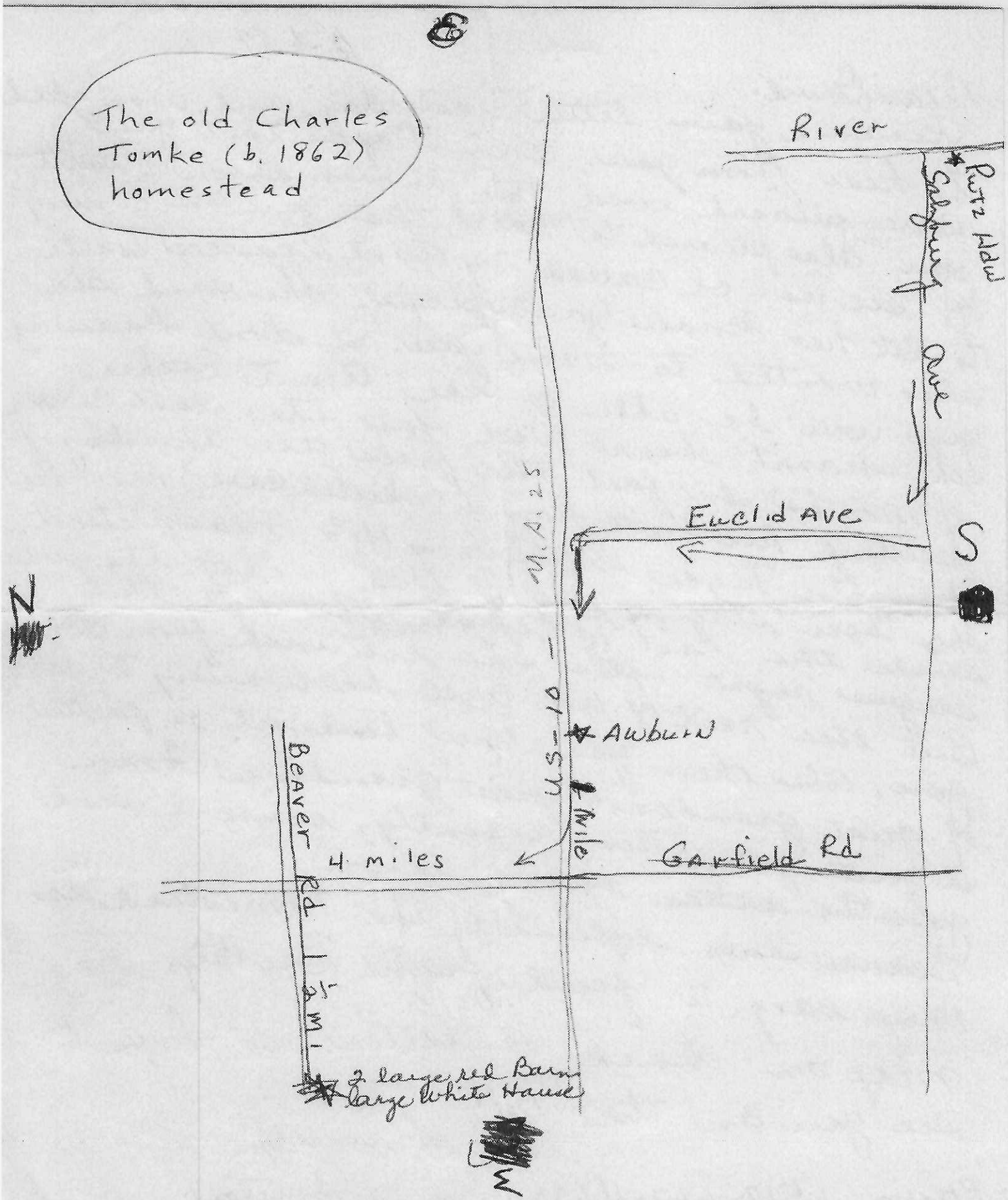
[June 6, 1987]

6-6-87

Dear David.
Received your letter yesterday and was glad
to hear from you. and happy that you
were pleased with the information I sent
you. Also pleased to hear that you are coming
to see us - I called my aunt Frances tonite
to let her know your plans. She said she
also wanted to meet you. I dont know if
you will be able to see Aunt Esther
she hasnt been well for the last couple
of months. In fact the girls are thinking of
putting her in a home. (skilled care) near her
daughter Joyce in Sterling Hgts, near Detroit.
She's been staying with either one of the girls
since the last of April. She had the
seizure right after she returned from Florida
But the rest of us will be waiting to see
you. Also then you can look at a picture
of great grandpa & great grandma Tombe
I just got this recently, since I sent
you the other information.
Beaver Twp especially the homestead is
very easy to find from Bay City.
map on back of letter. So hope to
see you on the 15th

Sincerely
Anita

Phone 517-662-4630


The old Charles Tomke (b. 1862) homestead
River
Ruth Adw
Salisbury Ave
Euclid Ave
S
N
M.A. 25
US-10
Auburn
1 mile
Garfield Rd
4 miles
Beaver Rd
1/2 mi
2 large red Barns
Large White House
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[DEW's notes during visit with Anita] [June 15, 1987]

Auburn, Mich. 6/15/87

N III
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From Anita Schmidt

Fred. Kohn
1839 S. Center Rd
Midland Rt 4
MICH 48640

int. in fam. hist.

HOWARD KOHN (son) Maryland int. in fam. hist.
16 Jefferson Ave., Takoma Pk., MD, 20912

Ruth Wilks (Helma) dau of Wm + Lillian Zomke
1015 Bay Vista Blvd [Albert Zomke's son]
Englewood Fl. 33533

Arnold A. Zomke bro.
327 Gladstone Boulevard
Englewood, FL 33533

Bertha Popp [Pupp (Fred)]
Popp was her second husband
she was his second wife (he had three)
she died before 1922
Charles Popp was related to or acquainted with Wardts
(Maybe Charles Popp's first wife was a Wardt)
Probably records in St. Paul's Luth, Frankenlust
or Zion Luth., Salzburg.

Florence Koch [JPW20-1354]
father in law — Henry Koch
Charles Koch grandfather Henry Koch

Paul Shinder married Alice Zomke

[July 25, 1987]

7/25/87

Dear Anita,

I still remember with pleasure my trip to your farm last month and also my stops in Bay City. I did enjoy meeting you and all the others and finally seeing relatives who I had not even known existed until recently! Enclosed are copies of the pictures I took at your house and at the cemetery. I think they came out rather well.

The picture album of Zion Lutheran Church arrived a day or so ago, and I am delighted to have it. I've been able to recognize the relationships of many of my relatives and your relatives, but I haven't gone through it completely as yet. On the very first page it speaks about "people and things written about in the History Booklet." Would you please send me a copy of that booklet? I'm sure I'll find many things of interest in it. I'll reimburse you for the cost of it and the postage, of course, if you'll tell me what it is.

See below

See below

Along the same line, I greatly appreciate having the booklet you gave me listing all the confirmands. I'm sure now that the William Nanitz confirmed in 1895 was my uncle, as he was born in Mantano, Ill., on Mar. 29, 1880. My grandmother died in 1885, and Grandfather moved to Bay City about 1888. I'm wondering if his young son William may have lived with his aunt and uncle, Johanna and Johann Tomke out in Beaver Township. Does the church have the lists of the children who attended Zion Lutheran school during those years? Perhaps he would be listed.

See below

I have now finished recording all the family information you sent me on the family record sheets I use. It is a great amount of material, and I realize what a tremendous job it was for you to compile all of this. Thank you very much for sending it. One question I have is this: Did your brother John and his wife Judith have any children? You didn't send any information on them, so maybe they didn't have any. If they did, perhaps you just forgot to copy this sheet for me.

John Albert Theodore Tomke, Jr.

That's all for now. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Your

David

[ca. July 1987]

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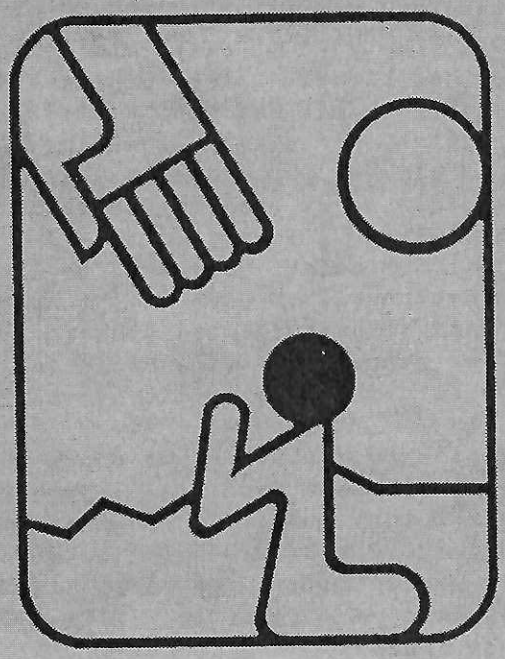
CONFIRMANDS



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* * * CONFIRMATION VERSES * * *

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 8:12 I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Matt. 11:29,30 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Ps.128:1 Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matt. 21:22 All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

John 8:31,32 If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Jos. 1:9 Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Eph. 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Heb. 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

John 10:27,28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

II Cor.5:15 He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Prov.30:5 Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

- - - - CONFIRMATION HYMNS - - - -

Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.

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Thine forever, God of Love! Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!

Thine forever! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, Guardian, heav'nly Friend, Oh, defend us to the end!

Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us thro'our earthly strife
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way, Guide us to the realms of day.

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<u>Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen</u>
(Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus)

Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen,
Seinem Vorbild folgen nach,
In der Welt der Welt entfliehen,
Auf der Bahn, die er uns brach,
Immer fort zum Himmel reisen
Irdisch noch, schon himmlisch sein,
Glauben recht und leben fein,
In der Lieb' den Glauben weisen!
Treuer Jesu, bleib bei mir;

Let us also die with Jesus.
His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us,
Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living,
Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

<u>So Nimm Denn Meine Hände</u>(Take Thou My Hands and Lead Me)

So nimm den meine hände und führe mich
Bis am mein selig ende und ewiglich
Ich will allein nicht gehen. Nichet einen Shritt.
We du wirst gehn und stehen Da nimm mich mit.

CLASS OF 1881
John Jacob Spengler
Anna Spengler Tomka

CLASS OF 1889
Johann Friedrich Shuster
Johann Leonhardt Walter
Gustav W.H. Nitschke
Richard F. Nitschke
Johann George Meier
Anna Barbara Endlein
Anna Betzold
Anna Maria Schuster
Susanna Elisabetha Betzold
Anna Dorothea Betzold

CLASS OF 1890
Otto Engelhardt
Emil Czichau (Jacobs)
Peter Schuster
Andreas Walter
Barbara Endlein
Martha Stieve

(NO CLASS 1891)

CLASS OF 1892
Johann Walter
Johann Buechler
Minna Kraft
Barbara Lederer
Margaretha Betzold
Sabina Schuster
Katharina Meyer

CLASS OF 1893
Ed Baum
Carl Doering
Andrew Endlein
Matthew Lederer
Bertha Langusch
Maria Betzold

CLASS OF 1894
Ernest Betzold
Michael Endlein
Ernest Horschig

John Kernstock
Charles Kohn X
Emma Langusch
Anna Nitschke
Minna Ott
Helen Rahn

CLASS OF 1895
Ernest Wirsing
Ida Kraft
Marie Lederer
William Nemitz
Pauline Pacholke
Gertrude Betzold
Johanna Schroeder
George Steger

CLASS OF 1896
George Michael Kloha
Leonhard Friedrich Frank
Johannes Benj. Ulbricht
Johann Herman Baum
Johann Fried. Gerstacker
Carl Wilhelm Lindenberg
August Wilhelm Bergmann
Helene Johanna Streu
Babette Wilhelmine Beck
Bertha Anna Kraft
Bertha Eveline Gabbe
Anna Mathilda Collicker
Maria Ernestine Doering
Sybilla Maria Betzold
Louise Hermine Laatsch
Wilhelmina Schalk
Bertha Johanna Kohn X
Johanna Friedericke Drefs
Anna Maria Melma
Margaretha Babetta Buechler
Marie Margaretha Schuster
Mathilda Kunigunda Wirsing
Anna Barbara Dietlein X

CLASS OF 1897
George Albert Meyer
Carl Wilhelm Schroeder
Lena Auguste Jahrmarkt
Maria Magdalena Griebe

CLASS OF 1897 (con't)
Anna Auguste Griebe
Anna Johanna Schroeder
Anna Elisabeth Gerstacker
Anna Maria Betzold
Anna Barbara Egerer
Maria Ottilie Schenkin

CLASS OF 1898
Johann Leonard Spengler X
Julius Herman Baum
Carl Edward Gunther
Johann Friedrich Betzold
Carl August Pacholke
George Carl Koch
Wilhelm Heinrich Erlenbeck
Max Ferdinand Lindenberg
Christine Lederer
Bertha Auguste Collicker
Johanna Maria Ittner
Caroline Johanna Kloha
Anna Bertha Langusch
Meta Johanna Doering
Selma Wilhelmine Wirsing

CLASS OF 1899
Karl Beck
Friedrich August Schroeder
Friedrich Endlein
Johann Ferdinand Buechler
Carl Friedrich Schenkin
Albert Leonhard Lederer
Herman August Kohn X
Alvine Hermine Schalk
Emma Griebe
Bertha Sauer
Auguste Elisabeth Meyer
Katharina Barbara Kernstock

CLASS OF 1900
Johann Ludwig Beck
Wilhelm Friedrich Dammann
Friedrich Ferdinand Schroeder
Robert Emil Kapahnke
Johann Friedrich Dietlein X
Herman August Fick
Wilhelm Herman Pacholke
Johann Andrew Ittner
Wilhelm Friedrich Ott
Ida Anna Griebe
Clara Amalie Kullick
Bertha Johanna Gortschakowsky
Eva Margaretha Schuster
Johanna Pauline Koch
Emma Bertha Bartz

CLASS OF 1901
Wilhelm Beck
Paul Emil Dammann
Friedrich Wil. Erlenbeck
Julius Ernst Rahn
Johann Schnell
Edward Carl Schalk
Wil. Henrich Schroeder
Leonard Heinrich Kloha
Friedrich Kasper Buechler
Johann George Spengler X
Fried. Wilhelm Mackensen
Wilhelm Heinrich Gabbe
Lena Auguste Griebe
Emma Johanna Doering
Anna Margaretha Betzold
Anna Marie Kolb
Olga Gettleber
Margaretha Friedericke Meyer
Susanna Margaretha Lederer

CLASS OF 1902
Herman Schroeder
Franz Malzow
Otto Kowalke
Johann Vogtmann
Friedrich Lurk
Otto Pacholke
Johann Dietlein X
Johann Kohn X
Elisabeth Gerstacker
Emma M. Baum
Bertha Schroeder
Lydia Waldmann
Christine Ittner
Ida (Koch) Ittner

CLASS OF 1902 (con't)
Martha (Langush) Kapanka

CLASS OF 1903
Rudolph Stroebel
Adolph Pfau
Carl Erlenbeck
Walter Gerstacker
Emil Witzke
Johann Burk
Carl Schnell
Georg Stieve
Auguste Datte
Bertha Griebe
Caroline Steinke
Anna Mackensen
Adelia (Guinther) Kohn X
Martha Doering
Helene Datte
Louise Ahner
Anna Endlein
Auguste Gottleber
Eva (Buechler)Schmidt

CLASS OF 1904
Carl Jagnow
Friedrich Steinke
Edwin Pacholke
Friedrich Kolb
Georg Lederer
Eduard Gabbe
Anna Flickinger
Marie Rahn
Ernestine Stroebel
Anna Endlein
Minna Kempf
Anna Spengler X
Eva Meyer
Bertha Gottleber
Bertha Tomke X Caroline

CLASS OF 1905
Frederick Schroeder
Frederick Ittner
Frederick Barnikow
Ernst Dietlein X
Adam Beck
Ernst Kolb
Arthur Koch
Georg Haut
George Buechler
Emma Cassube
Ida Brandt
Alma Datte
Augusta Mackensen
Henreitta(Pfannes)Kloha
Anna Schnell
Martha Brandt

CLASS OF 1906
Christoph Betzold
August Schroeder
Johan Kloha
Paul Pfau
Johan Froschauer
Johan Wirsing
Albert Barnikow
Ernst Noack
Paul Gottleber
Johanna(Walter)Kohn X
Hulda Stroebel
Maria(Vogtmann)Endline
Anna Schuster
Adaline Langush
Elfrieda Fenske
Minna Pacholke
Susanna Kolb
Anna Schroeder
Pauline (Beck)Rosenbrock
G. Schoenbein
Fran Schoenbein
Mrs. Josephine Kloha
Mrs. Ida Kloha
Mr. Roy Snyder
Katie Pfenninger
Lyde Pfenninger
Andrea John Betzold
Eva James Malecha

CLASS OF 1907
Friedrich Jammer
Leonhard Dietlein X
Regina Anschuetz
Ann Louise Spengler X
Clara Guenther
Martha(Erlenbeck) Kube
Emma (Steinke) Tober
Auguste Rahn
Eva (Lederer) Willard
Maria (Endlein) Reno
Martha Kohn X
Flora (Haut) Arnold
Anna (Jagnow) Beck
Elisabeth(Cassube)Jagnow
Helena (Koch) Kube
Else (Koch) Krach
Johanna Tomke X Clara
Ida Datte
Friedrich Kohler
Edgar Loehne
Minnie (Loehne)Nitchke
Mrs. Lillie Endlein
Mrs. Maud Schramm
Mr. J. Malecha

CLASS OF 1908
Walter Schalk
Wilhemm Tiede
Karl Buchholz
George Kolb
Adolf Steinke
Johan Meyer
Heinrich Ittner
Karl Noack
Wilhelm Brandt
Otto Mackensen
Auguste(Schroeder)Page
Anna Buechler
Martha Stieve
Minera Schroeder
Anna Weber
Bertha Barnikow

CLASS OF 1909
Gustav Kasener
Albert Datte
Eduard Schroeder
Friedr Gerstacker
Ernst Gottleber
Johann Froschauer
Edwin Reichard
Ernst Rugenstein
Paul Paholke
Johann Endlein
Ernst Berner
Carl Lederer
Emil Dreve
Harold Haut
Arthur Guenther
Alma Kolb
Maria Spengler X
Ida Jammer
Alvina Rahn
Emma Ehmann
Bertha Pfau
Johanna Kohn X
Frieda (Koch) Ittner
Florence Rowden
Alvina Rowden

CLASS OF 1910
Georg Buechler
Ernst Stieve
Eduard Schroeder
Albert Rahn
Wilhelm Barnikow
Johann George Vogtmann
Hermen Griebe
Alice Tomke X
Barbara(Rugenstein)Wegener
Florence(Walker)Mackensen
Klara (Schmidt) Pitch
Anna (Dietlein) Brandt
Anna(Vogtmann) Zink

CLASS OF 1911
Mrs.Phoebe(Shawger)Schroeder
Mrs.Grace(Shawger)Brandt

CLASS OF 1911 (con't)
Friedrich Kassner
Wilhelm Krueger
Wilhelm Retzlef
Christian Kelb
Karl Spengler X
Bernhard Haut
Herman Stieve
Johann Alb. Kolb
Lydia (Schroeder)Raisch
Anna Berner
Martha Schroeder
Dora Engelhardt
Florence Schroeder
Alma Dreve
Else Ittner
Else Jammer
Emma Mueller
Lydia (Kraentz)Westphal
Eleonora(Koch) Reiss X
Hulda(Engelhardt)Eurich
Hedwig Wirsing
Alma Rowden
Robert Bergmann
Herman Westphal
Heinr. Westphal

CLASS OF 1912
George Rosenbrock
Julius Mieske
Rudolf Schroeder
Adolf Landowsky
Ludwig Haag
Rudolf Rosenbrock
Heinrich Steinke
Johann Tomke X
Hermann Reichard
George Kuch
Johann Kolb
Johann Dietlein X
Laura Lane
Else Rowden
Auguste Griebe
Johanna Kohn X

Ottilie Kassner
Anna Loeserer
Maria Weber
Anna Guenther
Malinda(Haag)Rosenbrock

CLASS OF 1913
Louise Loehne
Lydia (Kuch) Lutz
Helena(Walter)Bieberich
Hulda(Dreve)DeFrain
Lydia Datte
Adele(Riess)Fischer X
Emma(Jammer)Pacholke
Alma(Stieve)Pfundt
Hulda Mueller
Emmilia Rugenstein
Hedwig Rahn
Paul Schroeder
Rudolf Mossner
Johann Schlink
Theodor Berner
Georg Wilhelm Kehr
Rudolf Scheibner
Alvin Pacholke

CLASS OF 1914
Karl Scheibner
Gustav Retzleff
Konrad Schroeder
Albert Pfau
Carl Schoenbein
Theodor Mieske
Emil Schmimmelpfennig
Traugott Endlein
Albert Retzloff
Franz Gottleber
Philipp Schroeder
Gustav Steinke
Hippolyt Datte
Ernst Koch X
Edwin Kuch
Arthur Haut
Emil Martin Tomke X

CLASS OF 1914 (con't)
Johann A. Kolb
Anna Schlink
Julia Engelhardt
Maria (Kehr) Kolke
Elfrieda Reichardt
Babetta (Kehr) Hofnagel
Emma (Weber) Mieske
Emma Messner
Else(Schemmelpfennig)Goetz
Herbert Willard

CLASS OF 1915
Albert Adams
Albert Popp
Mrs.AnnAta Rosenbrock
Ormand Loehne
Arthur Dreve
Herman Schroeder
Otto Berner
Tobias Martin Kuch
Hugo Schlink
Edwin Haag
Ernst Schoenbein
Martha(Jammer)Dietlein X
Helene(Reichard)Hofnagel

CLASS OF 1916
Georg Kloha
August Dreve
Otto Schroeder
Walter Barnikow
Emil Schroeder
Johann Ulbricht
Eduard Erlenbeck
Rob. Cassube
Theodor Datte
Johann Ehmann
Adolf Betzold
Clarence Mueller
Samuel Schroeder
Johann Ludwig Kehr
Carl Tomke X EdCAR
Oscar Stieve
Roland Heinrich Koch

Georg Leonard Vogtmann
Erna (Riess) Koch X
Elfrieda(Krieger)Schroeder
Anna (Buechler) Schwab
Ottilie Mieske
Hulda(Walter) Skinner
Elfrieda Dreve
Martha(Rutkowsky)Paul
Margarete Christina(Kolb)Rummel
Helene (Dietlein) Landosky X
Else Dietlein X
Edna Kuch
Alice Schroeder
Elfrieda Haut
Margaretha Weber
Else Noffke
Maria Mackensen
Alma (Mossner) Phillip
Friedric Landowsky

CLASS OF 1917
Franz Dreve
Elmer Kuch
Edmund Schlink
George Kolb
Johann Rugenstein
Theodor Engelhardt
Harold Frank
Albert Schroeder
Olga Reichard
Clara (Berner) Datte
Katharina Endlein
Flora (Reiss) Tomke X
Anna (Brandt) Landosky
Laura Pacholke
Eleonora (Krieger) Walter
Johanna (Kehr) Hooper
Else Ulbricht
Martha (Ittner) Davis
Else (Dreve) Haberland
Bertha (Jammer) Kuch
Meta (Rutkowsky) Timm
Helene Schoenbine
Fran Heinrich Rosenbrock

CLASS OF 1918
Paul Mieske
Harold Lindenberg
Harry Witzke
Otto Ehmann
Theodor Schroeder
Paul Datte
Carl Friedrich Kehr
Arnold Kassner
Else Reichard
Else(Haut)Burkland
Lydia Scheibner
Frieda (Kehr)Kapanka
Lilian (Kuch)Sebald
Johanna Helene Kolb
Ida Clara Barnikow
Else Landowsky
Selma(Retzloff)McClelland
Else (Weber) Schroeder
Annetta (Synder)Engelhardt
Irma Frank

CLASS OF 1919
Harold Haag
Albert Dreve
Victor Riess
John Waters
Elfrieda (Noffke)Theyer
Erna (Dreve) Flory
Martha(Mieske)Zimmerman
Helene Ulbricht
Anna (Horschig)Schoenbine
Vera (Reichard) Hoerauf
Augusta (Retzloff) Adams
Irene(Rutkowsky) Wilke
Lydia (Betzold) Nitschke
Louise(Schoenbine) Wonch
Hildgard(Lindenberg)Schultz
Alma Kehr

CLASS OF 1920
Johann Engelhardt
Johann Kuch
Ferdinand Kassner
Norman Wirsing
Heinrich Walter
Paul Henry Ulbricht
Georg Frank
Frieda(Marquardt) Lail
Bertha Philip
Frieda (Mossner)Haberland
Gertrud (Berner) Schmidt
Else (Schroeder) Koch
Meta (Mueller) Reese
Helene (Weber) Schroeder
Johanna Kolb
Sophia (Datte) Ware
Eleonora (Landowsky) Rinas
Esther (Tomke) Plamp

CLASS OF 1921
Herman Wilhelm Jammer
Rudolf Kassner
Clarence Betzold
Georg Kehr
Caroline(Engelhardt)Schroeder
Martha (Dreve) Arnold
Lydia Mieske
Olga Schuster
Bertha (Fenske) Steinke
Lydia (Rutkowsky)Niechterlein
Ottilie Rugenstein
Emma Horschig
Aurelia (Reichard) Kisser
Alice (Krieger) Ahrens
Esther (Kehr) Erford
Florence Hammann
Florence (Kuch) Reinhardt
Helene (Dreve) Kolb
Herman Kuba
Ernest Kuba
Anna (Erlenbeck) Kuba
Martha(Steinke) Fenske
Rosa Pfenninger

CLASS OF 1922
Nelson Schroeder
Carl Weber

CLASS OF 1922 (con't)
Benjamin Schroeder
Stuart Schnell Tuttle
Oscar Koch
Arthur Erlenbeck
Martin Pfannes
Ottilia(Marquardt) Mieske
Martha(Marquardt) Peltier
Adelia(Landowsky) Nitz
Hanna (Philipp) Murrey
Ernstine (Fenske) Melke
Wanda(Wirsing) Ziegler
Mich. Betzold
George Hesrit

CLASS OF 1923
Ernst Dreves
Warren Sharp
Richard Riese
Eduard Mieske
Emil Ulbricht
Oscar Engelhardt
Walter Rutkowsky
Robert Kassner
Johanna(Schoenbein)Wieland
Irene (Kuch) Piering
Maria Philipp
Johanna (Reichard)Hoerauf
Magdalena Schuster
Lydia (Kehr) Campbell
Alma (Schroeder)Schmelter
Erna (Weber) Raetz
Anna (Jammer) Klee
Irene (Ittner) Stringer

CLASS OF 1924
Edmund Sauer
Olaf Schroeder
Wilhelm Jammer(James Patten)
Franz Haut
Ewald Dreves
Wilhelm Schoenbein
Werner Zimmermann
Elmer Wirsing
Clarence Lindenberg
Johann Horschig
Friedrich Wilhelm Lederer
Lorenz Pickelmann
Paulina (Fenske) Olterdorf
Lena (Brandt) Schroeder
Clara (Kohn) Schmidt
Frances Tomke
Ella (Pfannes) Rutkowsky
Hertha Sauer
Leona (Spengler) Weber
Ida (Mieske) Wonch
Helena (Kloha) Janz

CLASS OF 1925
Erich Kapanka
George Dreves
Elmer Schmidt
Arthur Kuch
Fritz Pacholke
Martin Schuster
Gerhard Krieger
Margaret Schroeder
Esther Reichard
Frieda Schroeder
Violet (Koch) Miller
Dorothea Lentz
Irene Hearit
Louise (Kehr) Lambert
Laura (Lederer) Bauer
Clara (Brandt) Kent
Esther(Rutkowsky) Gruber
Margaret (Rosenbrock) Towns

CLASS OF 1926
Oscar Landowsky
Fred Ulbricht
Theodor Fenske
Fried. Rahn
Oscar Pfannes
Harold Walter
Bertha (Kapanka) Kaiser
Meta (Kuch) Horschig
Irma (Sauer) Weise

CLASS OF 1926 (con't)
Esther(Draves)Babinsky
Esther(Schroeder)Kolette
Luella(Spengler) Sawden
Eleonora (Zink) Talaga
Olga (Horschig) Templin
Lillian (Koch) Endlein
Ehra (Walter) Tennant
Carolina (Beckman) Miller
Agnes Beckman
Lora Beckman

CLASS OF 1927
Esther (Kube) Ferrio
Dorothea(Lederer)Bauer
Margaretha Rahn
Martha (Sauer) Ayers
Esther (Endlein) Kraft
Bertha (Brandt) Bauer
Esther (Kolb) Pfannes
Lorenz Wirsing
William Erlenbeck
Johann Schroeder
Irvin Miller
Samuel Mieske
Richard Ulbricht
Clarence Stieve
Elmer Haut
Walter Schuster
Albert Kohn
Charles Rutledge
Carl Luba
Frieda (Streich) Munson
Marie (Kinyon) Reichard
Emily (Willard) Betzold
William Knight
Mandee Knight
Alfred Knight
Linda(Zimmermann)Cornell
Beatrice (Wilson) Pfau

CLASS OF 1928
Erna (Frank) Ederer
Ella (Kuch) Boetefeur
Ernestine(Sauer)Rinas
Else (Endlein) Maines
Lorna(Rutkowsky)Cheney
Isabel(Schroeder)Dauer
Vera (Ittner) Kehr
Samuel Fenske
Harold Riess
Friederich Landowsky
Elmer Walter
Walter Dietlein
Heinrich Mieske
Oscar Schoenbein
Orvil Knight
Frederick Mackensen
Henry Rosenbrock

CLASS OF 1929
Carl Lederer
Floyd Lederer
Kenneth Rutledge
Marvin O. Stieve
William P. Ulbricht
Harold Endline
Frederick Kohn X
Elsie(Erlenbeck)Helmreich
Norma (Haag) Lederer
Alvina Fenske
Clara (Pfannes) Eichinger
Augusta (Rahn) Reinhardt
Renata (Kuch) Vogel
Edith (Brandt) Burns
Esther (Mieske) Schwartz
Leota (Lederer) Quintel
Clara (Haut) Zimmermann
Irma (Reichard) Bublitz
Gertrude (Kohn) Sikorski
Annetta (Endline) Colbert
Henry Williams
Lily (Zimmer) Betzold

CLASS OF 1930
Richard William Schuster
Robert Buechler
Henry Wirsing
Walter Schroeder

CLASS OF 1930 (con't)
Warren Willard
Clarence Walter
Mabel (Adams) Doege
Mildred (Koch) Haut
Hulda (Jammer) Spencer
Alvina (Schoenbine) Betzold
Frieda (Sauer) Bosttcher
Lena (Pacholka) Colclasure
Viola (Engelhardt) Ittner
Florence (Weber) Wirsing
Annetta (Landowsky)Hopfinger
Malota (Mackensen)Emerson
Dorothy (Koch) Hartfelder

CLASS OF 1931
Walter Laukner
Richard Laukner
Herbert Betzold
Ernest Hildrandt
Howard Betzold
Arthur Schmidt
Herold Kehr
Herbert Heerit
Herold Dietlein
Arthur Endlein
Otto Schuster
Edwin Kloha
Julius Rahn
Edwin Wirsing
Martin Kohn
Oscar Endlein
Helen Laukner
Emma (Lederer)Kernstock
Emma(Erlenbeck)Helmreich
Clara (Kube) Schemm
Ruth(Adams) Schroeder
Verna Haag
Alberta (Philipp)Engerer
Margaret(Spengler)Reiss
Minnie (Mieske)Weitzel
Irma (Stieve) Martin
Leona(Dietlein) Landosky
Alma (Brandt) Smith
Nona (Ittner) Gordon
Viola (Schmidt) Talaga
W. R. Schultz
Paul E. Rinas
Frederick Westphal
Emil Krentz
Ella (Beck) Mieske

CLASS OF 1932
Elmer W. Schroeder
Walter A. Schroeder
Edwin Fenske
Clifford Adams
Edward Westphal
Oscar Jammer
Charles Mieske Cornell
Arthur Noffke
Conrad Mieske
Arthur Ittner
Norman Brandt
Clarence Koch
Clifford Willard
Violet (Lederer) Walter
Loretta (Koch) Fick
Eleanor (Sauer) Novotony
Mildred (Reiss) Eshelman
Frieda (Rosenbrock)LeVasseur
Vera (Pacholka) White
Alma (Hensel) Kapanka
Doris (Rutkowsky) Trautman
Arlene (Walter) Stieve
Dorothy (Spengler) Stieve
Leona (Kube) Ruhlig
Erna (Spengler) Walter
Christina (Endline) Haake
Gertrude (Erlenbeck)Helmreich
Loretta (Buechler) Casey

CLASS OF 1933
Arthur A. Schroeder
Raymond F. Kuch
Richard W. Endlein
Walter T.A. Mieske
Walter F. Brandt

CLASS OF 1933 (con't)
Alfred H. Stieve
Eldora (Bieberich) Mattie
Lourena (Rosenbrock) Landosky
Esther E. Rau
Margaret (Lederer) Schlicker
Irene (Sauer) Wegener
Leona (Kloha) Buechler
Vera (Lederer) Wilinski
Clarence H. Hoenicke
Ernest L. Beck
Irene D.M. Leppien
Edna (Buechler) Kaiser
Leola (Buechler) Barclay
Milton J. Stringer

CLASS OF 1934
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Reinhold F. Schuster
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George Schmidt
Martin A. Westphal
Robert E. Rosenbrock
Carl J. F. Haut
John Miller
Anna (Steinke) Mieske
Esther (Ittner) Bauer
Dorothy (Fenske) Jansen
Clara (Spengler) Jammer
Emma (Rahn) Helmreich
Florence(Rutkowsky)Arendt
Viola (Endlein) Walter
Clara (Buechler)Wirsing
Wilma (Wirsing) Endline
Bertha (Jammer) Jacobs

CLASS OF 1935
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Wilbur Fritz
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George E. Kuehne
Earl H. Rosenbrock
Inez (Betzold) Cruthers
Clara R. Steinke
Charlotte(Behmlander)Ferrio
Renata (Krieger) Kolb
Agnes (Horschig) Datte
Ruth (Rosenbrock)Skyrme
Elaine (Spengler) Pegler
Nelda (Kohn) Zielinski
Erna L. Ulbricht
Lillian A.B. Kowalke

CLASS OF 1936
Norman O. Stieve
Alvin A. Landosky
Robert C. Schroeder
Edgar C. W. Landosky
Lydia (Sauer) Kloha
Anita (Tomke) Schmidt
Linda (Pacholke) McGivern
Naomi (Kube) Weisheim
Lydia Horschig (Kaiser)
Dorothy Mieske (Dietlein)
Dora (Knight) Engelhardt
Louise (Knight) Guenther
Velma (Schroeder) Adams
Lorain Floyd Dietlein
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Frederick O.A. Philipp
Clarence R. Steinke
Mable Krentz (Payne)
Mrs. Eva Mieske
Edith (Mieske) Draves
Dorothy (Steinke) Schroeder
Marie (Westphal) Gerst
Ethel (Philipp) Erlenbeck
Marvin A. Lederer

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Arthur W. Schoenbine

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Marvin G. Vogtmann
Irma (Betzold) DeLong
Irene (Lederer) Bauer
Arlene (Koch) Fritz
Olive (Mackensen) Stauchfield
Helen (Rahn) Figley
Ruth (Mackensen) Schultz
Erna (Dietlein) Kohn
Doris (Ittner) Buechler
Else (Schroeder) Henson
Esther (Spengler) Kreiger
Alice (Kuch) Nitschke
Charles Pfenniger

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Oscar W. Ittner
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Calvin F. Spengler
Russell J. W. Stieve
Earl H. Siebert
Roy G. Buechler
Maurice H.A. Draves
Charles E. Tomke
Walter R. Steinke
Richard O. Pacholke
Edith (Friebe) Carlin
Elsie (Steinke) Schroeder
Alma (Sauer) Roth
Loris (Spengler) Koch
Madeline L. Berner
Leona (Landosky) Kloha
Doris (Endline) Sequin
Clara (Jammer) Lupeke
Verna (Lederer) Pacholke
Frances (Ittner) Washe
Rosalie (Koch) Huber
Frieda (Westphal) Strachan
Mildred (Rosenbrock) Miller
Dorothy (Vogtmann) Ittner
Russell E. Martin

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Nathanael Fenske
Loraine O. Schroeder
Victor Kohn
Floyd Kuch
Norman Sauer
Emma (Barnikow) Lederer
Lucille K. A. Krieger
Norma (Stieve) Rosenbrock
Luella (Schoenbine) Datte
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Lula (Kloha) Humphrey
Emma (Westphal) Tiede

CLASS OF 1940
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Charille Schmidt
Elaine Endline (Witzgall)
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Alfred J. Krentz
Emil C. Schultz
Alvin F. Adams
Frank E. K. Kube
William H. Friebe
Herbert F. Tomke
Richard O. Schroeder
Lorene O. Schroeder
Mildred (Barnikow)Starkweather
Else F.(Lederer)Schroeder
Doris (Datte) Dyer
Arlene (Kolb) Schroeder
Margaret E. Ulbricht
Myrtle (Mackensen) Emerson

CLASS OF 1940 (con't)
Bertha M. Siebert
Margaret (Koch) Barber
Marie (Spengler) Shukoski
Alvina (Dietlein) Hoppe
Florence (Kube) Bauer
Viola (Krieger) Burgeson
Ella (Dietlein) Vogel
Noreen (Stieve) Adams
Lois (Vogtmann) Hoerlein
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Edna Carter (Usher)
Emery Tunner

CLASS OF 1941
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Carl G. Endlein
Kenneth R. Fenske
Arleen (Lederer) Mehl
Irma (Ulbricht) Weiss
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Lois (Hearit) Miller
Luella (Kuch) Strohpaul
Evangeline (Kube)Vogtmann

CLASS OF 1942
Oswald H.F. Jammer
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Herbert C. Buechler
Lois (Lederer) Rosekrans
Gwendolyn (Ittner) Bach
Alice (Frank) Kohn
Marilyn (Chapman) Storm
Oscar Carl Lemke
Doris (Kolb) Horton
Betty (Mieske) Buechler
Dora (Kawalke) Howe
Frederick P. Kawalke
Phyllis Berner (luttrell)
Delbert J. Whitney
Bertha Whitney (willman)
Dorothy Weber (Behmlander)

CLASS OF 1943
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Robert N. Chapman
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Earl W. Gerstacker
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Arthur A. Koch
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Erwin F. Rinas
John W. Rosenbrock
Norman L. Westphal
Glen Retzloff
Florence (Landosky)Noffke
Agnes (Sauer)Wiessenauer
Lois Annabelle(Mackenasn) Hignite
Shirley (Stieve) Wegener
Nancy (Wirsing) Kloha
Willard S. Chapman
Dorothy K. Chapman
Mary H. Hoenicke
Georgiana Mieske (Andrews)
Marie M. Betzold

CLASS OF 1944
Dorothy (Endline) Lederer
Clara (Dietlein) Wirsing
Dorothy E Kapanke
Florence (Kolb) Piegols
Charlotte (Schalk)Westphal
Frieda (Schalk) Wontorcik
Loretta (Siebert) Arts
Marjorie (Weber) White
Melvin W. Hoenicke
Fredrick R.W. Jammer
Howard R. Kapanke
Edwin F. Kullick
Clarence D. Lederer
Waldemar C. Lederer

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Carl J. W. Schoenbine
Harvey H. Storm
Allan R. Whitney
Chester Norman Wirsing

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Kenneth Rinas
Earl Vogtmann
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Rose W. Koch
Emil Philipp
Raymond A. Koch
Alfred E. Sauer
Clarence M. Rinas
Gene A. Wirsing
Donald L. Brandt
Norma (Pacholke) Cramer
Marion (Meissner) Kaiser
Eldora (Steinke)Schroeder
Shirley (Schroeder)Kuipers
Margaret (Schnell)Wejrowski
Florence (Tomke) Koch
Virginia (Mackensen)Bacon
Lorna (Williams) Phillips
Ralph E. Strohpaul
Joseph Bauer
Mrs. Marie Bauer

CLASS OF 1946
Lucille (Rinas) Koehler
Florence (Horschig) Walter
Lorraine (Draves) Paul
Virginia (Retzloff) Lederer
Adolph R. Landosky
Kenneth H. Vogtmann
Leonard J. Vogtmann
Donald H. Endline
Russell Strohpaul
Robert A. Kuch
Richard G. Zimmermann
Dale Christian Walter
James Donley
Marie Beck
Norma J. Block
Hermon Hart
Stanley Babinsky
Raymond Dietlein
Claude Reinhardt

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Donna (Schmidt) Szylagi
Phyllis (Koch) Vogtmann
Lorna (Datte) Grappin
Eleanore (Ulbricht) Schoenbine
Viola (Mackensen)Berry
Eldora (Frank) Tomke
Betty (Schroeder) Weiss
Violet (Rinas) Koehler
Meta (Westphal) Hyatt
Eileen (Meissner)Donaldson
Dorothy (Mieske) Nickel
Ronald J. Mieske
Herbert F. Westphal
Robert W. Storm
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Elmer A. Sauer
Allan W. Hooper
Walter Barber
Leonard Bublitz

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Esther (Ruhnau)Troxell
Jo-Ann (Endline) Witucki
Jacqueline(Figley)Brookhouse
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Mrs. Florence Kuch(Majchrzak)
Mrs. Aurilie Rahn
Erwin Cruthers
Lawrence DeLong
George Koehler
Mrs. Joanna Kuehne
Mrs.Betty Mieske(Warner)

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J. LaVerne Chapman
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Ronald O. Koch
Roy Clifford Krieger
Ralph Elmer Jammer
Harvey James Mieske
Melvin T. Mieske
John H. Miller
Norman W. Retzloff
Laverne N. Weber
Richard E. Wirsing
Marilyn Mae (Sauer)Kerkau
Joan (Koch) Stark
Marlene (Rosenbrock)Petrowsky
Diane (Schmidt) Buechler
Joan (Schroeder) Weber
Shirley (Tomke) Gerstacker X
Marion (Wirsing)Zimmermann
William Kaiser

CLASS OF 1950
Edward F. Babinsky
Ernest L. Horschig
Orville E. Landosky
Irvin F. Stieve
Kenneth C. Weber
Earl J. Westphal
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Clarence E. Wirsing
Carol (Engelhardt)Sharp
Alice (Emerson)Crittenden
Marilyn B. Liebsack
Barbara (Mieske)Ramseyer
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Marilyn (Storm)Branson
Marlene (Vogtmann) Look
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Barbara Johnson
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Richard E. Kuch
Donald M. Pfannes
Kenneth F. Pfannes
Donald I. Retzloff
Harvey H. Ulbricht
Carolyn (Emerson)Laplow
Donna (Endline)Kuch
Maxine (Meissner) Selle
Arlene (Mieske) Thomas
Laura (Miller) Terwilliger
Eleanore (Ruhnau) Helm
Marlene (Steinke) Weber
Katharine (Stieve)VonEitzen
Phyllis (Weber) Piel
Darlene (Wirsing) Erwin

CLASS OF 1952
Loretta Friebe
Daniel Smith
Onetta Brandt
Clara Wirsing (Meyers)
George Whitney
Bernard H. Beyer
Calvin Lyle Mieske
Lee Allan Chapman
Joyce (Jammer) Krieger
John Henry Kraus
Gerald H. Landosky
Harvey Fredrick Landosky
Vernon Alex Meissner
Kenneth R. Hoenicke
Roger W. Mieske
Kenneth Dale Mieske
Charlotte (Walter)Robinson
Donald Clair Wirsing
Marie (Wirsing) Knoerr

CLASS OF 1953
Irene Berner
Sharon Hooper (Porter)
Lealie Emerson
Esther Emerson
Elizabeth Emerson

CLASS OF 1953 (con't)
Dorothy Philipp (Kimmel)
William Arndt
Robert Szylagi
Robert R. Mieske
Fredrick A. Stegmann
Eugene H.N. Behmlander
Richard C. Frank
Dale Roy Koch
Darwin W. Beyer
Robert D. Schmidt
Margaret (Weber) Reeves
Janet (Rinas) Vennix
Laura (Emerson) Sasse
Joyce (Zimmermann)Lynch
Karen (Fick) Talbot
Elaine (Datte) Sollner
Agnes (Miller)Steimbach
Kathleen (Hooper) Hickey
Donaley (Steinke) Meylan

CLASS OF 1954
Iva (Arndt) Foor
Robert Wayn Beyer
Nancy (Horschig) Viola
Alice (Jammer) Kozuch
Donald Ernest Koch
David Raymond Kuch
LeAnn (Landosky) Schlink
Rodger Henry Landosky
Allen Carl Retzloff
Earl Melvin Rinas
Dale Howard Rosenbrock
Frank N. Ruhnau
Dennis G. Stieve
Richard E.G. Walter
Barbara Jane Griebe
Irene Mabel Westphal
Patricia Ann Endline
Viola (Schnell) Wright
Lorraine R. Anderson
Deloris Mieske (Lightfoot)
Donna Wirsing (Holister)

CLASS OF 1955
JoAnn Whitney(Gallagher)
August Ned Ferrio
Lloyd Bigford
Marlene (Arndt) Maurer
Clyde Edward Behmlander
James F. Emerson
Karen (Emerson) Holmes
Erwin Harold Helmreich
Carol (Hopfinger)Hoffmeyer
Karen (Kapanka) Schultz
Allan Roger Koch
Donald R. Rinas
Robert Howard Miller
Marilyn (Pfannes) Hall
Judy Darlene Ruppel
Duwane R. Weber
Janet (Wirsing) Frank
Lynn Jack Babinsky
Donald C. Walter
Shirley Brandt (Reaume)
Vivian Jean Grappin
Mary Louise Pfau
Blanch L. Pfau
John Andrew Tiede
Ellen Stieve (VonEitzen)
Earl Emil Selle

CLASS OF 1956
Marie Magdlene (Nienaber) Anschultz
George Edward Grappin
Dennis G. Datte
Noreen (Engerer) Walter
Rosalyn (Fick) Wixson
Janet (Kaiser) Hart
George Lee Kehr
James Edwin Kloha
John Carl Kolb
Betty (Kuch) Arnold
Lois (Landosky) Rytlewski
Janet (Miller) Bauch
Ruth (Pfannes) Leach
Darlene Esther Rosenbroch
Judy (Stieve) Pfundt
Karen Lee Schroeder
Clifford L. Zimmermann
John Keith Betzold
Mary Lou Jammer (Colbert)

CLASS OF 1962 (con't)
Marie (Stieve) Dunham
Darlene (Wegener) Pugsley
Sandra (Wirsing) Jones
Larry G. Russell
Rosemary (Goslin) Kuch
Mary Louise (Drummond)McCann
Janette M. McCann
Rodney Allan McCann
Florence C. Brandt
Eric John Englund

CLASS OF 1963
Gary W. Brandt
George T. Casey
Carol (Endline) Hayes
Larry D. Endline
Betty Jane Engerer
Nancy (Engerer)Klaus
Randall S. Fritz
Diane (Grappin) Wilson
John W. Horschig
Jeanne (Ittner) Pawley
William E. Jammer
Eileen (Kloha) Bieske
Richard J. Kloha
Shirley (Koehler)Smith
Ronald A. Kohn
Wayne H. Kohn
Ruth Ann Krentz
Russell James Landosky
Theodore D. McCann
Christine (Pacholke)Cortat
Janet (Schmidt) Rash
Randall H. Schroeder
Renay K. Schroeder
Wayne A. Smith
Michael N. Stieve
Larry A. Weber
Marlene (Rugenstein)Philipp
Janet K. Mieske
Carol Ann Helmreich
James A. Groke Sr.
Gordon Dean Marner
Carol Ann Mieske

Elmer Franklin DeLong
Alice Groke (VonEitzen)
Beatrice L. DeLong
Sheila Kay Mieske
Kenneth R. Richardson

CLASS OF 1964
Wilma (Arndt) Davis
Jeannie (Behmlander)Ventron
Sandra (Bigford) Joles
Robin Lynn Brandt
Rosemary E.(Brandt) Lomas
Walter H. Brandt
Joan (Buechler) Moeller
Ruth Ann (Datte) LaBrenz
Diane Joyce Erlenbeck
David Clarence Fick
Cynthia (Fritz) Arndt
Joyce (Ittner) Gwizdala
Yvonne M. Ittner
Harvey Lee Kohn
Michael Raymond Kuch
Sandra (Kube) Ganley
James L. Mieske
Timothy Roy Nutt
Richard W. Ruhnau
Paul John Schroeder
Karen (Strohpaul) Clifford
Paul R. Strohpaul
Kathleen (Walter) Flemming
Mary Jane (Walter)Newman
Kay Elaine Jacobs
Paul D. Brown
Thomas F. Kozuch
John C. Skorzewski
Fay (Taber) Kohn

CLASS OF 1965
James R. Brandt
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Charles R. Datte
Richard C. Finney
Carol (Jammer) Davis
Kenneth H. Kloha
Donald R. Koehler

CLASS OF 1965 (con't)
Sandra (Kohn) Dinger
Janice (Kolb) Livingston
Alice Jean Lederer
Richard J. McCann
Dennis F. Reimann
Cathy (Rinas) Adams
Terry M. Rosenbrock
Wendy Kay Schroeder
Ronald C. Spengler
Karen (Stieve) Hodge
Theresa (Paris)Helmreich
George Lee Walter
David Richard Stark
Pearl Leona Koehler
Phyllis Schultz(Fahlsing)
Jay Dean Hall
Robert Emery Smith
Donald Keith Haynes

CLASS OF 1966
Jeanne (Brandt) Bis
Sally (Buechler)Schember
Fredrick J. Erlenbeck
Donna (Fritz) Dinsmore
Charlene (Grappin)Philipp
Colleen Ann Kaiser
Gilbert Ervin Kaiser
Susan (Kloha) Bauer
Lois (Kuch) Lobsinger
Melvin R. Lederer
Bonnie (Mieske) Marsh
Michael K. Rinas
Lynn (Rosenbrock)Leinberger
Wayne E. Schmidt
Mardi L. Schroeder
Harold D. Smith
Kenneth Earl Ulbricht
Gary Allen Wirsing

CLASS OF 1967
Terry Allan Adams
Rickie M. Behmlander
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Linda (Brandt) Johnson

Patricia (Dietlein)Lederer
Leroy N. Fick
Gary Lee Kaiser
Lee Allen Kloha
Ricky E. Kloha
Rebecca (Koch) Percic
Thomas W. Koehler
Candace (Kolb) Bruggemann
Sharon (Landosky) Gucan
Lois (Lederer) Smith
Ross H. Rosenbrock
Beverly (Schultz) Storm
Freddie T. Smith
Michael P. Spengler
Sharon (Ulbricht) LeFevre
Randalyn Ann Wirsing
George F. Dora
Jack O. Dora II
Sandra Kay Gates
Jeanne (Kuch) Goedicke
Joyce Ellen Kuch
Fredric R. Philipp
Robert Dale Philipp
Sharon (Sauer) Gucan
Roger Edwin Strohpaul
Douglas Harry Zielinski
Debra (Zielinski)Semen

CLASS OF 1968
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Randall Dean Bigford
Carolyn (Buechler)Zielinski
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Kay J. DeLong
Kathleen (Fick) Eschenbacher
Sue Ann Hooper
Barbara (Jammer)Schoenherr
John R. Kaiser
JoAnn (Kehr) Satkowiak
Dean Albert Kohn
Roy A. Kohn
Norma (Lederer) Kopietz
Larry Al. Sauer
Mary Jo (Schmidt) Gorgol
Stephen S. Schroeder

CLASS OF 1968 (con't)
Debra (Walter) Meisel
Patsy Jamison
Ethel Hoenicke
Bonny Roseberry
David Roseberry
Randall Gwizdala

CLASS OF 1969
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Kenneth J. DeLong
Kevin Neal Draves
Gary Allan Hooper
Gail Helen Koch
Mark Robert Kuch
Dennis R. Kuehnemund
Kathleen (McCann) Bond
Becky (Mieske)Sczepanski
John L. Mieske
Diane (Rosenbrock)Jacobs
Ronald Ray Schultz
David G. Stieve
Randall H. Tomke X
Terrence K. Vogtmann
Robin Ann Whitney
Constance L. Buechler (Boule)
Norma J. Whitman
Patricia Richardson(Shinever)
Melvin D. Richardson
Jerald Roy LeBrun
Sandra Kay Rosenbrock
Thomas D. Pawley

CLASS OF 1970
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Russell A. Brandt
Beverly (Buechler)Westphal
Ellen (Buechler) Samborn
Lois (Buechler)Schamber
Deborah (Grappin) Bellor
Kenneth C. Grappin
Roger Lee Grappin
Daniel B. Jammer
Keith C. Koch
David N. Kuch
Shirley (Kuch) Jean
Lynn (Landosky) Villarreal
Martin J. Mieske
Nelson A. Mieske
Gale (Rosenbrock) Keenan
Shelley Lue Schoenbine
Rick Edward Thomas
Karen (Wirsing)Rauschenberger X

CLASS OF 1971
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David M. Horschig
Dennis Earl Hyatt
Sandra (Ittner) Schmidt
Bonnie Marie Jammer
Vicki (Koch) Simpson X
Dale Robert Kohn
Susan (Kraus) Walter
Dale Roy Krieger
Dennis Richard Kuch
Laura (Kuch) Beiser
David L. Kuehnemund
Marianne (Sauer)Schumann
Mark S. Spengler
Bonnie(Stieve) Datte
Melvin G. Stieve, Jr.
Sue Ann Uhlmann
Mary Ann (Ulbricht) Page
Jeannine (Vogtmann) Bauer
Lynne (Vogtmann) Riggs
Julia (Weisheim) Wollman
Randi (Whitney) Phillip
Penny (Wirsing) Chmura
Warren D. Palmer
Lucille M. Palmer
Connie (Palmer) Frank
Brenda (Palmer) Stuhr
Mary Ida Palmer
Sharon Marie Palmer
Charles W. Storey
Arlene J. Storey
Victor John Draves

CLASS OF 1971 (con't)
Vivian (Troxell) Lijewski
Carol Ann Ruhnau
Linda Jane Strohpaul
Sheri Morse (Erlenbeck)
Debra Lederer (Raynak)

CLASS OF 1972
Sherry (Behmlander) Markevich
Scott Allan Bigford
Donald Wayne Brandt
Thomas E. Brandt
Pamela Sue Draves
Anna (Figley) Haustein
Jill (Gerstacker) Horschig
Kevin W. Grappin
Randall C. Jammer
Allen R. Jenkins
Steven Alan Jenkins
Beverley Sue Koch
Shannon (Kohn) Brandt
Connie (Kuch) Rezmer
Cynthia (Kuehnemund) Linda
Vicki Jean Meissner
Janet Kay Schoenbine
Michael I. Stieve
Scott D. Stieve
Gail (Tomke) Schlicker X
Robert R. Whitney
Kathy (Wirsing)Schumacker
Joanne C. Philipp
Warren Von Eitzen
Lloyd R. Palmer
Lee Andrew Davis
Kirk D. Brandt
Donna VanTol
Ronald Lee Pugsley
Raymond W. Davis
Thomas J. Gusan

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Debra (Behmlander) Shufelt
Guy Thomas Bigford
Gregory Alan Brandt
Harold James Brandt
Gene Elmer Buechler
Peggy (Buechler) Brady
Terry Lee Dora
James F. Erwin
Kirk Earl Gerstacker X
Jay Kenneth Hall
William J. Hooper
Mary Jo (Horschig)Mrozinski
Maureen (Klcha) Cook
Cynthia Ann Koch
John David Kohn
Joan Marie Kuch
Penny Lou Kuehnemund
Rachelle (Lynch) Brophy
Brad Allen Martin
Ronald A. McCann
Kathryn Marie Ollila
Michelle Joy Philipp
Tom Warren Palmer
William R. Rosecrans
Laurie (Stieve) Martin
Jeffrey A. Vogtmann
Lori (Vogtmann) Kulczycki
Rickey Lee Walter
Nathan R. Westphal
Connie Lynn Whitman
Don A. Strawn
Peggy A. Rotarius
Edna McCann
Terry Bis
Clarence Kennedy
Verna Kohn
Cindy Nagel
Debra Nagel
LeRoy Nagel
Barbara (Nagel) Hidden
Richard Morse
Jeanne Morse

CLASS OF 1974
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Katie (Buechler)Miller
Kellie Ann Dora
Ruth Ann Dubke

CLASS OF 1974 (con't)
Kent Edward Grappin
Pamela (Horschig) Bauer
Brian Lee Hyatt
Karen (Ittner) Leichner
Valerie (Klohs) Tacey
Rhoda (Kuch) Schlief
Eddie E. Loubert
Sandra (Meissner) Bock
Randy Allen McCann
Pamela Penny Mieske
Russell Warren Palmer
Diane (Philipp) Hillaker
Greg Ronald Sollner
Jonathan Harry Westphal
David Richard Zimmermann

CLASS OF 1975
Kathy Gail Behmlander
Tammy (Bigford) Micho
Andrew Scott Bissonette
Richard Lee Brandt
Jammie (Brandt) Raetz
Marie D. Erwin
Shelly (Grappin) Campbell
Carrie (Gerstacker) Boer X
Brenda Lou Jammer
George Dale Jenkins
Ann (Klepser) Vogtmann
Julie Marie Koch
Lee Ross Koch X
William Mark Kohn
Rebecca Lou Kuch
Ronald Edwin Kuch
Rickey V. Kuehnemund
Ricky R. Landosky
Pamela (Leavens) Tetge
Larry D. Lightfoot
Michael D. Lockwood
Bruce A. Loubert
Mark Eugene Lynch
Wendy (Martin) Winger
Tamra (McCann) Bauers
Daniel W. Nagel
Mary (Ollila) Sheakey
Donna (Philipp) Dennis
Gail (Rinas) Sprunger
Bruce E. Schlink
Kevin Carl Schoenbine
Clifford A. Sauer
Brian Daryl Stieve
Jeffrey Carl Stieve
Wallace Barry Vogtmann
Nancy Kathleen Brandt
Sheryl Ann Huntley
Janelle Ann Schultz (Knisley)
Dena Kay Brandt
Carl Edward Leach
Eli C. Bontrager
Katie Mae Bontrager
Joyce Lilly
Lena Schuster
Mary Jo Bergeron
Gerald Barnes
Evelyn Barnes
Donald Lightfoot
Mary Lightfoot
Joan Semen
Patsy Jamison
Don Rauschenberger
Sharon Ann Lederer (Letson)
Angela Thomas
Kathy (Sequin) Grappin
Carolyn Kohn
Michael Dinger

CLASS OF 1976
Theresa Ann Bissonette
Audrey (Buechler) Rupp
Ann (Gerstacker) Witchger
Rodney Lucas Haustein
Pamela Jayne (Hooper) Sampler
Thomas Kenneth Horschig
Ella (Jammer) Schwennecke
Elliott Marvin Kuch
Kelly Marie Maciejewski
Jeff Brian McCann
Terri Sue Mieske
Laurie Ann Rinas
David Floyd Sharp
James John Stieve
Karen (Troxell) Koch X

CLASS OF 1976 (con't)
Lynn Louise (Thomas) Sova
Paul Satkowiak
Jack Monroe
Joan Monroe
Carolyn Bernreuter
Arlene Ittner (Dean)
Deborah Rosenbrock
Alberta (Donner) Kuch
Joan Sherman
Cynthia Casey
Daniel Lee Holland
Rolanda Holland
Kathleen Hall
Margaret (Donner) Fraay
Amy Krentz
Eric Karl Krentz

CLASS OF 1977
Carol Jean Atton
Randall Frederick Berlin
Allan Ray Brandt
Kimberly Jean Brandt
Sandra Jean Brandt
Jacquelynn Gina Dora
Kris Alan Grappin
Lisa (Helmreich) Powell
Gail (Klepser) Wegener
Douglas Arthur Koch
Kimberly (Kuch) Wenzer
Steven Douglas Kuch
Mark H. Landosky
Gary Emil Philipp
Russell R. Rosecrans
Sharon (Rybkowski) Setula
Julie Ann Sollner
Daryl Oscar Stieve
Mark Alan Stieve
Russell S. Vogtmann
Michael G. Walter
Vicki (Zimmermann) Loehne
Hugh Maple
Roger Sanderson
Alex Meissner
Mark Sheek
Jacqueline Jammer
Constance Roy

CLASS OF 1978
Eugene J. Behmlander
Armin B. Buss
Pamela (Engelhardt) Stasko
Michael R. Erwin
Neal Alva Foor
Renee Marie Gehoski
Gail (Gerstacker) Cassiday
Tami Jo Grappin
Thea Mae Helmreich
Terry Edward Krieger
Cynthia (Landosky) LeValley
Glen Albert Leavens
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Marvin E. Lynch
Scott John Martin
Kim Konrad Mieske
Janet Lynn Monroe
Edward H. Philipp
Tammy (Schubring) Lorms
Ronald Allen Sharp
Lori Ann Swanton
David Allen Vogtmann
Wendie Sue (Walter) Pieper
Natalie Noel Westphal
Richard Henderson
Glen Eschenbacher
James Kennedy
Charlotte Pinnow
Renee Pinnow
Melanie Trentham
Eileen Kaiser
Edward Samborn
Michael Storey
Jeffrey Storey

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Rachael E. Melinat
David W. Neumann
Paul Jay Richardson
Dean Leonard Rinas
Duane Albert Rinas
Sandi (Rybkowski) Wilson
Diane Lynn Sollner
Randall S. Spiridigliozzi
Dawn M. Weitzel
Greg Lynn Wirsing
M/k James(Karin)Dubay
Dean Palmer
Louis Meisel
LeeAnn Fritz

CLASS OF 1980
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Judith(Engelhardt) Glazier
Paul Richard Erwin
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Gary Warren Koch
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Janet (Kennedy) Merritt
Bradford John Kloha
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Denise Ann Landosky
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Michael Alan Mieske
Doris (Monroe) Schalk
Tina M. Rosenbrock
Lisa Lynne Schuette
Bonnie May (Schultz)St.Peter
Lisa Joy Vogtmann
Timothy Mark Walter
Michelle A. Williamson
Robert Parsons
Denese Schlink
Kirk Craig
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Emily Murray
Del Marsh
Patricia Phelps
Brenda Mieske
Jody Kennedy
John Silvernale
Kathleen Silvernale
Cindy Naboychik

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Harlond Powell
Rhonda Young
Carla (Fromer) Schmidt
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Steven Schmidt
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Rickey Jean
Wilford Murray
Herschel Williamson
Teresa (McCann) Teot
Monte Loehne
Don Smith

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Robbie J. Diehl
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Curt Thomas Pawley
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Prizza (Rosenbrock) Sylvester
Jeri Lou Rybkowski
Todd Wayne Schlink
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David Lee Westphal
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Debra Moore
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Bonnie Foor

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James F. Emerson
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Shawn David Kuch
Anson Allan Kuehnemund
Angela Rose Mary Leavens
Steven M. Marsh
Gregory Robert McCann
Timothy E. Pinnow
Trisha L. Richardson
Harold L. Rosenbrock, Jr.
Jennifer Lynn Sherman

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Steven Douglas Weitzel
Stephen Michael Wiedyk
Sabrina Sue Warmbier
Cheryl Behmlander
Nora Dumeney
Dennis Kukla
Roger Ososki
Violetta Ososki
Peggy Realy
Joan Schwannecke
Laura Wirsing

CLASS OF 1985
Matthew John Bokech
Troy Raymond Buechler
Russell David Burke
Scott Alan Doud
Timothy Lee Erwin
Dustin David Fick
Thomas Michael Fick
Dana Lynn Fritz
Steven David Fritz
Thomas Robert Gravlin
Donald Keith Haynes
Nadine Jane Helmreich
Aaron Alan Holland
Daniel A. Jenkins
Brian Arthur Kennedy
Jeremy Jon Kukla
Vickie Jo Landosky
Tamera Fay Peter
Dale Lee Pinnow
David William Pinnow
Todd Michael Pyle
Debra Charilla Rash
Colleen Renee Retherford
Brian Alton Schubring
Michael Wayne Williamson

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Tracy Lynn Endersbe
Eric Robert Hopfinger
Zachary Norman Kabat
Steven M. Leinberger
Annette R. Rosenbrock
Jeffrey Lee Samborn
Jodi Lynn Schuette
Michelle Ann Helmreich
Holly Anne Maxson
Jenifer McCann
Gordon Glazier
Joan Hansen
Richard Teot

TO BE CONFIRMED IN 1987
Glenn Richardson
Alice Richardson (Gary)
Larry Schember
Carla Smith
Bridget Brandt
Greta Casey
Sarah Chapman
Dayna Fritz
Heather Jones
Marisa Leavens
Ginger Pawley
Trecia Pinnow
Brett Richardson
Stacia Satkowiak
Brenda Barnes
Joel Boettcher
Dennis Diehl
Orin Holland
Scott Hopfinger
Margie Kaiser
Scott Kennedy
Lori LaLone
John Landosky
Kelvin Lederer
Michelle McCann
Marg Sherman
Heidi Schlosser
Julie Thomas

BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH, AND I

WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE.

REV. 2:10

As of this writing . . . . . .
The oldest living Zion Confirmands that are presently nonagenarians (90 years plus) are:

EVA BUECHLER SCHMIDT, confirmed in the Class of 1903

MARIA VOGTMANN ENDLINE, confirmed in the Class of 1906

PAULINE BECK ROSENBROCK, confirmed in the Class of 1906

ANN LOUISE SPANGLER, confirmed in the Class of 1907

ELISABETH CASSUBE JAGNOW, confirmed in the Class of 1907

AUGUSTE SCHROEDER PAGE, confirmed in the Class of 1908

FRIEDA KOOH ITTNER, confirmed in the Class of 1909

LYDIA SCHROEDER RAISCH, confirmed in the Class of 1911

Confirmation Roster and Pictures
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by
Mrs. Marvin (Dorothy) Stieve
Mrs. Leonard (Luanne) Vogtmann

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AN OLD-FASHIONED PICTURE ALBUM

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
BEAVER TOWNSHIP
AUBURN, MICHIGAN

TO BETTER COMPREHEND AND VISUALIZE THE PAST HISTORY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, THIS PICTURE ALBUM HAS BEEN CONPILED OF PEOPLE AND THINGS WRITTEN ABOUT IN THE HISTORY BOOKLET. SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THE PERSONS WHO CONTRIBUTED PICTURES AND INFORMATION, SO GENEROUSLY, TO MAKE THE ALBUM POSSIBLE.

DOROTHY STIEVE
LUANNE VOGTMANN

REV. AND MRS. F. MUELLER---1887-1890

REV. AND MRS. A. DONNER---1890-1896

REV. F. AHNER---1896-1905

REV. F. RUTKOWSKY---1905-1941

STUDENT INGLEHARDT
1887

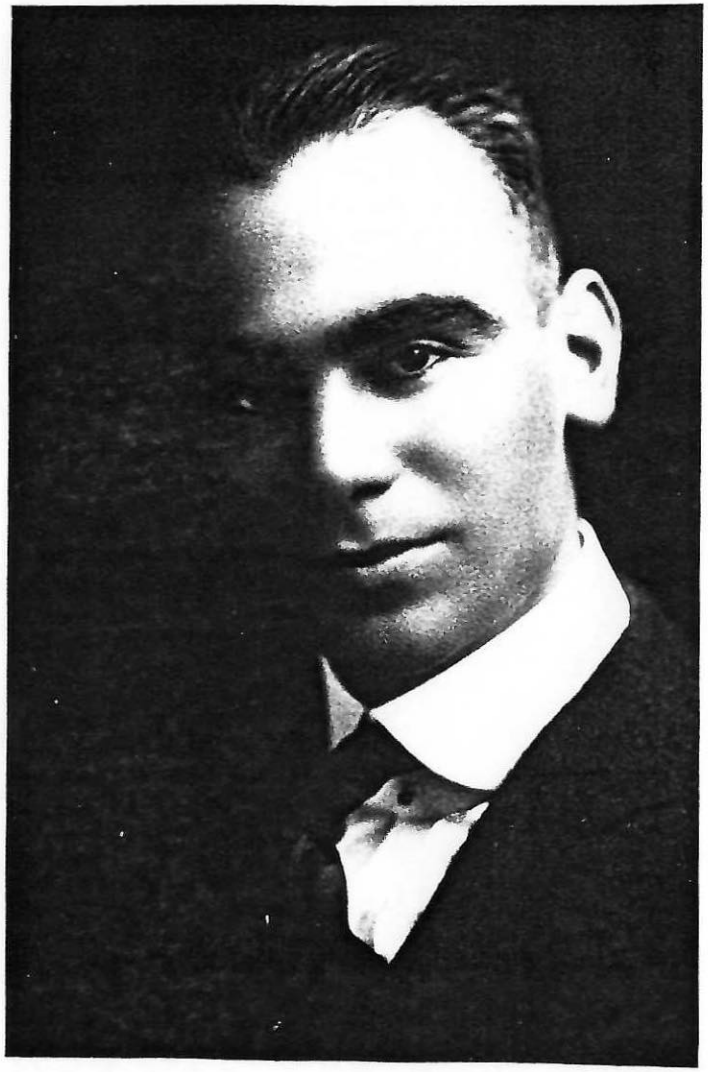
TEACHER A. EILERS
1918-1920

TEACHER AND MRS. A. G. RAUSCHELBACH---1898-1910

TEACHER AND MRS. A. ZIMMER---1910-1912

TEACHER ALFRED KUMMER---1913-1915

TEACHER GEORGE KRACH---1916-1917
(MARRIED ELSIE KOCH)



STUDENT TEACHER OSWALD RIESS
1915-1916

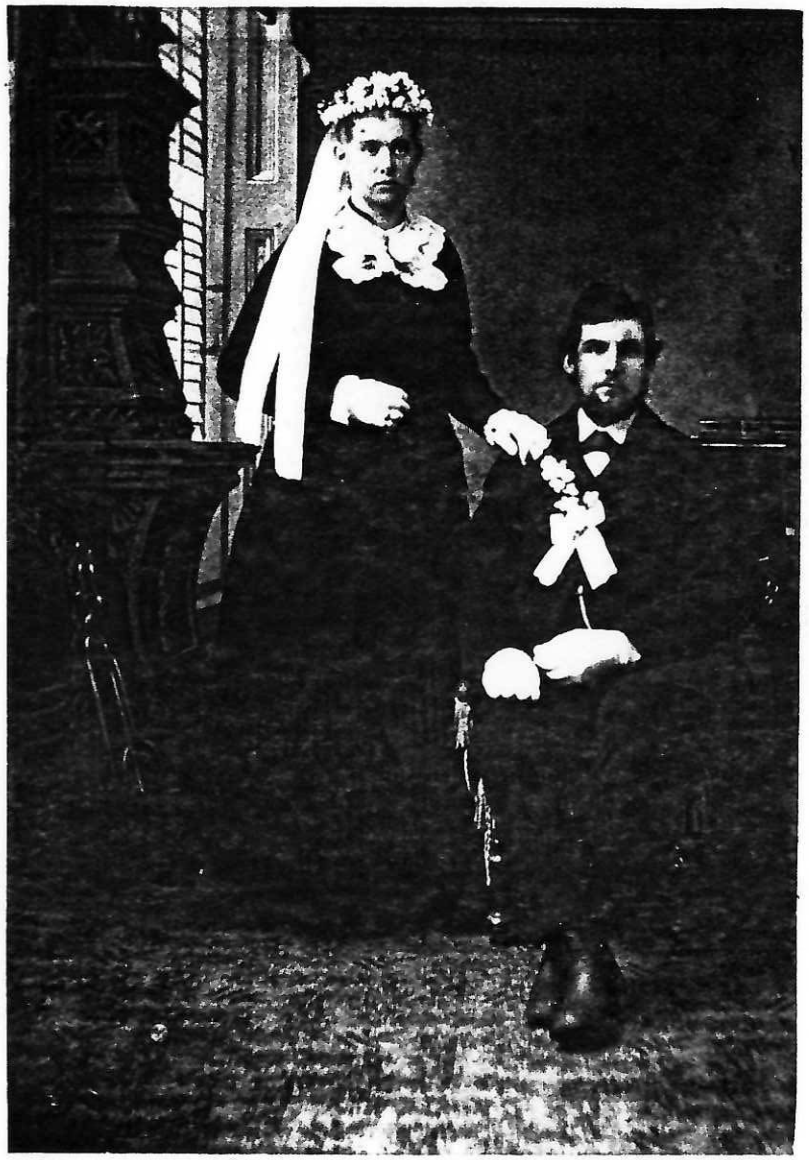
STUDENT TEACHER ADELA RIESS
1915-1916

REV. AND MRS. OSWALD RIESS
(ELEANOR KOCH)

MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD HUFNAGLE
1920-1925

NORTH ZION - ABOUT 1915

TEACHER NORMAN WEBER
REV. FREDERICK RUTKOWSKY
TEACHER CHARLES RIESS



JOHN JACOB AND EMMA (NEE LANGLASS) SPENGLER

MARRIED ON NOVEMBER 23, 1883

JOHN WAS BORN ON MARCH 27, 1865 IN BEAVER TOWNSHI

CHARLES AND ANNA (NEE SPENGLER) TOMKE

MARRIED ON MAY 12, 1889

ANNA WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 18, 1867 IN BEAVER TOWNSHI

JOHN BETZOLD

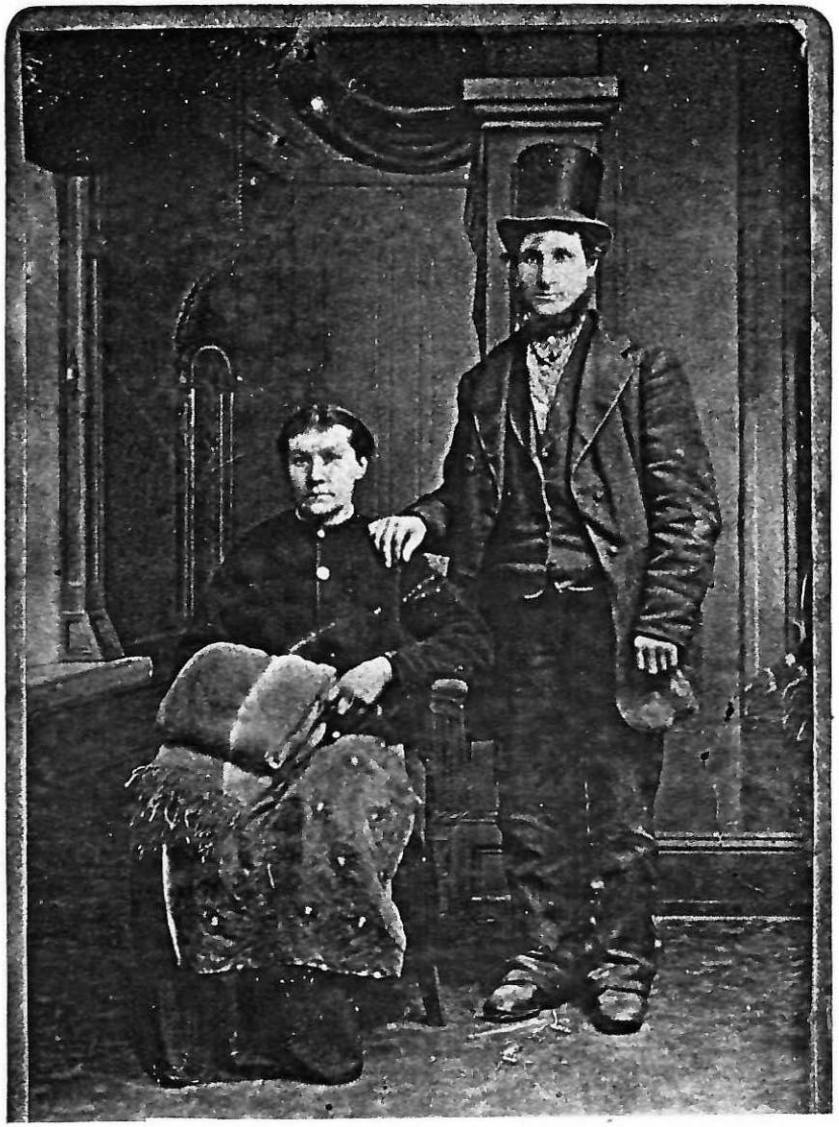
BORN--1843--IN GERMANY

DIED--1901

MARGARETHA PLATZEDER BETZOLD

BORN--APRIL 13, 1847--IN GERMANY

DIED--NOVEMBER, 1932



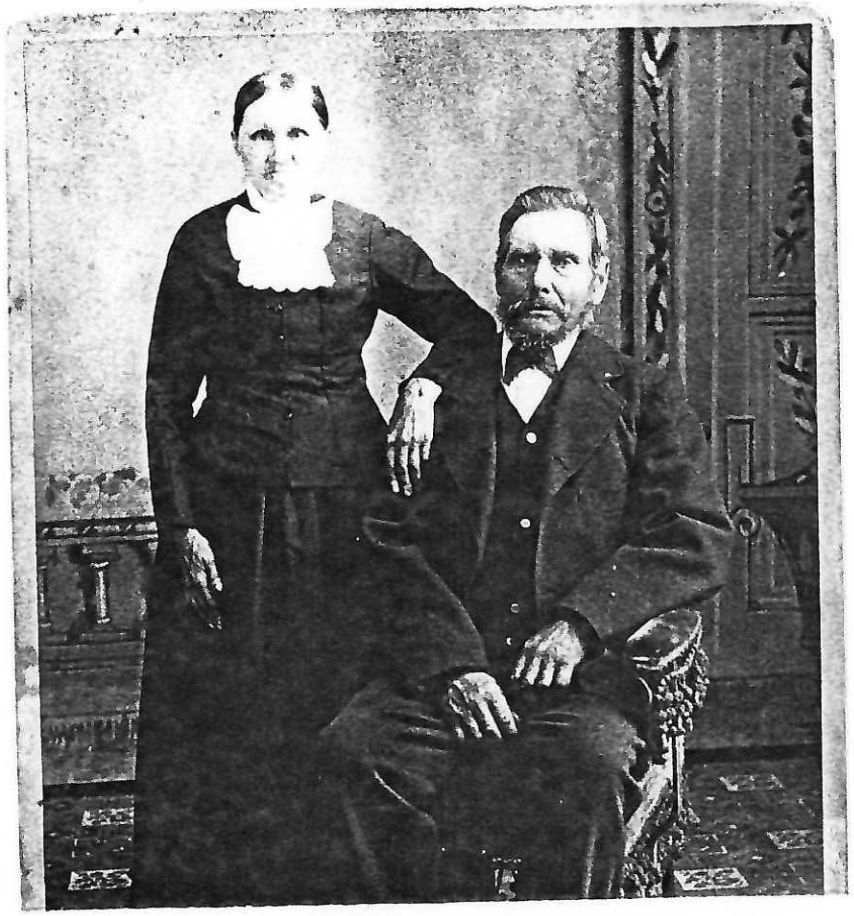
JOHANN WOLFGANG ENDLEIN
DOROTHEA NEE BETZOLD

JOHANN WOLFGANG ENDLEIN
KATHARINA NEE KONRAD

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES RIESS
(NEE KATHERINE NEUMEYER)

MR. AND MRS. FERDINAND KRAEFT

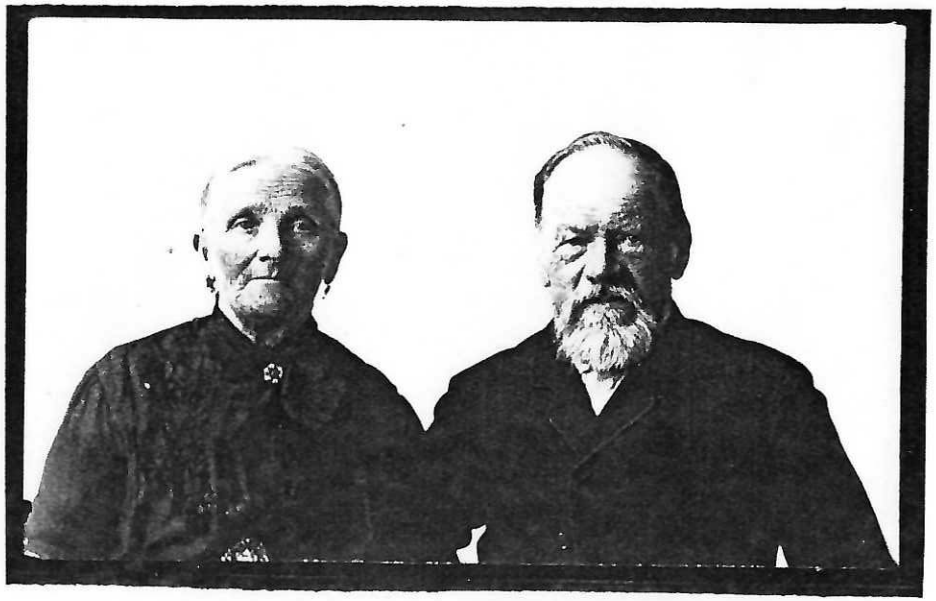
Johann Friedrich
Tomke (b. 1829)
and
Johanna Nemitz
(b. 1833)



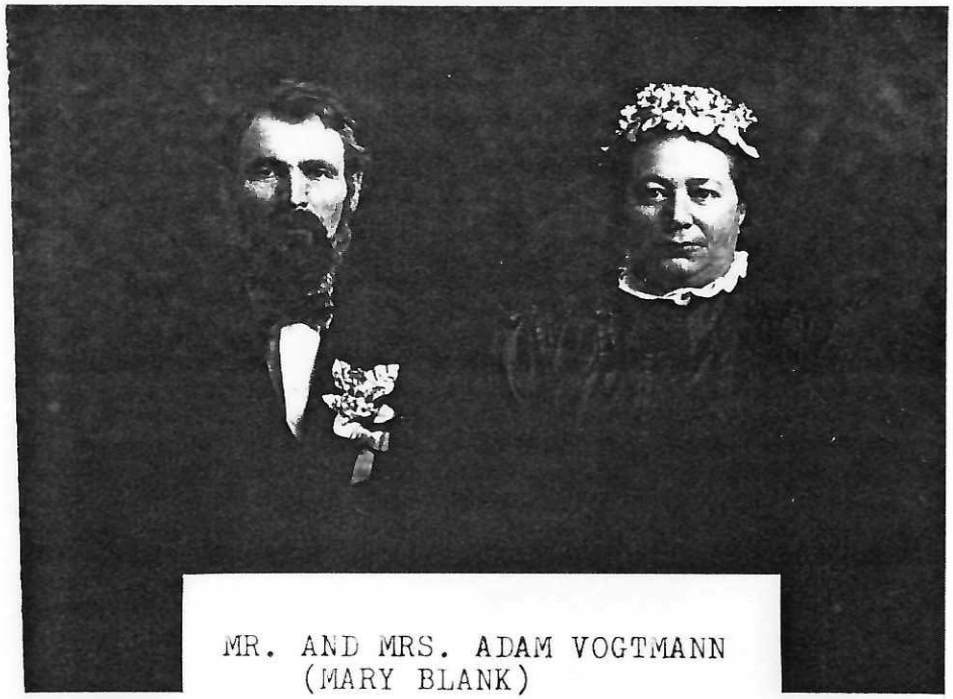
MR. AND MRS. JOHN TOMKE
(JOHANNA NIMITZ)

Wilhelm's sister

MR. AND MRS. JOHN PFANNES
(HEDWIG AHNER)



MR. AND MRS.ANTON ULBRICHT

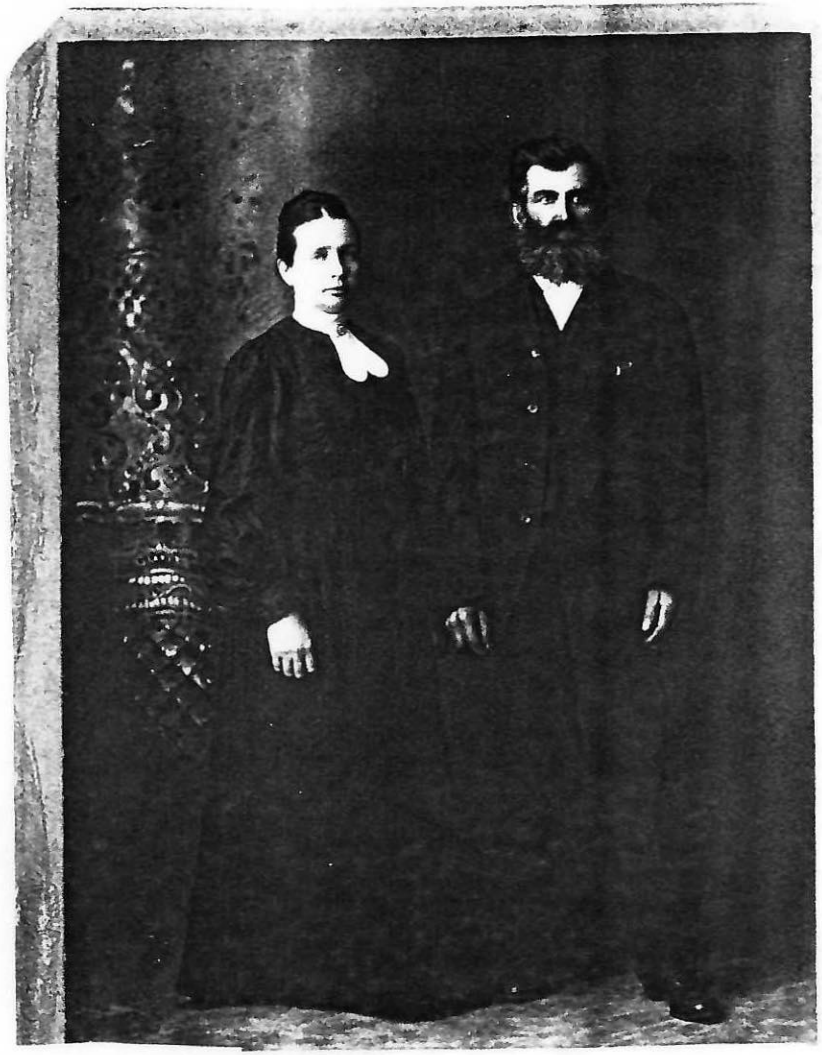


MR. AND MRS. ADAM VOGTMANN
(MARY BLANK)

JOHN DIETLEIN, EVA (LANG) DIETLEIN
CHILDREN: BARBARA (KNIGHT), FRED

WILLIAM BRANDT, CAROLINA (AHRENS) BRANDT
CHILDREN: EMMA (OTT), MARTHA (DIETLEIN),
WILLIAM

John and Anna Barbara (nee Lang) Buechler



MR. AND MRS. AUGUST DATTE
(NEE NATALIE FOSS)

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Erlenbeck

John and Anna (nee Endlein) Schnell
John and Carl

TRAUGOTT AND BARBARA (NEE) WEGGEL WIRSING

THEODORE AND ANNA (NEE) HUEBNER MACKENSEN

SAW MILL ON GEORGE ENDLINE FARM
OWNED BY JOHN BUECHLER
1908

THE JOHN J. SPENGLER FAMILY
FRONT ROW: LOUISE, EMMA, CARL, JOHN & EMMA EHMAN
BACK ROW : HENNRIETTA, LEONARD, GEORGE & MARY

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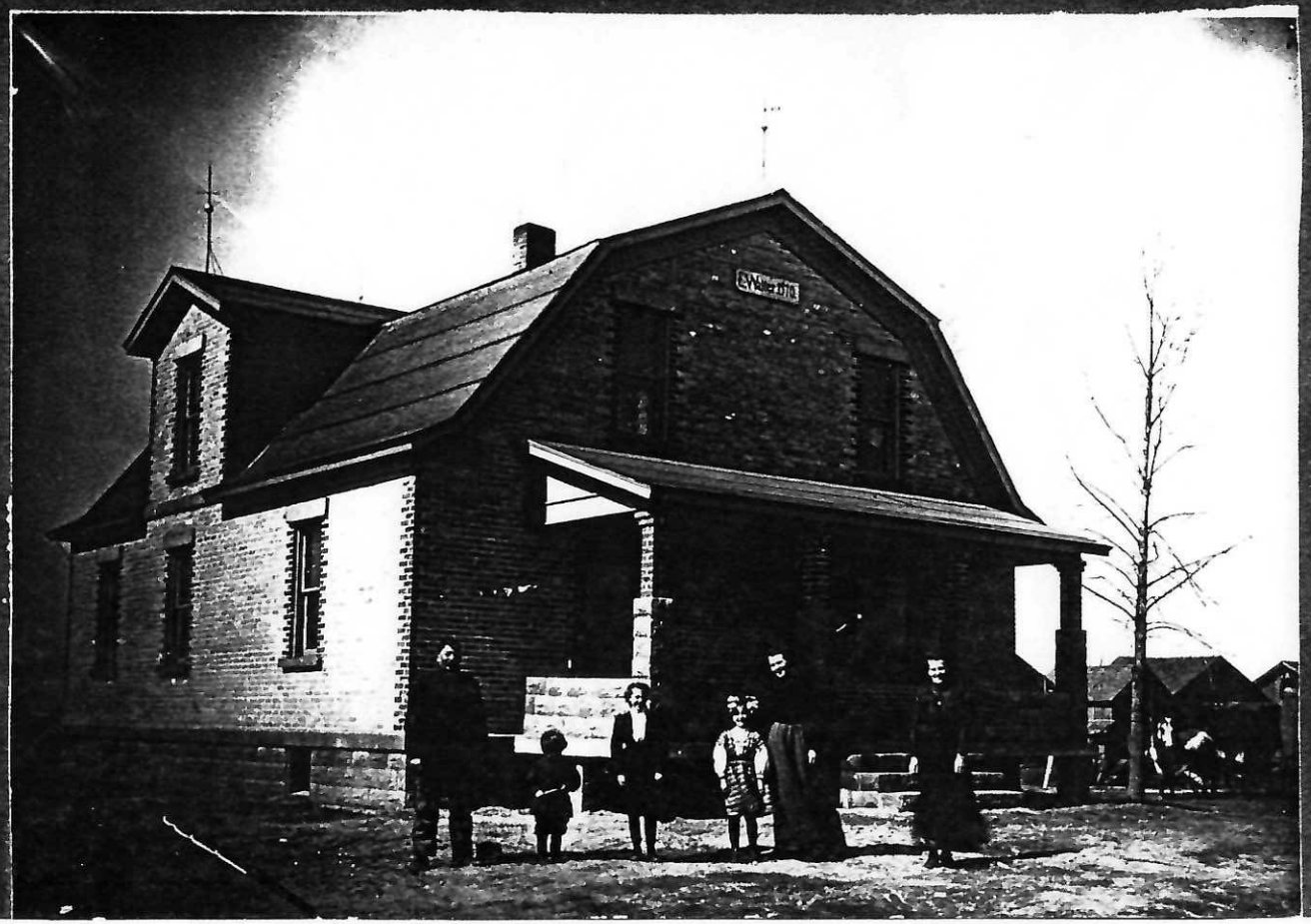
KOHN FAMILY

CARL, HERMAN, HULDA, HENRY, MARTHA ARNOLD, HANNAH TURNER,

BERTHA BILLIARD, CAROLYN, JOHN.

AUGUSTE (NEE TOMKE) AND HENRY KOHN.



WALTER FAMILY

ERNEST, HENRY, HELEN BIEBERICH, HULDA SKINNER,

MARTHA (NEE SCHOENBINE, HANNAH KOHN.

VOGTMANN FAMILY

ADAM AND MARIE VOGTMANN

MARY ENDLINE ANNA ZINK JOHN VOGTMANN GEORGE VOGTMANN

ANNA ZINK

LEONARD - JOHN-GEORGE VOGTMANN ADAM VOGTMANN

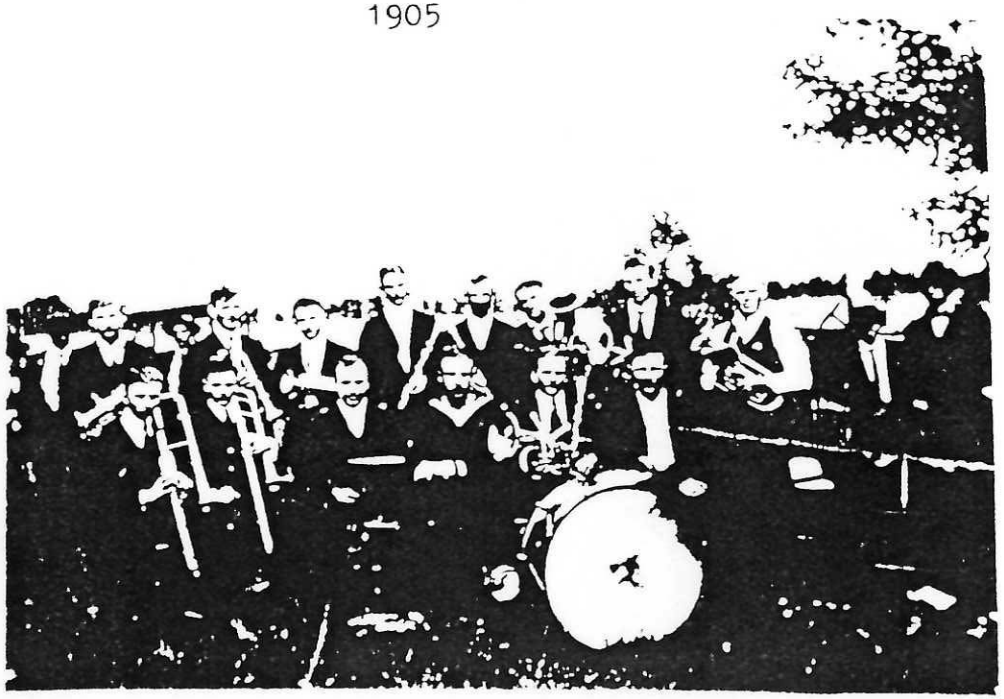
MARY ENDLINE

TEACHERAGE---MOVED TO CARTER ROAD
MR. CHARLES RIESS AND MRS. KATHERINE (NEE NEUMEYER) RIESS

THE PARSONAGE
REV. AND MRS. RUTKOWSKY

BEAVER ZION LUTHERAN BAND

1905



Teacher Charles Riess and students

Winter 1900

TEACHER CHARLES RIESS WITH STUDENTS AT NORTH ZION SCHOOL IN 1910

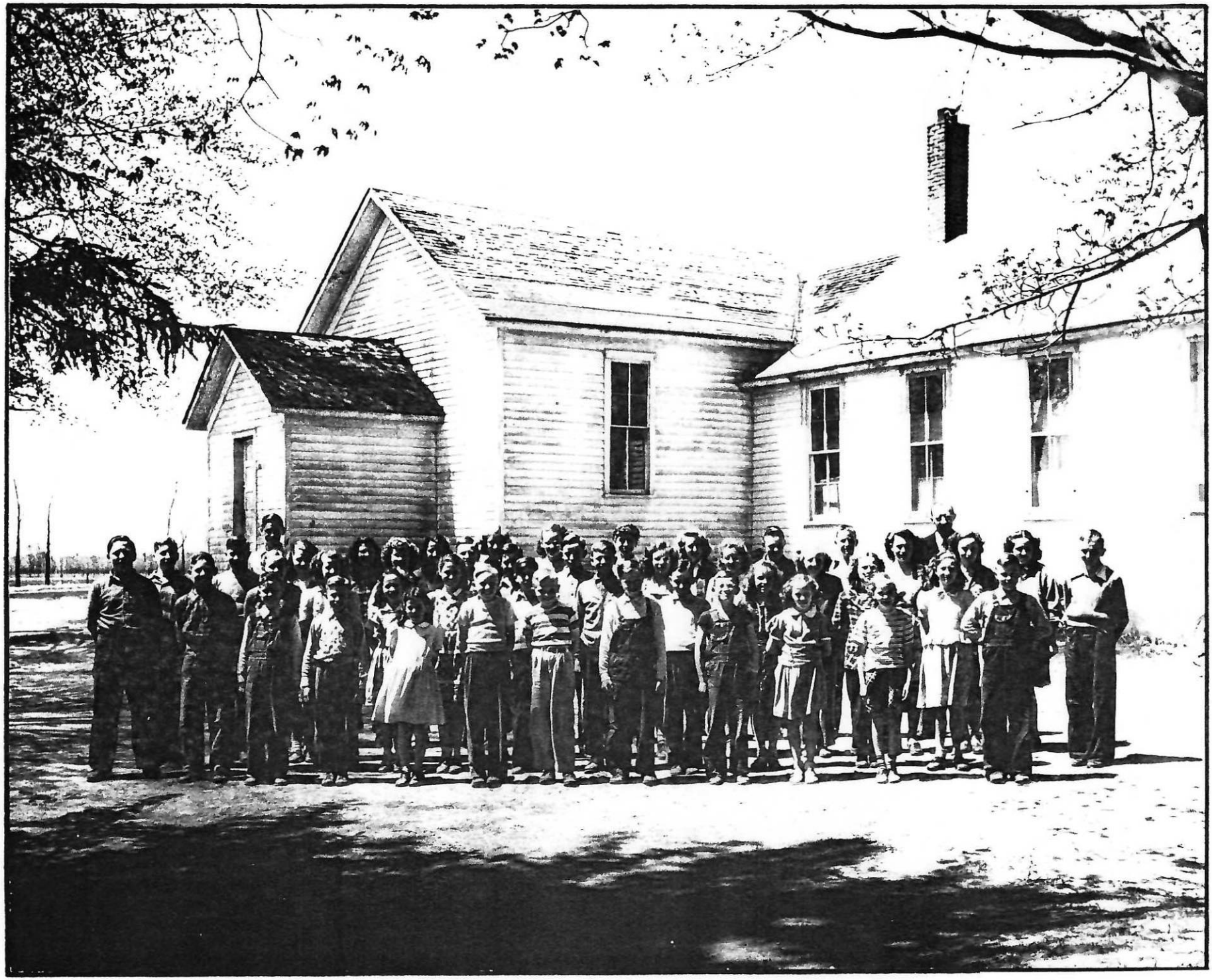
CHARLES RIESS AND STUDENTS
(FIND YOURSELF---1913

TEACHER CHARLES RIESS WITH STUDENS AT NORTH ZION SCHOOL IN 1914

TEACHER GEORGE KRACH WITH STUDENTS
AT SOUTH ZION SCHOOL ON MAY 8, 1917

CHARLES RIESS AND STUDENS
(FIND YOURSELF)

TEACHER CHARLES RIESS WITH STUDENS AT NORTH ZION SCHOOL IN 1924



TEACHER ARNOLD STOPPENGAGEN WITH STUDENTS AT NORTH ZION SCHOOL
1946-1947

TEACHER NORMAN WEBER WITH STUDENTS AT SOUTH ZION SCHOOL

1946-1947

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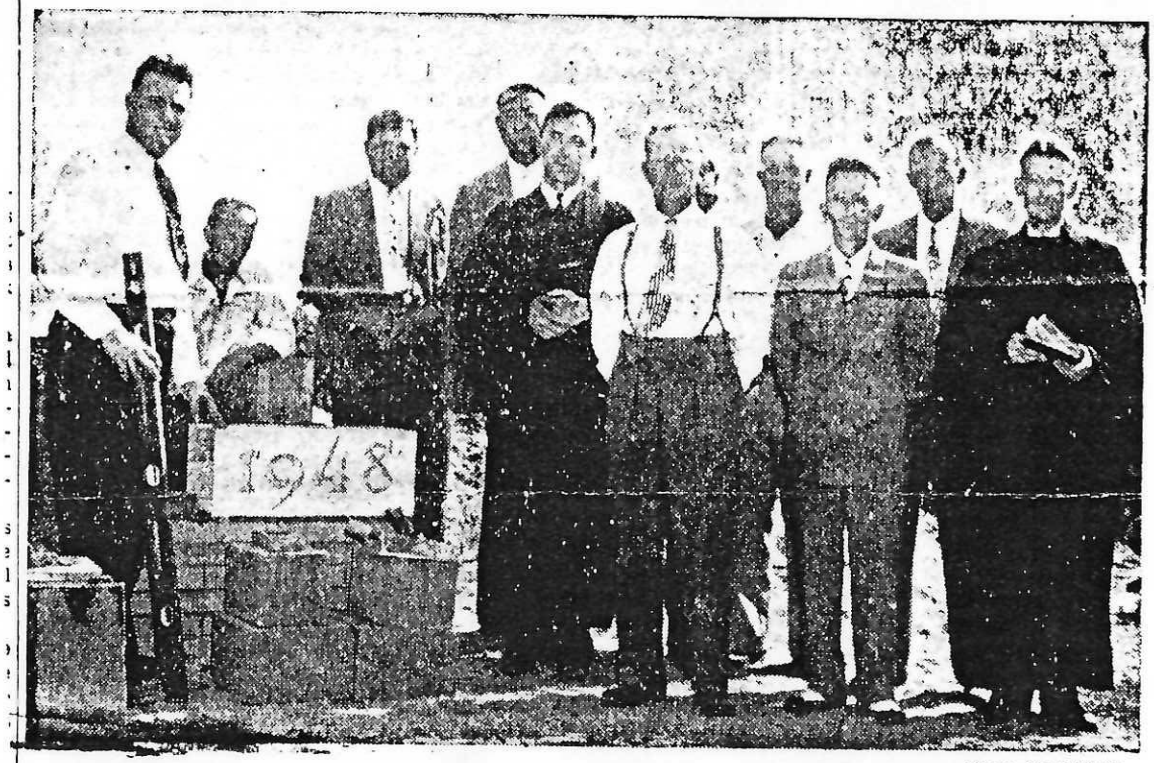
Cornerstone Dedicated at Beaver Lutheran School



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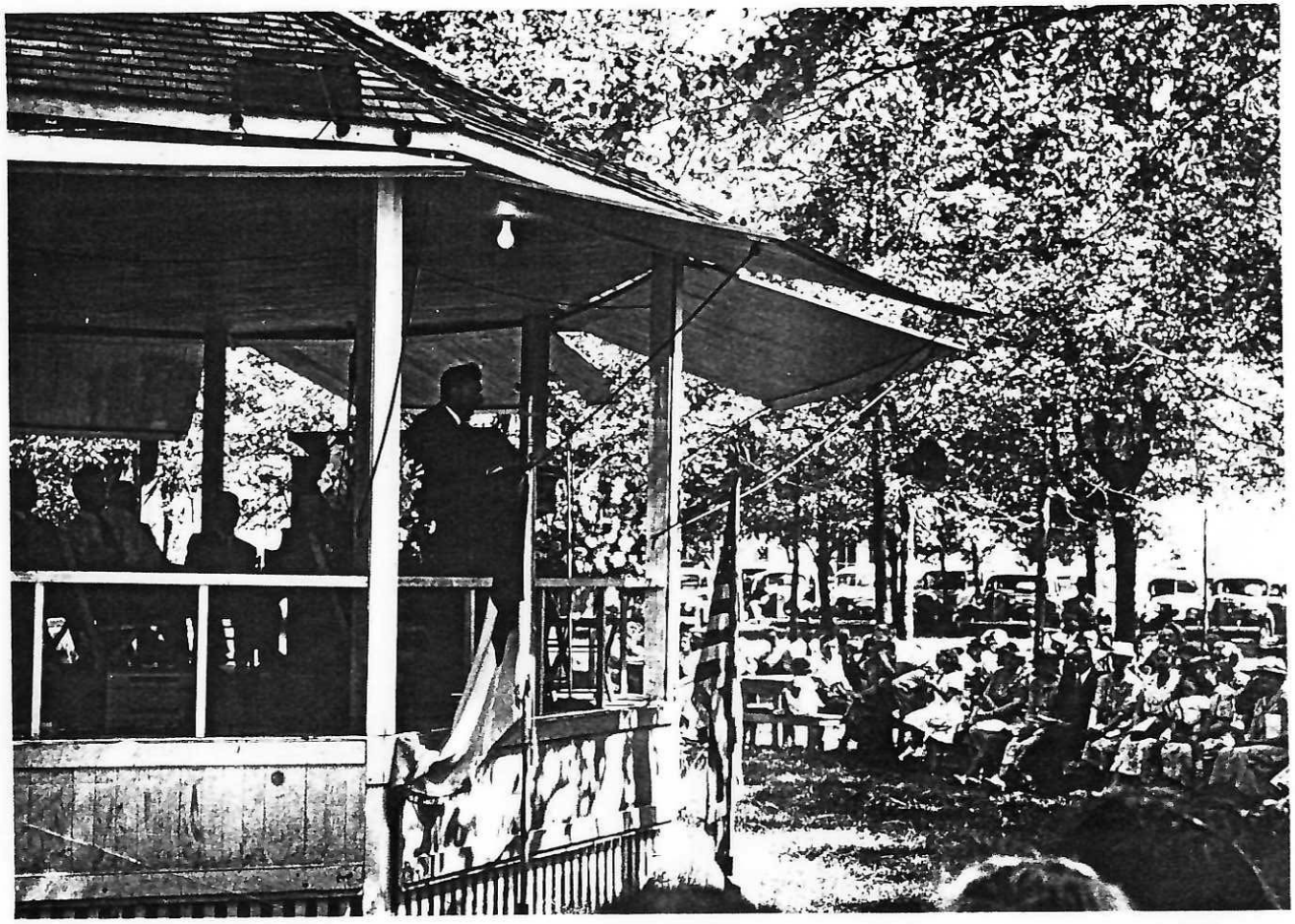
Participating in the cornerstone laying for Zion Lutheran school, Beaver township, Sunday afternoon were parishioners and church leaders. The Rev. E. A. Storm, right, pastor, conducted the ceremonies and the Rev. Walter Rutkowsky, center, of Linkville, delivered the sermon. Others pictured include John Miller, chairman of the building committee; Henry Ittner, chairman of the congregation; A. C. Stoppenhagen and N. C. Weber, teachers, and Edward Wirsing, Henry Ulbricht and Henry Landosky.



50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - CONFIRMATION REUNION
IN CHURCH PARK - REV. WALTER RUTKOWSKY, SPEAKER

THE 1937 ZION CHURCH VESTRY

FRONT ROW: FRED GERSTACKER, CHARLES RIESS, JOHN PFANNES, REV. FRED RITKOWSKY, GEORGE ENDLINE, HENRY WALTER, HENRY ITTNER

BACK ROW: NORMAN WEBER, JOHN TOMKE, GEORGE ROSENBROCK, OTTO MACKENSEN, MARTIN PFANNES, ERNEST KOCH, ANDREW ITTNER, JOHN KLOHA, JULY RAHN, FRED ENDLINE

1937 ZION YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

REV. FRED RUTKOWSKY FAMILY

STANDING: IRENE WILKIE, META TIMM, ESTHER GRUBER, REV. WALTER RUTKOWSKY, LYDIA NUECHTERLEIN, REV. FRED RUTKOWSKY, LORNA KEMP CHENEY

SEATED: Martha DORIS TRAUTMANN, MRS. FRED RUTKOWSKY, REV. FRED RUTKOWSKY, FLORENCE ARENDT

MISSING: EARL DIED

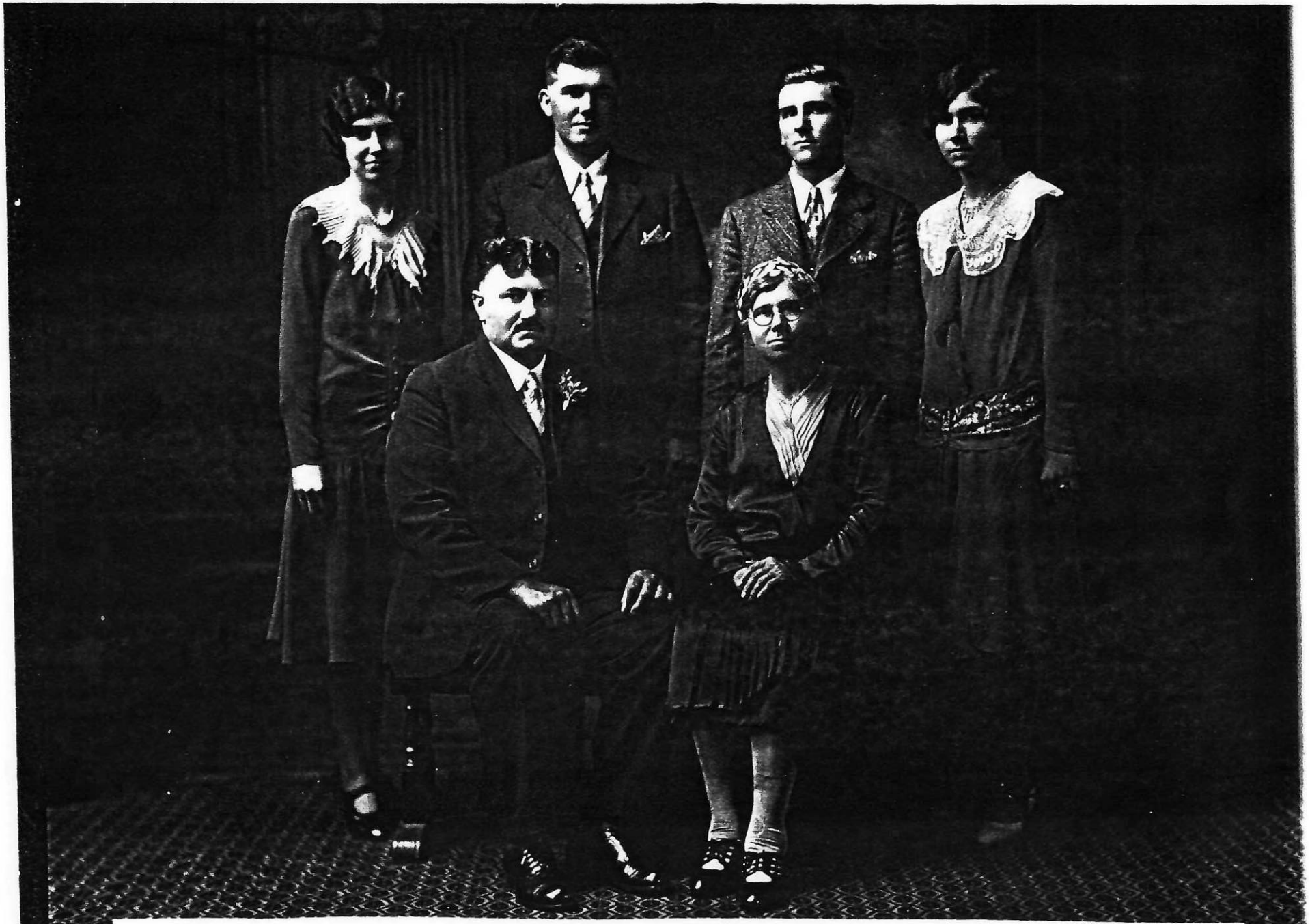
CHARLES RIESS FAMILY

ERNA RIESS KOCH, RICHARD, CHARLES, FLORA RIESS TOMKE, VICTOR, MARGARET (NEE GRUEBER), ADELA RIESS FISCHER

DIETLEIN FAMILY

FRONT ROW: HELEN LANDOSKY, ELSIE SCHUKOFSKI, EVA (NEE LANG), JOHN VITUS,

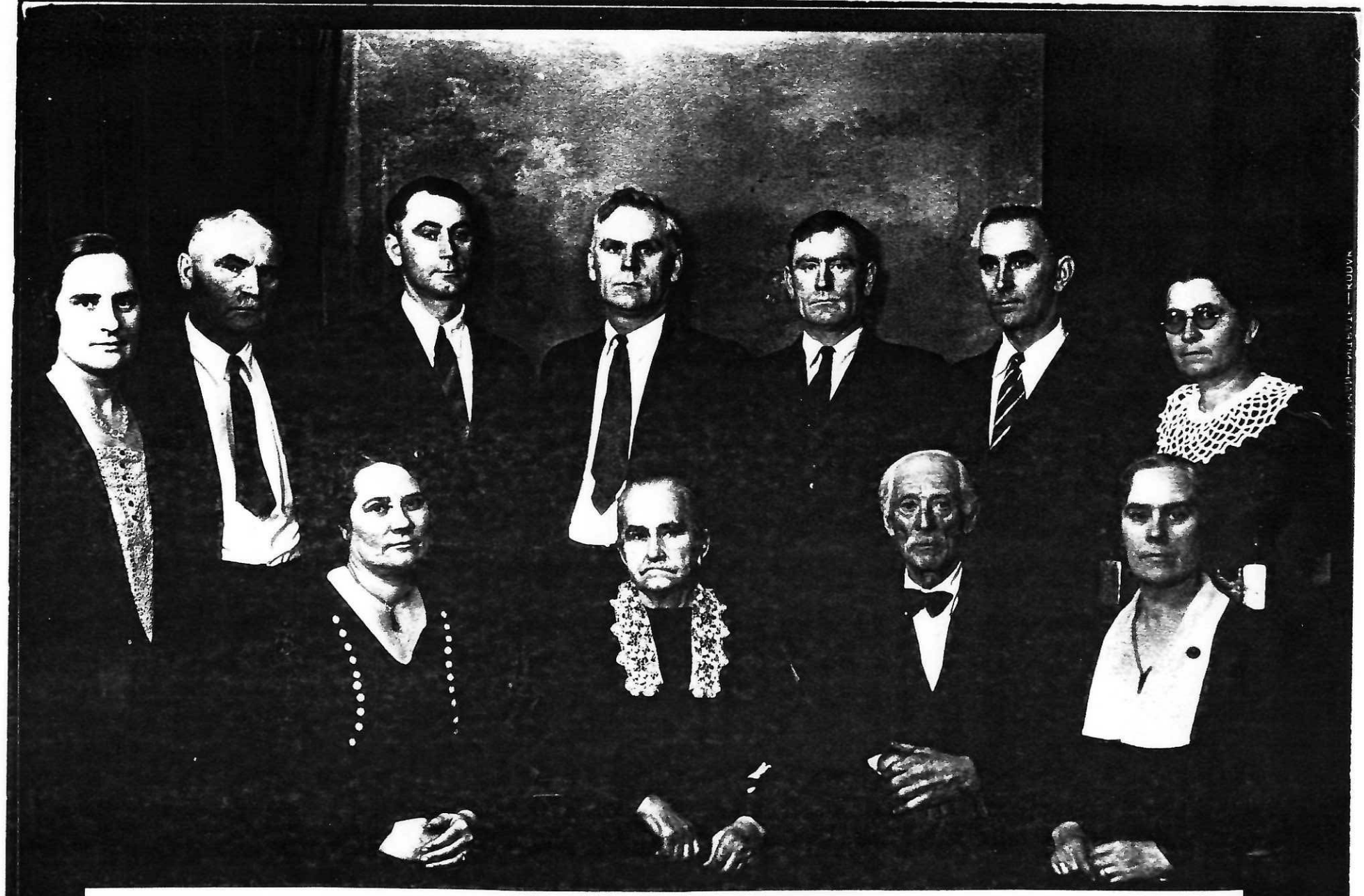
BACK ROW: BARBARA KNIGHT, FREDERICK, GEORGE, ERNEST, ANNA BRANDT, LEONARD, JOHN.



PFANNES FAMILY

BACK ROW: ELLA RUTKOWSKY MARTIN PFANNES OSCAR PFANNES CLARA EICHINGER

FRONT ROW: JOHN PFANNES HEDWIG PFANNES



BUECHLER FAMILY

FRONT ROW: ANNA HUBER, ANNA BARBARA (NEE LANG), GEORGE, MARGARET KOEPPEN,

BACK ROW: MARY SCHWAB, JOHN, LEONARD, FERDINAND, GEORGE, FRED, EVA SCHMIDT.

ITTNER FAMILY

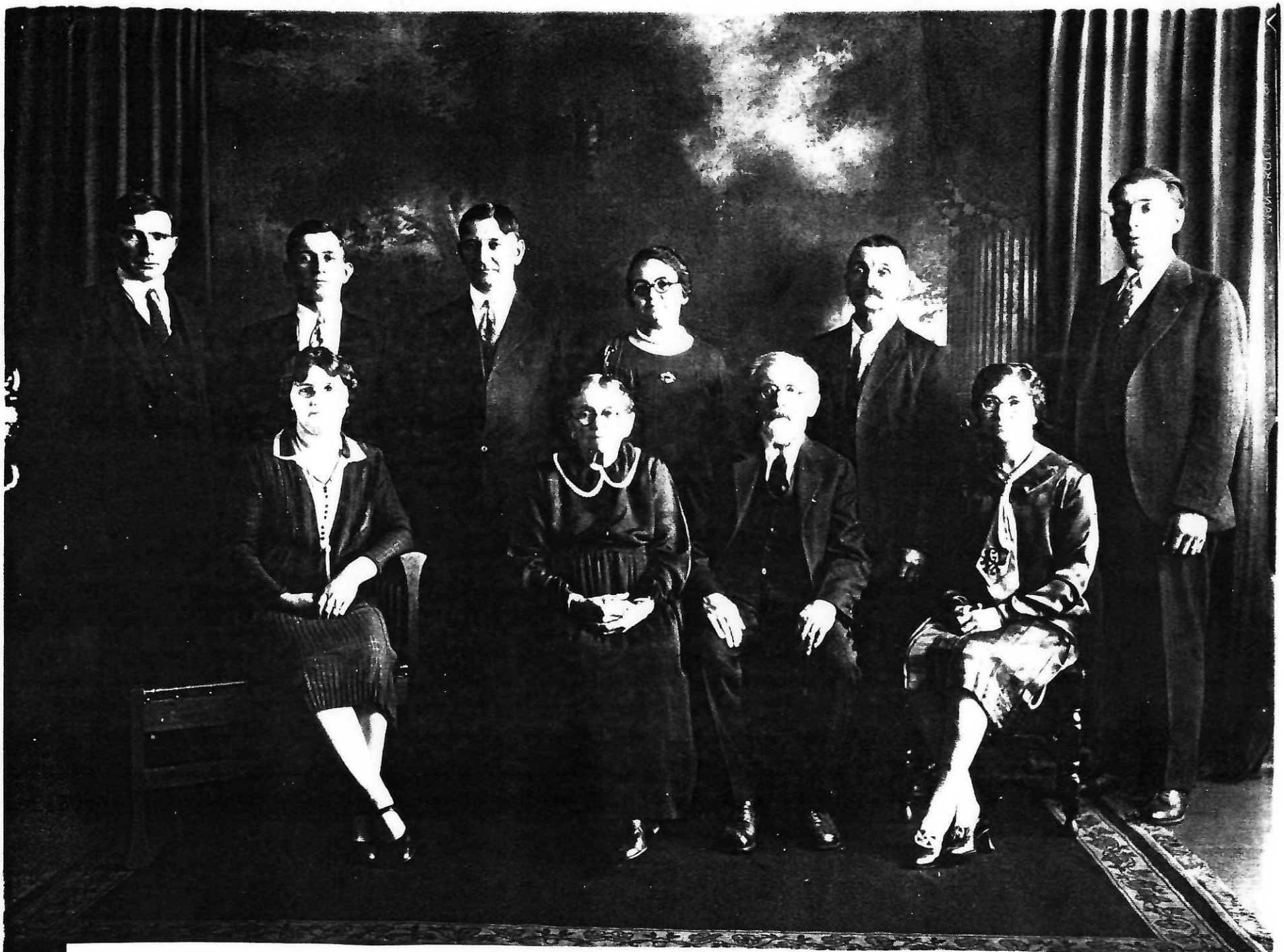
FRONT ROW: FREDERICK, MARGARETHA (NEE OEDER), JOHN PETER, ANDREW,

BACK ROW: ELSIE KLOHA, HENRY M., JOHANNA SNYDER, CHRISTINA STIEVE.

KOCH FAMILY

FRONT ROW: FRIEDA ITTNER, HENRY, ERNEST, ELEANORA RIESS,

BACK ROW: ELSIE KRACH, HANNAH WIRSING, HELEN KUBE, ROSALIE (NEE GRONO), GEORGE, HENRY, ARTHUR, IDA ITTNER.



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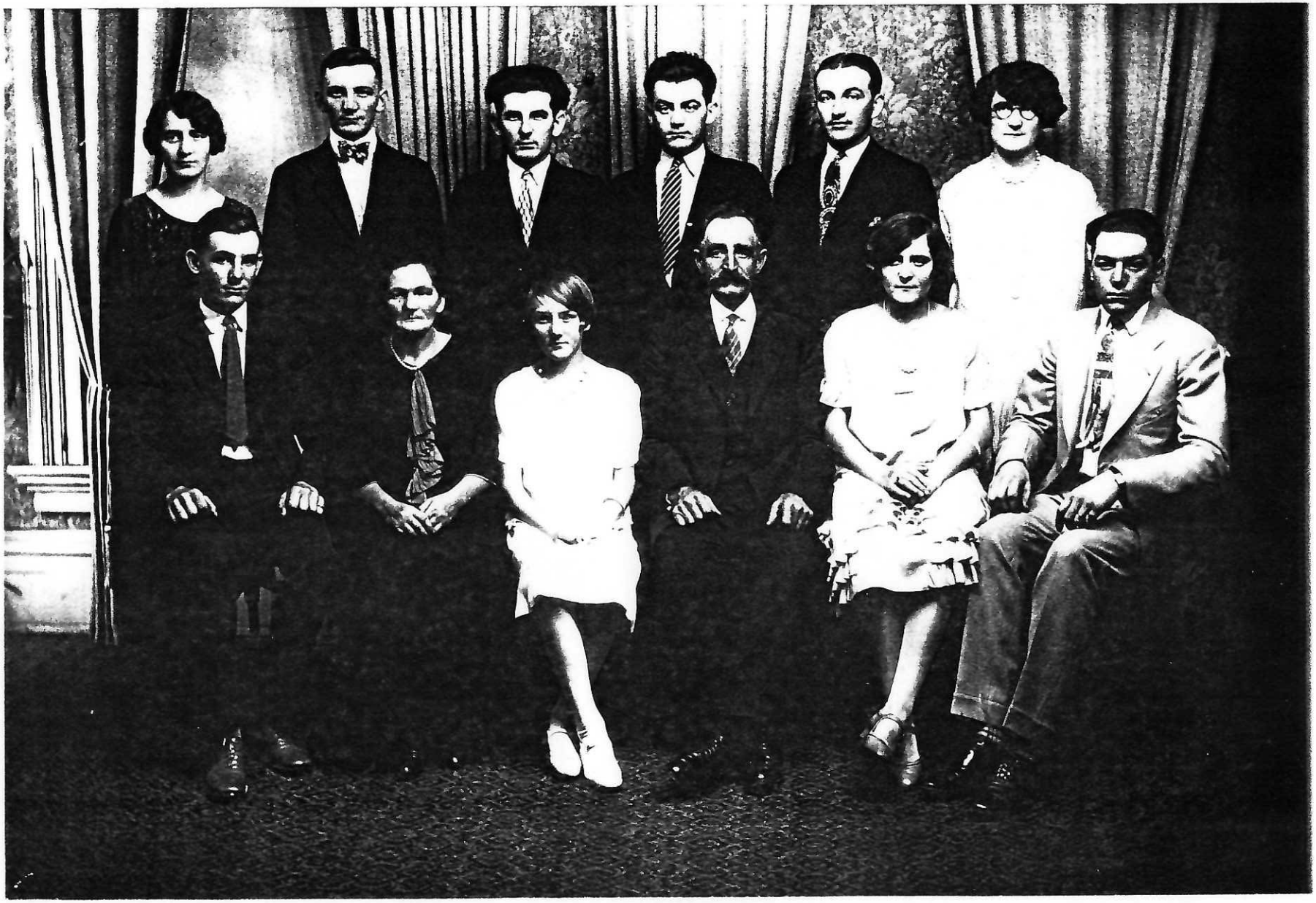

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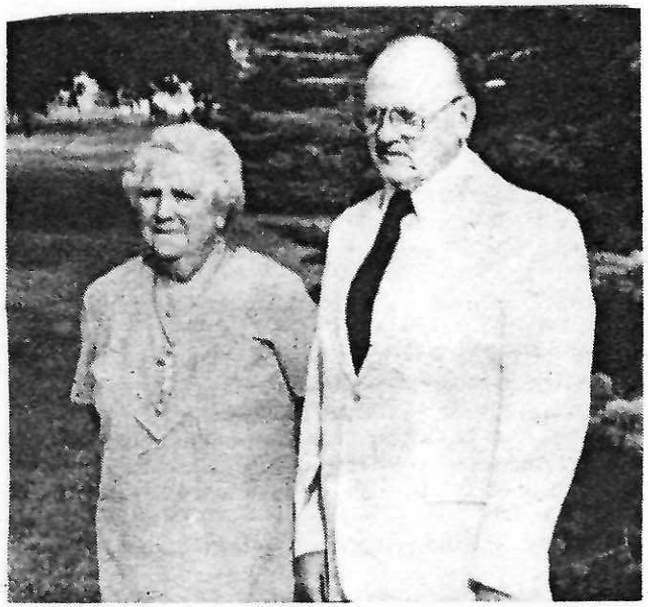

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A LARGE ADULT CLASS1960

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MARGARET RANGER	CLIFFORD THOMAS
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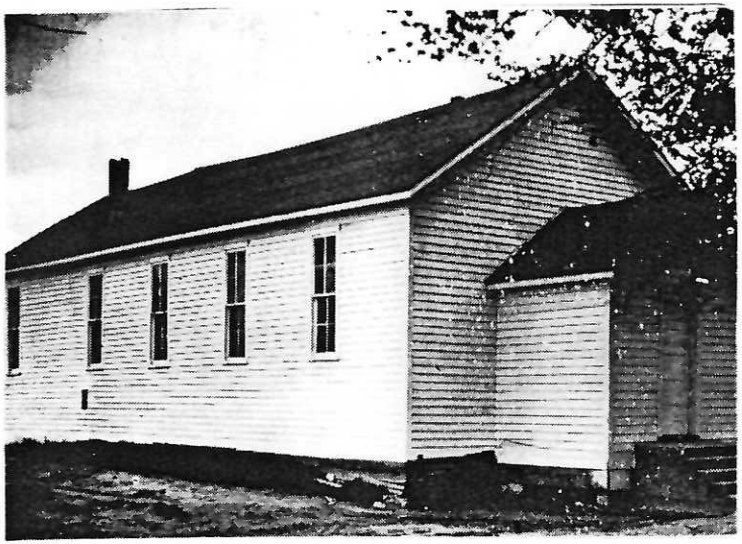

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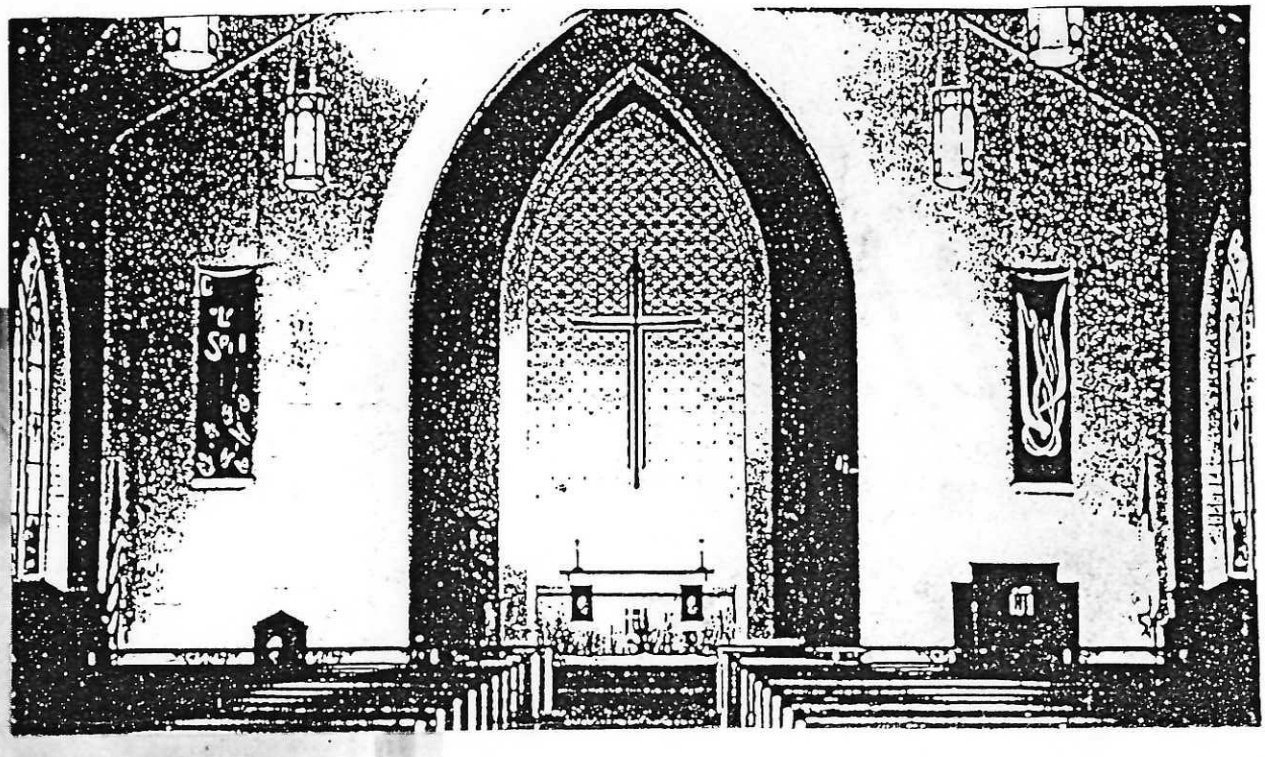

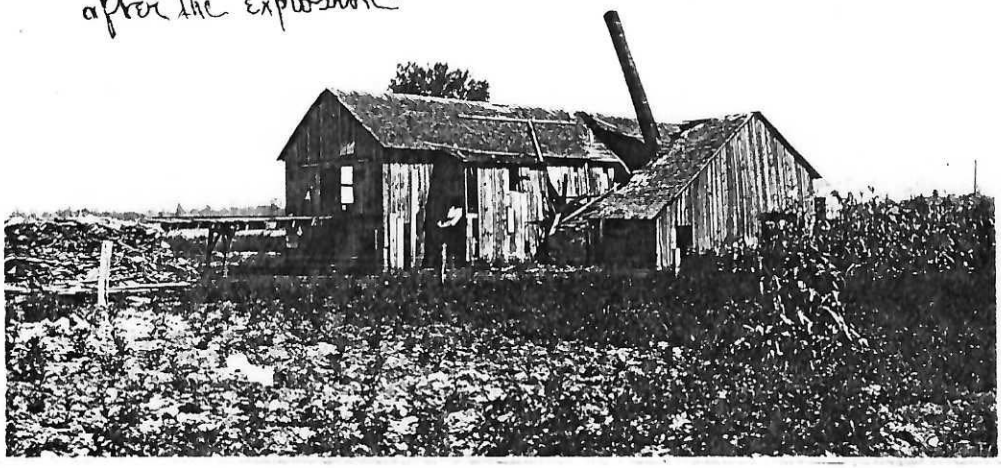

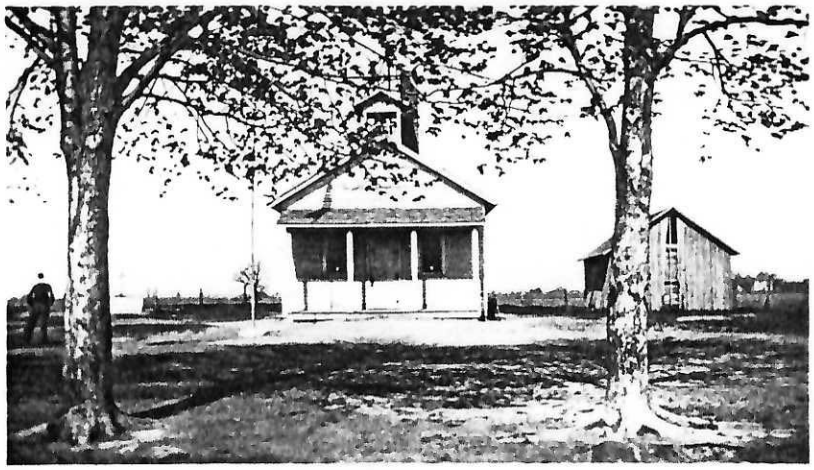

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MOVED TO TOWNLINE ROAD

BAPTISMS OF BEAVER ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1865-1896

John Jacob Spengler--1865--John G. and Margaret nee Goetz
Anna Spengler--1867--John G. and Margaret nee Goetz
Rosine Maria Betzold--1878-- Johann and Margaretha nee Platzeder
Theodora Carolina Borck--1979--Ernest and Kunigunda nee Goetz
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Michael Andrew Scheller--1880--Andrew and Ann nee Betzold
Johann Leonard Borck--1880--Ernest and Kunigunda nee Goetz
Ernest Conrad Betzold--1880-Johann and Margaretha nee Platzeder
Anna Dorothea Betzold--1880--Andrew And Sibylla nee Armbruster
Johann Michael Endlein--1882--Johann and Dorothea nee Betzold
Julius Otto Engelhardt--1882-- John and Caroline nee Schinkoed
Maria Barbara Ittner--1883-- John and Anna nee Hecht
Sibylla Maria Betzold--1883--Johann and Margaretha nee Platzeder
Anna Maria Helms--1883--Friedrick and Katharina nee Armbruster
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Johann Friedrich Dietlein--1886-- Johann Vitus and Eva nee Lang
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Herman August Kohn--1886-- Heinreich and Augusta nee Tomke
Eva Margaretha Schuster--1887-- Johann F. and Anna nee Engerer
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Friedrich Wilhelm Koehler--1888-- Friedrich and Christine
Friedrich Casper Buechler--1888-- George and Barbara nee Lang
Michael Johann Betzold--1888--Johann and Elizabeth
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Wilhelm Karl Gabbe--1888-- Ludwig and Johanna nee Kohn
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Dear David:

Received your welcome letter and the snapshots some time ago. and am sorry but I didn't get the book for you till this past week. Thankyou so much for the snapshots. You must have a very good camera, as the snapshots are beautiful.

We are into another heat wave, we did get 1½" of rain last weekend, we had an outdoor centennial service and picnic planned at church, we had to move it all inside. But it all went really well. I'm sure the good lord seents to that.

Had a telephone call from Detroit today my uncle Oswald Riess a Minister passed away. He was my Mathers oldest brother his picture is in the booklet I sent you last month. He would have been 91 on Aug 28th So we have to go to Detroit for his funeral Monday.

Rev. Oswald Riess (b. ca. 1896)

See below

Frances Anna
Viola Tomke
(b. 1910)

2.

Aunt Fran and I went Blueberry picking yesterday about 21 miles from here near Hemlock Mi SW. of here. Am rather tired tonite So please forgive my mistakes and think kindly of it

Am glad you have the info all recorded. Wish I had the time and knowledge to help more. It is such an interesting project to delve into. And I always loved History. I guess that why my son majored in it in College.

I forgot to ask you how many children you had and where they were. Could you send me some of the particulars on your family Since you have all of mine.

Guess due said enough for now

Stay Healthy + Happy —

God Bless All of you

Love

Anita

P.S. The Book is 4.00

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Dear Anita,

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Thank you for your letter and for the book you sent with it. You will be glad to know that it arrived in perfect condition with no folds or other problems. Enclosed is $5.00 to cover the cost of the book plus postage. I have read it through completely and have learned a great deal about your church. It's clear that you have a strong and deeply committed congregation. You should all be very proud of it, and I know you must love it very much.

Rev. Richard Riess

I was sorry to hear about your Uncle Oswald's death, but he certainly lived a long and useful life. Was the Rev. Richard Riess mentioned in the list at the end of the historical book also your uncle? At one point in the book it said that on Mar. 7, 1919, little Arthur Riess died. Who was that?

Charles Riess

I'm confused about the wives of Charles Riess. I take it there was just one Charles Riess and that he was your grandfather and that he was the Teacher for 26 years. The picture of his family shows Margaret (nee Gruber), who I assume is the mother of the children (and your grandmother). The historical booklet says that "on August 21, 1920, Mrs. Anna Katherine Riess, nee Gruber, departed this life, causing an irreparable loss to Teacher Riess and his family." Is this an error, and should it have said "Margaret Riess"? Another picture in the "picture album" shows "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riess (nee Katherine Neumeyer)", and there is also a picture of "Mr. Charles Riess and Mrs. Katherine (nee Neumeyer) Riess" in front of the teacherage. My assumption is that Katherine Neumeyer was his second wife. Is that correct?

William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)

I notice there were a couple of questions in my last letter that you have not answered yet. The first was about the William Nemitz who was confirmed in 1895. I think he was my uncle, who would have been about fifteen years old at that time. The roster of pupils in 1887 is given in the history, but William Nemitz is not listed because the Nemitz family did not move to Bay City until 1888. Perhaps there is a list of pupils for each year, and I'd like to know if William was listed and for what years. It appears that Rev. A. Donner would have been doing the teaching then.

Maybe you can enlist the help of someone who worked on this history to look for references to William Nemitz and, in fact, any other Nemitzes. if the records are in the old German script, I'm sure Ronald Pubz would be willing to look them over , if necessary.

You also forgot to answer my question about your brother John's family. You didn't give me a list of his children, so maybe he didn't have any. Please let me know.

Now, regarding my own family, I realize I haven't really told you much, except for how my mother and grandfather were related to your family. I was born in Bay City, but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. My wife Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. After graduating from high school in the midst of the Depression, I attended Bay City Junior College as a

commutor, then went on to the University of Michigan, graduating in engineering.

For four years I worked with my father in Saginaw as a heating and ventilating engineer. He was a manufacturer's representative. During those years I was occasionally in Bay City on business. Then I decided to enter the ministry and attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N. Y. Elizabeth and I were married just before my senior year in the seminary.

From there I went to Chicago to be assistant minister of Hyde Park Baptist Church and to work on a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Then I was minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, for a few years before coming to Minneapolis as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I served 29 years in that capacity before retiring at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth graduated from Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant and was a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw for many years before we were married. More recently she was the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, who is 40, is unmarried, and he lives a few blocks from us in Minneapolis, so we see him occasionally. He works for an organization that provides residences for people suffering from AIDS, so he feels he is performing a much-needed service. Tom, who is 39, lives with his wife Virginia in Chicago. They both have their Ph.D.'s in counseling psychology, and they both have key positions in Thresholds, a psychiatric rehabilitation center. Last year their first baby was born very prematurely and died after only 18 days, but we have confidence that another child will be coming along.

As you see, I am enclosing several family group sheets that show my family records back to Heinrich and Henriette Hemitz, your great-great-grandparents. These sheets will clarify how you and I are related and will give some information about some relatives you never even knew you had!

Thank you again for your tremendous help.

Love,

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JPW 4
JPW 2

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DEW received it shortly before then.

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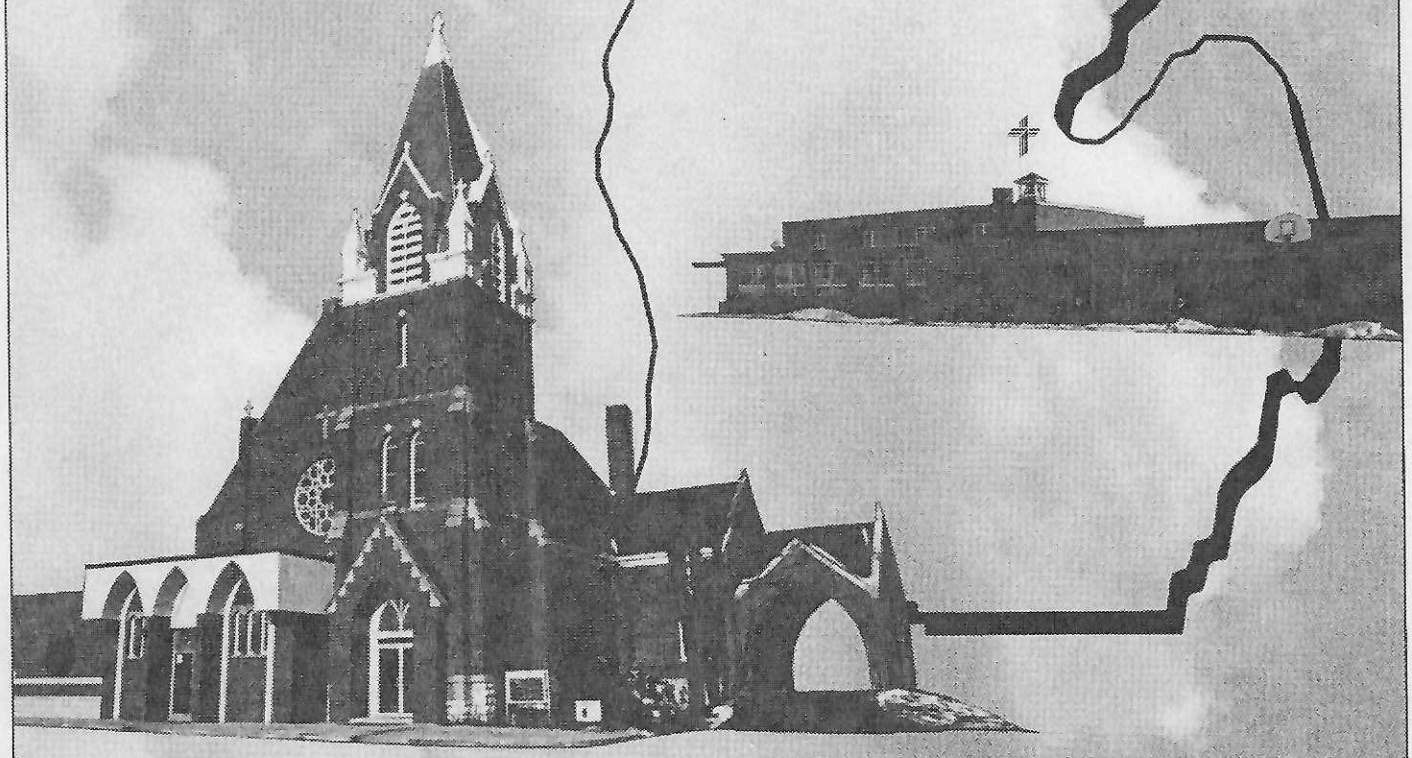
A Century of Grace
A Future of Hope



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

BEAVER TOWNSHIP

Auburn, Michigan

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BEAVER TOWNSHIP, BAY COUNTY
AUBURN, MICHIGAN

IN GRATITUDE TO GOD, WE HUMBLY DEDICATE THIS CENTENNIAL BOOKLET TO THE FOUNDERS OF ZION CONGREGATION, WHO, THROUGH LABOR AND LOVE AND THE GRACE OF GOD, ESTABLISHED THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

TO THE FAITHFUL PASTORS AND TEACHERS WHO DILIGENTLY AND ZEALOUSLY PREACH AND TEACH THE HOLY WORD OF GOD.

TO THE ZION MEMBERS, YOUNG AND OLD, WHO ARE CONTINUING THE MARVELOUS WORK OF THE LORD WITH MUCH LOVE AND DEDICATION.

THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

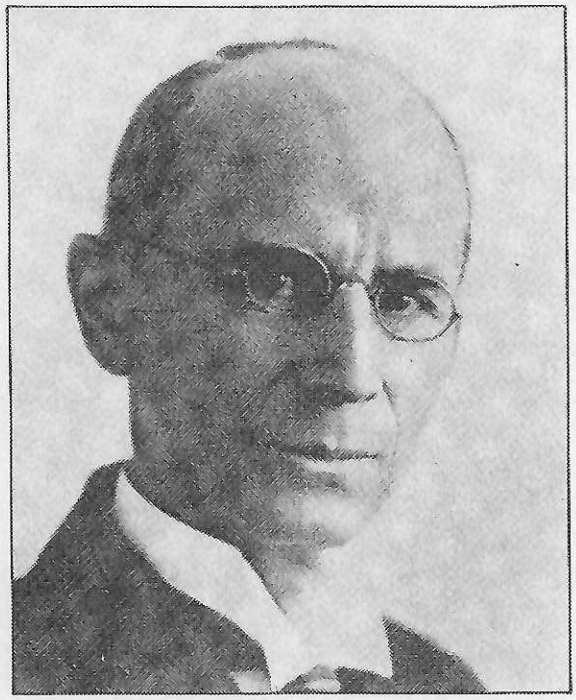
Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Sr.
1860-1880

Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Sr. served The Beaver Township Zion Lutheran Church Area from 1860-1880. Filled with Christian enthusiasm and missionary zeal, he rode the circuit frequently to preach the Gospel, administer to the sick and carry on the Catechetical instruction after each service.

He was born May 18, 1816, at Lueneberg, Hannover, Germany. He studied at the Universities of Goethingen, Berlin and Halle and was ordained to the ministry in 1847. Under his untiring and strenuous work, several congregations were founded: Trinity at Monitor, St. John at Amelith, Immanuel at Bay City, Zion at Beaver. These all surrounded the Mother Congregation of St. Paul at Frankenlust.

The incessant missionary labors of the pioneer pastor were not restricted to this immediate vicinity, but extended to other parts of Michigan and Minnesota.

He had the tenacity of purpose that came from a deep faith in the Triune God and the support of those early pioneers who shared his convictions.



Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Jr.
1880-1887

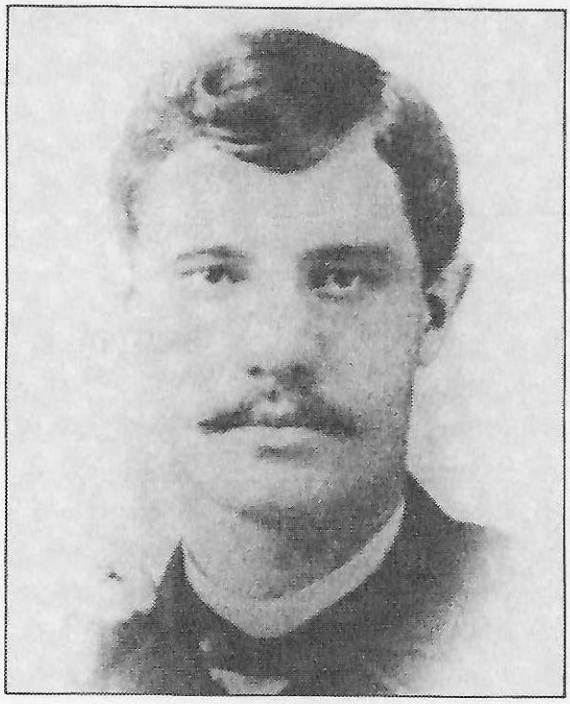
Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Jr. served Beaver Zion of Beaver from 1880-1887. He was the son of Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Sr. and was born March 17, 1856, in Frankenlust, Michigan. He received his education in St. Paul School; Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Indiana and then at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Upon his graduation from the Seminary, he was called to Trinity in Monitor Township, Michigan. Besides tending to Monitor, he served Beaver Zion and the congregations in Midland and Sanford, Michigan. This required much labor and many hardships, especially in transportation.

From 1896 to the day of his death, February 7, 1918, he was pastor of a large congregation in South Chicago, Illinois. His grave is in Hammond, Indiana.

Rev. F. Mueller was born at Lakeridge, Michigan, in 1865. He attended his father's school until confirmation. He then enrolled in Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, whereupon he graduated in 1887.

His first charge was Beaver Zion from 1887-1890. His second was St. Peter near Hemlock, Michigan, from 1890-1905. The third was a congregation in Port Huron, Michigan.

He died in Port Huron, October 21, 1916, having served the Lord for twenty-nine years in school and church.

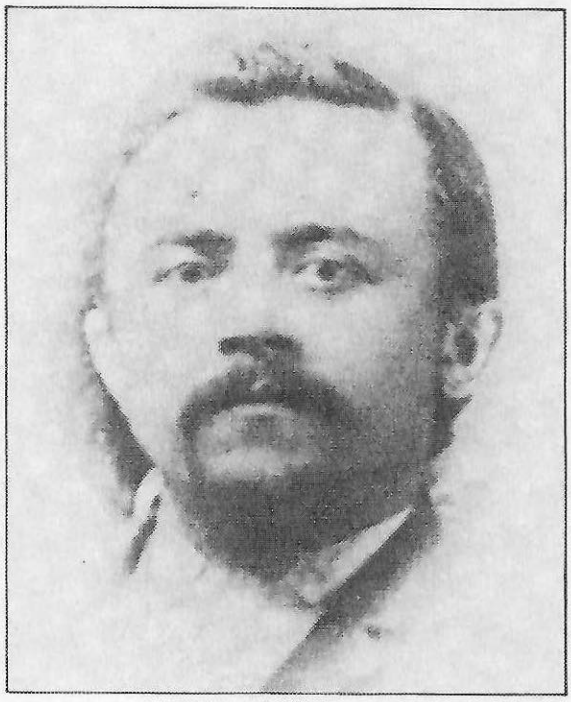


Rev. F. Mueller
1887-1890

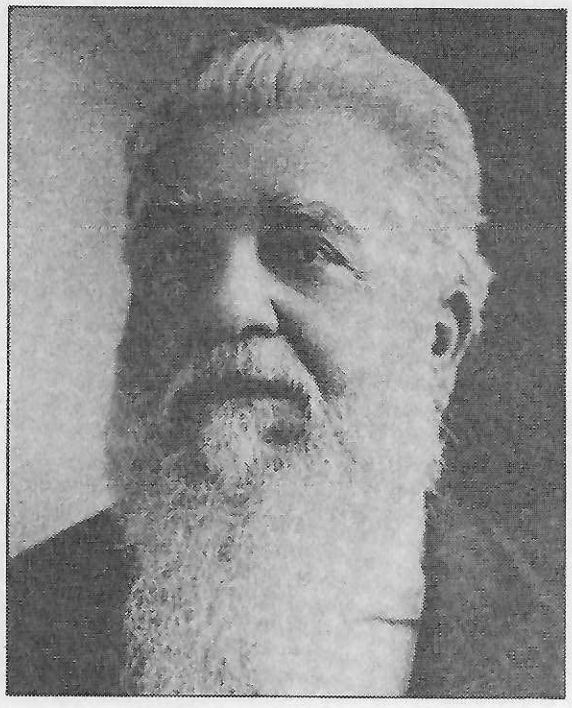
Rev. A. Donner was born November 26, 1861, in Saxony, Germany. His education was received in Germany and in our Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. After his graduation he accepted a call to Texas in 1888, where he married Miss Mary Kretschmar.

Rev. Donner of Texas was called to Beaver Zion on December 26, 1890, and was installed Sexagesima Sunday, 1891, by Rev. F. Sievers, Jr. He served as pastor of Beaver Zion from 1891-1896.

From 1896-1902 he served the congregation at Pontiac, Michigan. From 1902-1916 he served the congregation of Sanilac, Michigan, as well as five mission stations. He then served St. Thomas Congregation in Freedom, Michigan, until the day of his death, October 13, 1918. His earthly remains were interred in the Freedom, Michigan, cemetery.



Rev. A. Donner
1890-1896



Rev. A. Ahner
1896-1905

Rev. F. Ahner was born July 14, 1835 in Burgstedt, Saxony, Germany.

After his confirmation, he entered Concordia at Altenburg, Missouri, our first College, and finished his studies at the St. Louis, Missouri Seminary.

His pastorates included Rock Island, Illinois; Grafton and Cederburg, Wisconsin; Frankertrost, Michigan, and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

He lived in retirement in Saginaw, recuperating from the strenuous, but successful, ministry in the large Pittsburg congregation. He consented to serve under the condition that they follow their advisor, Rev. J. Partenfelder, who would supervise the calling of a minister.

On March 6, 1896, Rev. Ahner was called and, on Exaudi Sunday, was installed by Rev. J. Partenfelder, of Bay City, as pastor of Zion.

After a very successful ministry and tremendous growth at Zion, Pastor Ahner resigned because of poor health on April 24, 1905. He died in Amelith, January 28, 1907. The mortal remains were laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Saginaw, Michigan.

Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky
1905-1941

Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1877. He was graduated from Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

He served the congregations at West Branch and Pinconning, Michigan, before accepting the call to Beaver Zion in 1904.

His family comprised of his wife, Catherine, and the eight daughters and three sons who were reared in the Beaver area.

After ministering and counseling several generations of Zion members, he resigned in August 1941, because of ill health. He was Zion's faithful shepherd for thirty-seven years.

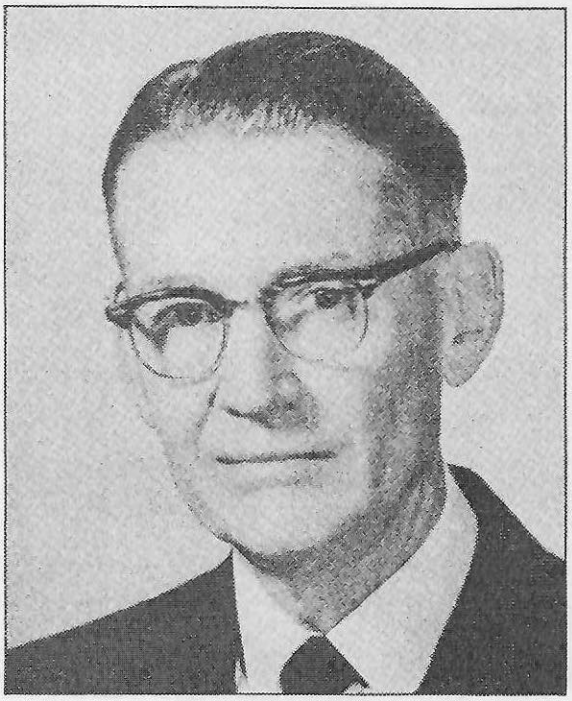
The Rev. Herman Potzger of Monitor Lutheran Church officiated at the burial rites and the sainted body of Rev. Rutkowsky was interred in the Beaver Zion Cemetery in 1942. A Stone and Bronze Plate was erected on the Rutkowsky cemetery lot in memory of Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky on October 5, 1980.

Rev. Erich A. Storm was a graduate of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1917, and of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1921. He taught school one year at Humboldt, Kansas, from 1918-1919.

Pastor Storm's first charge was at Isle, Minnesota, where he served six missions at one time from 1921-1925. He then went to Parr, Indiana, until 1928, when he moved to Onekama, Michigan, to serve until 1942.

In 1942 he replaced Rev. Rutkowsky and was installed as Pastor of Beaver Zion. He served faithfully until 1952.

Rev. Erich and Gertrude Storm were blessed with five children; Eugene, James, Robert, Harvey and Marilyn.

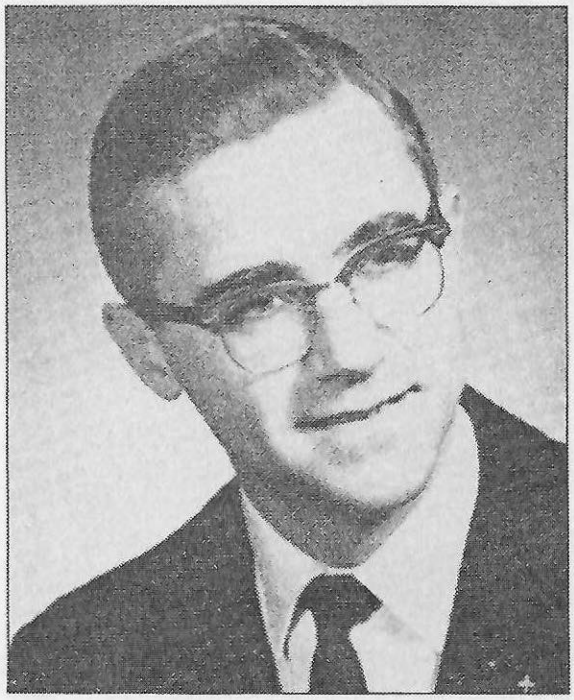


Rev. Erich A. Storm
1941-1953

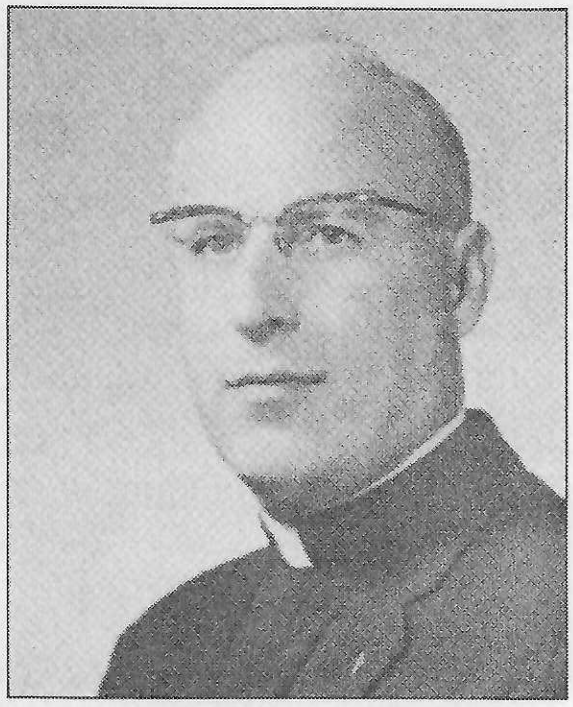
Pastor John Kellogg was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, on October 27, 1927. He was an Army Air Corps veteran and a 1950 graduate of Western Michigan University. He received his ministerial training at Concordia Seminary of Springfield, Illinois, from which he graduated in 1962.

After graduating from the seminary, Pastor Kellogg went to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he was instrumental in organizing Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. He continued to serve this congregation as pastor until he accepted the call to Zion.

Mrs. Kellogg was formerly Sandra Layley, a native of Portland, Oregon. The Kelloggs had four children.



Rev. John Kellogg
1967-1968



Rev. Frederick H. Reimann
1953-1967

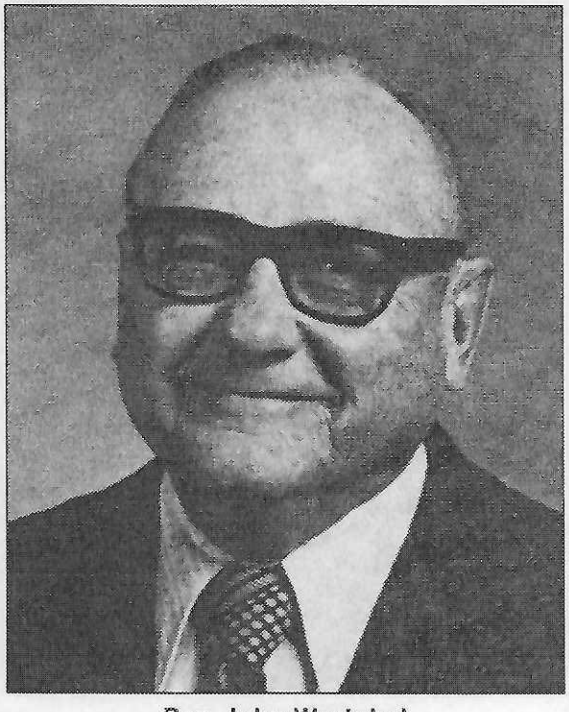
Rev. Frederick Reimann was born April 8, 1918, in Pinconning, Michigan. He attended local schools in Pinconning and was graduated from Pinconning High School. He then attended college at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the seminary at Springfield, Illinois.

After graduating, he did pastoral work at Hurley, South Dakota, and Sylvan Grove, Kansas. He was graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois, and later did post-graduate work at the college and earned his B.A. degree. He then served in Osman, Illinois, and from 1948-1953 he served at Bowen and Golden, Illinois.

He accepted a call to Beaver Zion in 1953, and was pastor during the 75th anniversary of the church until 1967. During the years of his ministry at Zion, he was Pastoral Advisor for the Lutheran Youth Fellowship of the Saginaw Valley, and also for the Lutheran Layman's League. He was on the Michigan District Staff of Counselors, served on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society and was its president for four years.

In January 1967, he accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Ludington, Michigan.

On July 11, 1943, he was married to the former Irene Neumann of Pinconning. They were blessed with five children; Eunice, Lois, Dennis, David and Kristine.



Rev. John Westphal
1973-1982

Rev. John R. Westphal, son of John W. and Mathilda (Krause) Westphal, was born on January 12, 1906, in Bonduel, Wisconsin.

He attended St. Paul Lutheran School, Bonduel, Wisconsin.

For his ministry training, he attended Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, graduating in 1931. His years of vicarage internship were served at Dorchester, Wisconsin, in 1928-1929, and Clayton, Illinois, 1929-1930. He was ordained as Missionary-at-large in Bath, Illinois, on August 30, 1931, for the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. He was married to Adelaide Schnoenig and they were blessed with five children; Rev. Leroy, Melvin, Lois, Loretta and Rhoda. He was then called as Pastor to St. Paul Lutheran, Bowen, Illinois, and later to Immanuel Lutheran, South Prairie, Golden, Illinois. He served these joint parishes until January 1948, when he accepted a call to Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Gillett, Wisconsin.

In 1961 he acepted an additional call as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Gillett, Wisconsin, and continued to serve this dual parish until his retirement in August 1973.

In September of 1973, Pastor Westphal began to serve as an Assistant Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn, Michigan, where he continued to serve and reside until his death in 1982.

He passed away June 6, 1982, with funeral services at Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn, on Tuesday, June 8th, with committal at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Bonduel, Wisconsin, on Thursday, June 10, 1982.

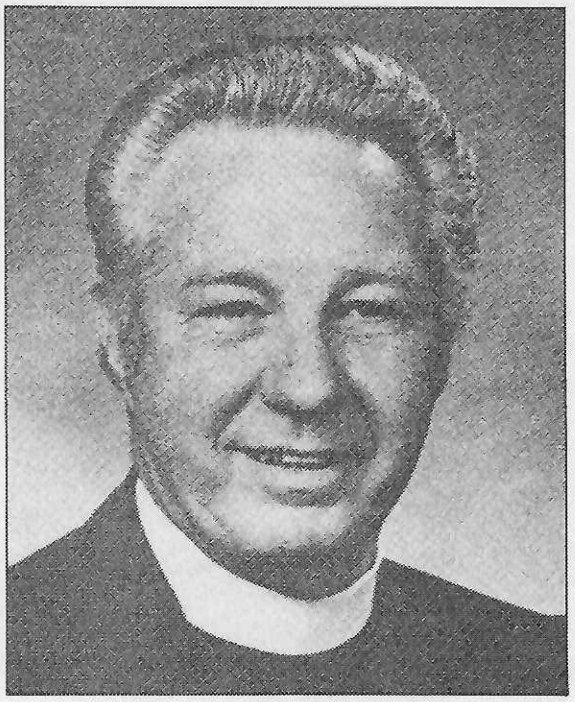
Vicar Robert Chadwick was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on September 12, 1924. After graduation from Arthur Hill High School in 1942, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946 as a naval aviator. In 1946 he entered Michigan State University, where he graduated in June 1949, with a B.A. degree in Business Administration.

On May 6, 1950, he married Doris E. Anderson. Their marriage was blessed with three children; Wayne, Carol and Susan.

During 1951-1970, he was employed by Chevrolet Division in financial positions in Saginaw, Toledo, Kansas City and Flint. From 1970-1981, he was employed as District Representative and General Agent for Lutheran Brotherhood.

Qualifying for the Colloquy Program, he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1981, completed his vicarage at Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn, Michigan, in 1983, and was awarded an M.A. degree in Religion for his completion of the Colloquy Program.

Upon leaving Zion, he served Calvary Lutheran Church in Detroit as Associate Pastor. Pastor Leroy Westphal of Zion preached the installation sermon.



Rev. Vicar Robert Chadwick
1982-1983

Adolph R. Gallert was born April 17, 1919, in Manitoba, Canada. At age of five, he migrated to St. Joseph, Michigan, with his parents and attended Trinity Lutheran School. He attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, then Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, graduating on January 20, 1945. He was ordained on February 11, 1945, at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Michigan, by his childhood pastor with whom he served as assistant for three years.

Rev. Gallert served congregations in Texas, Ohio, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Michigan. He also served as Circuit Counselor, Pastoral Advisor to the L.W.M.L. and L.L.L. at various times, and on the Stewardship Committee of the South Wisconsin District.

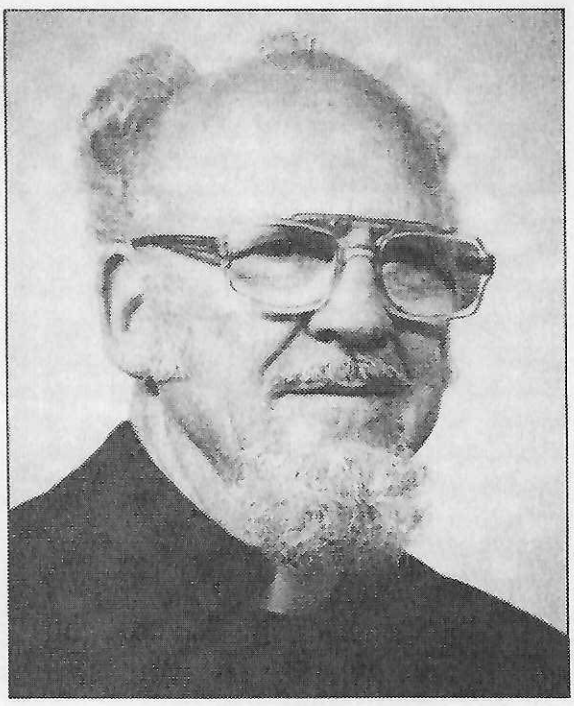
He retired from parish ministry in June 1982, to accept a position on the staff at Samaritan Hospital, Bay City, Michigan, as a therapist in drug and alcohol abuse service. Legal changes in Medicaid and Medicare resulted in the termination of many staff positions, including his.

Rev. Gallert was installed as Assistant Pastor at Beaver Zion Lutheran Church, December 4, 1983.

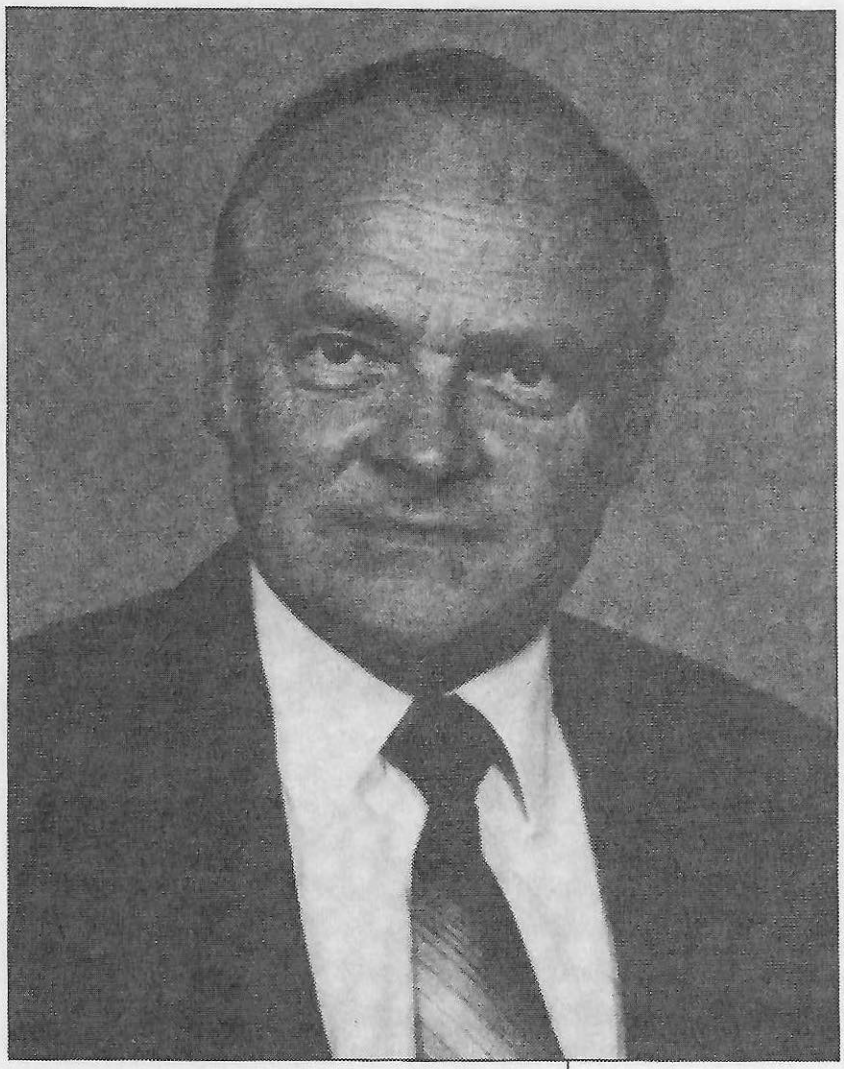
He married Marjorie Moody, February 4, 1945, at Zion Lutheran Church, Farmersville, Illinois. They had five children and three grandchildren.

He served Zion well until April 1984. Although he was in failing health, he made frequent visits to shut-ins, attended meetings, and even preached sermons. His last sermon was Maundy Thursday, 1985.

Pastor Gallert was taken to his eternal rest on August 15, 1985. Funeral services were held in Zion Church, with internment at Sunset, Memorial Garden, Ionia, Michigan.



Rev. Adolph R. Gallert
1983-1985



Rev. Leroy Westphal
1969 - Present

The Rev. Leroy Westphal was born July 18, 1932, in Bowen, Illinois, to Pastor John and Adelaide (nee Schoeing) Westphal.

He attended elementary school at Adams County Public School System, Golden, Illinois, and received his high school training at Concordia in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, graduating in 1951.

He graduated from Concordia Junior College in 1953 and from Concordia Seminary in 1958. He received his B.A. degree from Concordia Seminary in 1956. His vicarage training was at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1956-1957.

Pastor Leroy served at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lisbon, North Dakota, from 1958-1963 and St. John Lutheran Church, Bellwood, Illinois, from 1963-1969.

He was installed at Zion Lutheran Church, Beaver Township on June 22, 1969, and has been Zion's Pastor since that time.

On June 15, 1958, he was married to the former Carol A. Manthei of Bonduel, Wisconsin. The couple has four children, Nathan, who is married to the former Beverly Buechler; Jonathan, Natalie and David. They also have one grandson, Christian John Westphal.

Under his leadership, Pastor Leroy was instrumental in promoting many successful accomplishments at Zion. The church interior was renovated, exterior painting, steeple work, new church roof and ceiling insulation. The 85th Anniversary of Zion congregation was celebrated. The church basement was renovated. Parking lots were blacktopped. Zion school was partially remodeled. Final payment of Zion's indebtedness was achieved. A Board of Youth was established. Also, an Endowment Fund to provide continuous financial support to the missions of Zion congregation in proclaiming the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Construction of new additions to both church and school were begun, including a drive-up ramp for the handicapped. For a growing congregation, to assist him in his many duties, Pastor Leroy had the following assistants: His father, Rev. John R. Westphal, Vicar Robert Chadwick, and Rev. Adolph Gallert.

PRELUDE

The history of Zion Lutheran Church, Beaver Township, Bay County, Michigan, is written in chronological order with a prelude illustrating the struggle for livelihood of the early pioneer families that was almost self-sustaining, and their deep faith in the Triune God; plus the sequence of events related in a series of ten decades denoting one hundred years of growth from a mission station to a great congregation.

In the centennial year of Zion Lutheran Church (1887-1987) and the sesquicentennial year of the state of Michigan (1837-1987), it is only with an appropriate and nostalgic flashback in time to recall the actual origin of our beloved church.

When Ohio became a state in 1803, settlers poured into the Ohio Valley. Michigan was very remote from the Valley which was the route utilized by many people coming from Germany not wanting to settle in New York or Pennsylvania.

In 1837, when Michigan became a state, lands were surveyed and Ohio pioneers began to travel northward to Michigan. The Saginaw Valley was an excellent farming region and industrially located near the Saginaw River and Bay. The Valley at one time was inhabited by the Sauk Indians. Battles with other Indian tribes soon forced the Sauks out of the Valley and at the time of white settlement, the majority of Indians belonged to the Chippewa or Ottawa tribes of the Algonquin race. The name Saginaw is derived from the Indian name O-SAUK-E-NON, meaning the land of the Sauks.

The sainted Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Sr. and German immigrants traveled by boat across the perilous Atlantic Ocean. They were sent, in part, by Rev. Loehe of Bavaria, Germany. Groups of German Lutheran people came to the Saginaw Valley as early as the 1840's to settle in Frankenmuth, Frankenlust, etc. Among the important influences favoring Saginaw Valley settlements were the Indian treaties of 1819 and 1837 which opened vast tracts of farm and timber lands to settlers for very low prices. Also, the Homestead Act of 1862, which stated that any settler might receive 160 acres of free land. To receive the land, he had to build a house, live on the land and farm it for five years. Forerunners of the farmers and businessmen in Beaver Township were the trappers and loggers. The loggers, finding nothing to become wealthy, soon moved on, as did the trappers who had exhausted the supply of beavers found in the many small winding creeks. Hence, the name Beaver Township, part of Bay County, created in 1857.

The first German Lutheran farmer to this immediate area who took advantage of the Homestead Act was John G. Spengler. Leaving relatives behind in Ohio, he ventured with a small band of people to Frankenlust where he married Margaret Goetz. Both precipitated a keen interest in the Beaver farming region, which was strongly motivated by Levi Willard, who had come to this area in the 1850's and for whom Willard was named.

The first Spengler home, constructed of logs taken from the nearby woods, was located on Beaver Road. Here two children were born and baptized by Rev. Sievers, Sr. between 1860 and 1865. During that time, a tragic fire destroyed the house with its meager belongings. The two tiny children perished in the blaze while the parents were working in the fields. A strong faith in God and the sincere help from Rev. Sievers and the few people around, prompted the building of another house. Two more children were born and baptized: John Jacob in 1865 and Anna (Tomke) in 1867. Between 1860-1872, the Spengler home was often used for prayer and Scripture readings. Later, the Willard School, built by Levi Willard, John George Spengler and volunteers, was used for services. During this time, John Endlein, who married Dorothea Betzold, was elected as lector, and Ernest Borck, who married Kunigunda Goetz, was elected as cantor to lead in singing the Lord's praises. John G. Spengler died in 1879 before the reality of a Zion Church was accomplished.

The life of the few early pioneer families was very difficult and progress was unreasonably slow — clearing land of many trees and brush, tilling the soil with crude machinery, constructing buildings with few tools, cold winters and many illnesses. Through all of the hardships and tribulations, Rev. Sievers, Sr. constantly kept in contact with the Zion families. He was their missionary pastor and spirited advisor, and the people looked to him for spiritual as well as temporal advice. He was a shepherd and counselor to the fullest. And had it not been so, the Beaver Zion Mission might not have been attracted by so many people from the neighboring areas.

In the 1870's, the following families moved into the Beaver Lutheran vicinity: BETZOLD, BORCK, ENDLEIN, ENGELHARDT, KRAEFT, PHILLIPS, SCHOENBINE and WALTER, who constructed the first heading mill where barrel staves, shingles and wooden buckets were made.

In the 1880's came: ITTNER — the young John P. Ittner started the first general store and the first saw mill on the corner of Beaver and Eleven Mile Roads, as well as being the Postmaster of the Willard Post Office. DIETLEIN, KOHN, TOMKE, BUECHLER, who constructed a sawmill on Garfield Road. SCHUSTER, KOCH, SCHROEDER, VOSS, RAHN, VOGTMANN, KOLB, KOEHLER, GABBE, MACKENSEN, MEYER, SCHNELL, JAGENOW, NAESER, HELMS, LEDERER, OSWALD, MUELLER, DORING, COLCHER and SCHELLER.

From 1890-1912 came: ERLENBECK, NOACK, WEBER, WITZKE, ROWDEN, RYON, BERGMAN, ECKSTROM, BURK, EHEMANN, MALZOW, FENSKE, RUGGENSTEIN, PACHOLKE, WESTPHAL, BERNER, ULBRICHT, GERSTACKER, HOENICKE, DRAVES, WIRSING, SCHALK, REICHARD, KUCH, CASSUBE, GRIEBE, RUFF, STEINKE, TIEDE, KATT, LOEHNE, WATERS, DREFS, GUNTHER, HAAG, OTT, KEHR,

KLOHA, BARNIKOW, KAPANKA, SCHMIDT, SCHUHARDT, MIESKE, STIEVE, LANGUSCH, KRAUSE, NITSCHKE, PFAU, RAUSCHELBACH, HAUT, NOFFKE, PETERS, LINDENBERG, LISIUS, WEBB, DATTE, ENGERER, FRANK, HORSCHIG, LANDOSKY, SNYDER, KNIGHT, SCHLINK, RETZLOFF, RUTKOWSKY, PFANNES, JAMMER, LAATSCH, KRIEGER, RENO, BECKMAN, PFENNIGER, BRANDT, SAUER, GROKE, CLOSE and HEARIT.

In pioneer days of our Congregation, it was difficult to keep records. Furthermore, since no pastor was in residence here at Zion during the 1860's, 1870's and early 1880's, some of the previous statistics of official church acts had been recorded elsewhere by the missionary pastors. The first record book kept and left in the Zion Congregation was written in German and included the years 1878-1896. Rosine Betzold, daughter of John and Mary (nee Platzeder) Betzold was the first recorded baptism by Rev. Sievers, Sr. in 1878.

As the number of Lutheran families increased in the Zion area, the members present at the first meeting on October 13, 1878, wished to provide their children with a Christian school education. They passed a resolution to call a teacher, but in the next meeting on January 27, 1879, they could not agree on the location for the school. The calling of a teacher was deferred and Rev. Sievers, Sr. continued the catechetical instruction after each church service. His successors did not deviate from this blessed means of inculcating the Christian religion into the hearts and minds of the children.

In September 1880, Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Jr., Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Monitor Township, took charge of his father's mission stations in Beaver, Midland and Sanford.

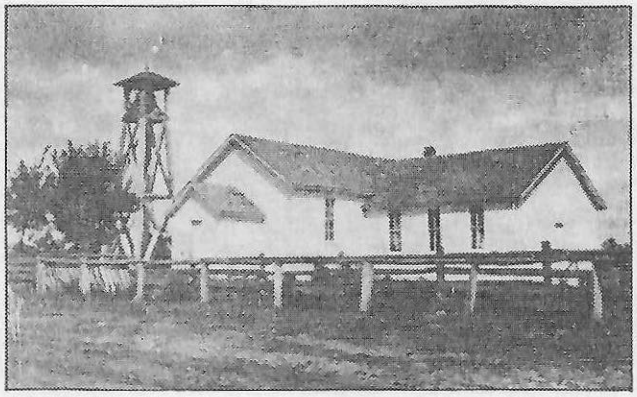
John J. and Anna Spengler (Tomke) were the first confirmands of Zion in the Monitor Church, April 10, 1881.

On April 24, 1884, the founders of Zion bought from Benjamin Whipple and his wife, Helen, of Wayne County, Detroit, Michigan, five-eighths of a piece of land and of Molly F. Ballou of Bay City, Michigan, three-eighths of a piece of land containing about six acres. The conveyance was made on the condition that said premises should be used for church and school purposes. One dollar was paid for the land. A portion of the land is the Zion Cemetery.

John Vitus Dietlein and Eva Lang were the first Zion couple to be married in the Willard School on June 2, 1884. The first corpse interred in Zion Cemetery was Gertrand Betzold in 1884 — followed by Johanna Rahn in 1886 and Anna D. Endlein in 1887. Leonard F. Spengler and Johanna Ittner (Snyder) were the first children baptized in the Willard School in February 1885.

The minutes of May 25, 1885, written by John P. Ittner, stated that the congregation members resolved to build a church. A committee was elected consisting of Ferdinand Kraeft, John Betzold and John Engelhardt. The cost of the building was not to exceed $350.00. John P. Ittner was chosen as treasurer. In the next meeting, the members permitted Mr. Kraeft the use of the Congregational land if he would clear it within two years.

On September 13, 1885, the completed small, white church on Seidler Road was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. Rev. Sievers, Jr. preached the dedicatory sermon on Genesis 28:17.



On October 24, 1886, John Tomke I was appointed sexton. He was permitted to charge $2.00 for the grave of an adult, $1.50 for the grave of youths under twelve years, and $1.00 for children under five years.

1887-1897

A committee from Trinity Congregation of Monitor Township suggested to the people of Zion the feasibility of calling a pastor. This would relieve their Pastor Sievers, Jr. of serving the mission stations and enable him to devote more time to his own congregation. Zion accepted the suggestion and issued a call to Candidate F. Mueller as pastor and teacher, who served Zion well from 1887-1890. On the day of Rev. Mueller's ordination, Johanna Koch (Wirsing), daughter of Henry and Rosalie (nee Grono) Koch, was baptized by the newly ordained pastor on August 21, 1887.

It was resolved to build a parsonage east of the church-school. During the construction of the parsonage, 1887-1888, Rev. Mueller enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Kraeft, who lived nearby. This parsonage later became a teacher's home after a new parsonage was built between it and the new red brick church built in 1905.

The founders of Zion Lutheran Church of Beaver Township assembled at their church edifice and on December 12, 1887, the Zion Congregation was incorporated. Rev. Mueller was elected to preside and John P. Ittner was secretary. Trustees elected were John Betzold, John Endlein and John Schnell. Elders, or Vorstrher, elected were Ferdinand Kraeft, F. Schuster and salary collector F. Kraeft. It was resolved that one elder pass the money basket, or klingelbeutel, and the other elder care for the pastor's transportation to the Midland Mission. According to the Statistical Yearbook for the year 1887, Zion had 108 baptized members, 55 communicant members, 17 voting members and 27 pupils.

The Declaration of Association was signed December 12, 1887, by the following members: Andrew Betzold,

John Betzold, George Buechler, John Dietlein, John Engelhardt, J. P. Ittner, Henry Koch, Ferdinand Kraeft, Julius Kraeft, Theodore Mackensen, George Meyer, John Schnell, Fred Schuster, John Jacob Spengler, Charles Tomke, Adam Vogtmann and John Walter. In addition, the following founders of Zion were: Ernest Borck, Henry Kohn, J. Mueller, Julius Philipp, John George Spengler, John Tomke I and George Whiger.

The roster of pupils attending Zion School in 1887 and taught by Student Inglehardt for several weeks and then by Rev. F. Mueller, were A. Betzold, Anna Betzold, G. Betzold, J. Betzold, Lizzie Betzold, John Buechler, Andrew Endlein, Anna Endlein, Auguste Gabbe, O. Gabbe, Charles Kohn, M. Kraeft, Barbara Lederer, M. Lederer, Lizzie Melms, George Meyer, Katie Meyer, John Meyer, Bertha Schultz, F. Schuster, Marie Schuster, Peter Schuster, Lena Streu, Martha Streu, A. Walter, John Walter and L. Walter. Tuition for children of Zion members was $1.50 and for non-members $2.50. Each member was obliged to furnish two cords of wood for the parsonage.

On April 23, 1889, John Endlein and Katherine Konrad were married. On May 12, 1889, Charles Tomke and Anna Spengler were married by Rev. F. Mueller in Zion church-school. The first child born in the parsonage was Hedwig Mueller, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Mueller, on October 3, 1889, and baptized on October 6.

After Rev. Mueller accepted his call to Hemlock, Michigan, Rev. F. Sievers, Jr. of Monitor filled in during the short vacancy in 1890. Zion experienced a healthy growth during Rev. Mueller's stay at Zion.

Rev. A. Donner was installed in 1891. During his pastoral ministry, Zion Congregation resolved to affiliate with Synod. The Congregation was admitted to membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states at a session of the Michigan District Convention, May 20-26, 1891. Only good can result from affiliation with a Synod whose noble and high objectives are:

1. The conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith.
2. The joint extension of the Kingdom of God.
3. The training of ministers and teachers for service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
4. The publication and distribution of Bibles, church-books, school-books and religious periodicals.
5. The endeavor to bring about the largest possible uniformity in church-practice, church customs, and in congregational affairs.
6. The furtherance of Christian parochial schools, and of thorough instruction for Confirmation.
7. The supervision of the ministers and teachers of the Synod with regard to the performance of their official duties.
8. The protection of pastors, teachers, and congregation in the performance of their duties, and the maintenance of their rights.

On September 9, 1893, Rev. F. Sievers, Sr. died, having served his mission congregations and St. Paul, Frankenlust, for forty-five years.

In 1894, a large bell was purchased with the aid of the ladies of Zion. It was mounted on a large scaffold adjacent to the church-school. The members resolved to build a barn 18 by 30 by 14 feet in April 1894. Its purpose was to house the pastor's and teacher's horses, cows and chickens, besides giving shelter to the horses of members when they came to worship services and instruction classes. John Stephen Walter was the carpenter of the barn.

During the leadership of Rev. Donner, 1890-1896, the congregation had grown to 365 souls, 200 communicants, 58 voting members and 48 pupils. Due to ill health, Rev. Donner resigned from Zion on February 16, 1896. Rev. F. Ahner, who was living in retirement in Saginaw, was requested to fill the vacancy. He was installed on Exaudi Sunday, 1896, by Rev. J. P. Partenfelder, Pastor of Zion Congregation in Bay City.

Also in 1896, it was resolved to enlarge the parsonage and to build an annex, 20 by 24 feet, on the eastern side of the church-school.

1897-1907

Rev. F. Ahner guided the work and interest of the church and school, and soon it became apparent that the combined church and school work was too large a responsibility to be considered a one-man task. Accordingly, a call was sent to Teacher's Seminary at Addison, Illinois, for one of its candidates, and on August 28, 1898, Mr. A. G. Rauschelbach was installed as teacher of Zion School.

In 1900, G. R. Snyder, a young businessman, later married to Johanna Ittner, bought the general store at Willard from J. P. Ittner who had constructed and operated the first store in the Beaver area.

Teacher Rauschelbach, having entered the state of holy matrimony, now needed a home, which was erected in 1901. This first teacherage was the house which at the present time serves as the parsonage for vicars or assistants.

In 1903, the congregation numbered 535 souls. Considering the growth of the congregation, it was resolved to build a new church and convert the old church-school into two classrooms. The committee consisted of Carl Doering, John Endlein, T. Frank, J. P. Ittner, Henry Koch, Theodore Mackensen, August Pacholke, Charles Tomke and T. Wirsing. The site for the new church was an acre of land east of the parsonage, purchased from Ferdinand Kraeft for $100.00 and presented by the ladies of Zion. The architectural firm of Pratt and Koeppe was employed to draw the blueprints. The Gothic style architecture was accepted by Zion members. Measuring 95 by 40 feet, the new church was to be solid red brick. On the tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 7, 1904, the cornerstone for the new church was laid, with Rev. R. Bohn of Zion in Salzburg, Michigan, delivering the sermon.

The organization of the Ladies' Aid Society dates from the pastorate of Rev. Ahner. The first officials were: President, Rosalia Koch; Secretary, Barbara Wirsing; and Treasurer, Margaretha Ittner. As Christian women, they willingly showed their love to Christ

in service. For special occasions in the church, at anniversaries or receptions of new pastors or teachers, they were ever willing workers. The society was also interested in missions and charities and contributed from its funds for those purposes.

On April 24, 1905, Rev. Ahner resigned because of poor health. The marriage of Mr. John Pfannes and Miss Hedwig Ahner, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ahner, on July 6, 1905, was the second happy event that occurred in the parsonage. During his pastorate, there was a considerable increase in membership to 535 souls, 324 communicants, 110 voting members, 85 pupils, 37 baptisms, 17 confirmands and 10 couples were married.

Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky of Pinconning, Michigan, was called as successor to Rev. Ahner and was installed July 29, 1905, by Rev. L. Wismueller. On August 5, 1905, Rev. Rutkowsky preached his introductory sermon in the old church-school. During 1905, the Scaffold Bell near the old church-school was removed and transferred to the new red brick church belfry and is used to this present date.

On September 24, 1905, the new church was dedicated to the Glory of the Triune God with appropriate services. The first pastor of Beaver Zion, Rev. F. Mueller of Hemlock, Michigan, preached the dedicatory sermon in the German morning service and Rev. W. Bruegmann in the English afternoon service.

The estimated figure, $12,000, did not represent the real cost of the church because members donated so much time and labor during the construction period. The debt remained at $6,000.00.

In appreciation for his faithful ministry, Zion members honored its retired and venerable Rev. Ahner by celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ministry, August 29, 1906. Rev. J. Schinnerer preached on Luke 12: 42-44. THE BEAVER ZION BAND, led by Teacher Rauschelbach, accompanied the singing in church, and after the service, rendered musical entertainment.

Stalls or sheds with overhead were constructed on the north and east sides of the church as a protection for the horses and carriages. Later, the sheds were used for cars and then gradually torn down to give way to a parking lot for autos.

The English language service was introduced in 1906 as a second language to German. German services were held on Sunday mornings and English services in the afternoon or evening.

The confessional service, one Sunday morning per month, was one-half hour before the regular service in which all communicants participated. The service included the order of Holy Communion and a short sermon by the pastor. The communicants sat in the very front pews of the church. Men and boys sat on the left side and the women and girls on the right. During the regular service, men participated of Holy Communion first and the women last. Persons wishing to partake of communion on Sunday visited the pastor on the previous Saturday to announce their intention to do so. One member of the family, or the whole family, could announce. If the communicant did not make the previous announcement, he announced to the pastor in the sacristy on Sunday morning.

1907 - 1917

A custom diligently followed for many years was the celebration of Kirchweih the last Sunday in September. This was the anniversary of the 1st service at which Pastor Sievers preached the dedicatory sermon. This custom continued thereafter until sometime between World War I and World War II.

November 1, 1908, a new pipe organ, purchased from Kilgen and Son of St. Louis, Missouri, at the cost of $1,750.00, was dedicated. Rev. F. Wilkening of Unionville, Michigan, preached the dedicatory sermon and Professor M. G. Graebner, of Bay City, officiated as festive organist.

Teacher Rauschelbach was released from Zion to accept another call on February 25, 1910. Rev. Rutkowsky then taught school, during the absence of a teacher, from February 10, 1910, to May 8, 1910. Mr. A. Zimmer was installed as teacher May 8, 1910. He introduced the eighth grade from which Eleanora Koch (Riess) and John Tomke II, were the first graduates.

August 12, 1912, Teacher Zimmer terminated his services, leaving Rev. Rutkowsky for the second time to take over the teaching duties, in the absence of a teacher, from September, 1912, to October 12, 1912. On September 12, 1912, Zion Congregation celebrated its 25th or silver anniversary. The first pastor, Rev. F. Mueller, was the festival speaker. Charles Riess of Sebewaing, Michigan, was installed as teacher October 12, 1912. Teacher Riess was responsible for the calling of a second teacher so that Rev. Rutkowsky, who had been teaching, would be relieved and could devote full time to his ministerial duties. A call was extended to Mr. Alfred Kummer, a graduate of Addison Teachers' Seminary, Addison, Illinois, who accepted and was installed August 10, 1913. Teacher Kummer severed his connection with Zion August 8, 1915, by accepting a call to Holy Cross, Saginaw, Michigan. During those two years, the school enrollment increased from 80 to 109 pupils. During the vacancy, Oswald Riess, a student of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and Miss Adela Riess did supply work in the school in the absence of a second teacher. In 1915, the Adam Vogtmann house on River Road was burned.

In 1915, it was resolved to extend the annex on the east side of the church-school and to enlarge the sacristy to be used as a classroom for confirmands. The large room was used for young people's meetings, for an auditorium for plays and Willard School graduation programs in the spring, and in 1947 for Sunday School classes. Also, on October 10, 1915, the park east of the new church was purchased from Ed Kraeft. The "school money" or so-called tuition fee was abolished. Not only parents with children attending Zion School, but all members were to contribute their share of the expense of maintaining the school.

To accommodate the pupils residing four to six miles south of Zion Church, the Congregation resolved to build another school. It was to be on an acre of land purchased from Mr. C. Haut for $100.00 in Williams Township on the southwest corner of Townline and Eleven Mile Roads. The building committee for the second school consisted of Henry Koch, Ernest Wirsing, C. Weber, L. Ehmann, three trustees and Rev. Rutkowsky. The new red brick school, or South Zion School, was dedicated August 13, 1916. Rev. C. Wuggazer of Monitor and Rev. John Schinnerer of Amelith addressed the Congregation. Rev. Rutkowsky addressed the people outside who could not enter the full building.

In the autumn of 1916, Rev. F. Sievers, Jr. appeared at Zion for the last time, lecturing on the first Indian Mission of Synod. The next day he bade farewell to his former schoolmate, John P. Ittner. August, 1916, to June, 1917, George Krach, a theological student at St. Louis, Missouri, taught in the South Zion School.

Red and tan striped burlap-like carpet runners were installed in the main aisles of the church. The noise was softened considerably.

1917 - 1927

The United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917. Zion was truly loyal, truly patriotic, not only in word, but in deed. The pupils became active members of the Junior Red Cross. Teacher Riess solicited purchasers of Liberty Bonds and our members bought to their limit. Twenty-eight young men, once pupils of Zion, were in the army,of which none lost their lives or were seriously wounded. In 1917, Zion celebrated the Quadricentennial of the Reformation. To commemorate the event, the members were requested to plant trees in the park east of the church. W. Brackensiek taught in the South Zion School from August 1917, to June 1981.

August 1918 to 1920, Teacher Eilers taught in the South Zion School. November 11, 1918, marked the end of World War I.

Between 1919 and 1924, Rev. Rutkowsky and faculty counseled the Zion members during the time the Synod campaigned against the "Wayne County Civic Association" which sought to eliminate the parochial school system. Through the efforts of Synod and the Congregation, the anti-parochial campaign was defeated by a two-to-one margin. No congregation could have waged the campaign alone. God bless our Synod.

In February of 1919, the Lutheran Layman's League petitioned the Zion members to help them reach their goal for the support of the superannuated and sick pastors, teachers, and their dependents. Zion responded generously. On March 7, 1919, little Arthur Riess died.

August 8, 1920, Teacher Charles Riess' Silver Anniversary was celebrated with a special service. Teacher W. Lohrmann congratulated in the name of the Saginaw Valley Conference. On August 21, 1920, Mrs. Anna Katherine Riess, nee Grueber, departed this life, causing an irreparable loss to Teacher Riess and his family. June 6, 1920, to August 9, 1925, Mr. Arnold Hufnagel taught at the South Zion School. In 1921, the four-hundredth anniversary of the Diet of Worms was celebrated when Dr. Martin Luther refused to recant the Doctrine of Salvation alone by Grace through Faith in Christ Jesus.

In 1922, an acre of land and a house, diagonally northeast from the South Zion School in Beaver Township, were purchased from Mr. John Haag. The house was salvaged.

Reincorporation of Zion Lutheran Church of Beaver Township took place in 1924. Zion members recognized Rev. Rutkowsky's 25th anniversary in the ministry August 6, 1924. The Rev. J. G. Nuechterlein of Frankenmuth, Michigan, delivered the sermon and President J. Schinnerer and visitor F. Brunn rendered congratulations. During the 1920's, Fourth of July picnics were held in the church park, including a chicken dinner served in the old church-school. The dinner was potluck, with members bringing the prepared chicken.

Oscar Kerkow served as teacher at South Zion School from August 30, 1925 to November 17, 1925. After Teacher Kerkow left, Rev. Rutkowsky resumed teaching duties for the third time until August 1926.

Before electricity was installed in the church about 1925, lamps with kerosene were used. Two large kerosene chandeliers or lamp clusters hung from the church ceiling. Short, thin candles with clamp-ons were used on the Christmas trees. Buckets of water were set nearby in case of a fire.

On July 11, 1926, Zion celebrated Rev. Rutkowsky's silver wedding anniversary. Rev. E. A. Mayer of Frankenmuth, who twenty-five years before had solemnized the marriage, was the preacher. Oscar Blankschien of Larium, Michigan, was installed as new teacher of South Zion School on August 22, 1926.

1927 - 1937

After salvaging the lumber from the South Zion Teacherage, a new bungalow was erected on the site in 1928, for occupancy by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Blankschien. On March 17, 1928, little Earl Rutkowsky died, the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. Rutkowsky.

In 1929, the four-hundredth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Cathechism was celebrated with song and music in Central High School Auditorium, Bay City, Michigan, by area Lutheran Congregations.

Rev. Rutkowsky's twenty-five years of faithful service to Zion was honored on July 30, 1930. Rev. L. Wismueller of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, who 25 years before had installed Rev. Rutkowsky, was invited to preach at the occasion with Rev. C. Linsemann and Rev. H. Potzger as guest speakers. 1930 marked the Quadricentennial celebration of the Augsburg Confession — the chief Symbolum of the Lutheran Church, which was presented to Emperor Charles V

at the Diet of Augsburg, June 25, 1530, in 28 articles. The fourth article submits chief Christian Doctrine, by which the Christian Church distinguishes itself from false doctrine, and gives all the glory to God alone, and affords enduring comfort to poor sinners.

Fourth of July picnics continued to be held in the church park. Veal and pork roast were now the meats served. Paul Schroeder (married to Alice Tomke) of Bay City instructed how to bone the meat to make rolled roast. Martin Pfannes continued the practice. Candy, pop and ice cream were sold. The items were purchased through the G. R. Snyder General Store on Beaver and Eleven Mile Roads and later alternated with the Martin Pfannes Grocery Store. Several years later, ham and potato salad were the main meal served in the dining hall in the park by the Ladies' Aid. The Young People took charge of the candy stand, red hots and ice cream.

Mr. Oscar Blankschien resigned in 1932. Mr. Norman Weber was installed as teacher of South Zion School on August 21, 1932. During the early 1930's, the Zion members who preferred English over German gradually increased. It was resolved to have the German service on Sundays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and English service from 11:00-12:00 a.m. The English language from then on to the present is used as the means of Catechetical instruction in school, confirmation and Bible classses.

In 1933, Martin and Clara Pfannes became owners of the general store on the corner of Garfield and Seidlers Road.

In 1934, Zion honored the four-hundredth anniversary of Luther's Bible Translation. Luther's Translation has been a basis and a model for other translations and has brought and still brings to us life and salvation.

During the late 1920's and early 1930's, a number of improvements were made at Zion, such as the first electric lights, redecorating the church, reshingling the church roof, installing an organ-blower, and furnaces for the parsonage and teacherage.

The eighth grades were added to South and North Zion Schools in 1935. November 1935, the barn built in 1894 was dismantled. New carpet runners were installed in the main aisles plus the chancel of the church. Also a wallpaper screen border was used to decorate the lower part of the chancel walls.

During the Depression years, there was no additional annexation of congregational property.

1937 - 1947

1937 marked the fiftieth or golden anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church, Beaver Township, with the Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky as Pastor, and Charles Riess as teacher of North Zion and Norman Weber as teacher of South Zion. In 1937, according to church records from 1887-1937, holy baptism was bestowed upon 1176 persons. By confirmation, 892 were received into membership, 282 marriages were solemnized and 331 received Christian burial. The statistics also showed 733 souls, 526 communicants, 150 voters, 73 pupils attending two day schools and 9 attending Saturday classes. Of the communicant membership of 1887, the venerable members present at the Golden Anniversary were: George Buechler, Eva Dietlein, Henry Kohn, Augusta Kohn, Mrs. Ferdinand Kraeft, Theodore Mackensen, Barbara Meyer, John Schnell, Anna Spengler Tomke, Charles Tomke and Adam Vogtmann. Also, of the members baptized by Rev. Sievers, Jr. that were still present for the anniversary were Ernest Betzold, John Betzold, Barbara Dietlein Knight, John Endlein, Andrew Ittner, Johanna Ittner Snyder, and Leonard F. Spengler. The youngest member present was Kenneth Pfannes, son of Oscar and Esther (nee Kolb) Pfannes and the oldest member present was Frederick Beck. During the Golden Anniversary Year, Zion mourned the death of two of its founder members; John P. Ittner, who died January 16, and John Jacob Spengler, who died March 21. In the same year, Henry Koch was elected delegate to the Synodical Meeting at Detroit, Michigan. A 50th Anniversary Booklet was compiled by Zion members contributing memorable history of bygone days.

It was certainly a year of grateful rejoicing because four centuries ago the Smalcad Articles, written by Dr. Martin Luther, had been subscribed by the Wittenberg Theologians. In the course of time, these articles, by their clear and logical exposition of the truth over error, won a place of honor and the status of confession in the Lutheran Church. Nothing could be more fruitful than a reading of the Smalcad Articles: their truth is tested and corroborated by four hundred years of uninterrupted scrutiny. Our founding fathers rallied around this and the other standards contained in the Book of Concord of 1580 as a true and sound exhibition of Christian doctrine taken from and in full agreement with the Holy Scriptures, and they declared that in their congregation no doctrine should be taught or tolerated which is at variance with the Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz: 1. The three Ecumenical Creeds; The Apostolic, The Nicene, and The Athanasian. 2. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession. 3. The Apology of the same. 4. The Smalcad Articles. 5. Luther's Small Catechism. 6. Luther's Large Catechism. 7. The Formula of Concord.

In 1937, The Young People's Society, existing for several decades, affiliated with the Walther League, an international organization of the church's youth. The League exists for church and home. The local society meets for the purpose of discussing a timely topic, business, and for Christian fellowship. It has provided fellowship gatherings and sponsored projects for the welfare of the congregation. The Leaguers lend their voices by singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School classes, and serving as ushers.

December 1940, Teacher Riess became seriously ill and was unable to return to the classroom. He resigned July 13, 1941. A service, honoring him for his long years of untiring and devoted labor in the Vineyard of the Lord, was given by members.

For Pentecost Sunday, the interior of the church was graced with green-leafed boughs of the white birch

and poplar trees to symbolize the renewal of life.

In August 1941, Mr. H. C. Schmitzer accepted the call and was installed August 24, 1941, until September 1946, when he accepted a call to Immanuel, Frankentrost, Michigan. In the spring of 1941, ill health began to manifest itself in the life of Rev. Rutkowsky. In August he requested to be relieved of his pastoral duties. The marriage rites of Marvin C. Stieve and Dorothy Spengler, both baptized and confirmed by Rev. Rutkowsky, were the last to be performed by him in church. He became so ill that his physical strength did not permit him to preach his farewell sermon. His friend and colleague, Rev. Herman Potzger, delivered the sermon to Zion Congregation September 14, 1941. During his vacancy, Rev. Potzger ministered to the spiritual needs of the congregation and guided them in calling Rev. Erich A. Storm of Onekama, Michigan, who was installed as pastor of Zion on October 25, 1941.

World War II began December 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on a quiet Sunday morning. Again, Zion was loyal and patriotic to the cause. Many young men served in the Armed Services at home and abroad - some giving their lives for the cause. Rationing stamps for such articles as coffee, shoes, gasoline, tires, etc., were issued at the Willard School. U.S. Savings Bonds were also purchased by Zion members. Also, women began working in factories manufacturing war products. Our church did much to provide for the spiritual needs of youths in service, such as sending prayer books, new Testaments, the ministry of service pastors and especially the service of Lutheran Chaplains. This entire program was under the direction of the Army and Navy Commission of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. The congregations, in turn, provided the funds for the Commission that this work could be expedited successfully.

On March 4, 1942, Rev. Rutkowsky entered that rest prepared for the people of God. His mortal remains were interred in Beaver Zion Lutheran Cemetery March 8, 1942. Rev. E. A. Storm and Rev. Herman Potzger of Trinity, Monitor, officiated at the funeral service.

In 1943, the Zion members felt it would be wise to separate the grades at the two Zion Schools. Mr. Weber taught grades one through four at South Zion and Mr. Schmitzer grades five through eight at North Zion. Mr. Weber transported the children from one school to the other. However, in September 1944, the parents were asked to transport the children to their respective schools because of high enrollment. A few months later, January 14, 1945, the Zion members voted to buy a school bus, and also elected a school building committee to study the possibility of acquiring property for the construction of a consolidated school. Also, in 1944 the Bay City Public School System, for the first time, supplied buses for high school students living in the rural areas.

World War II ended with Germany in May, 1945, and with Japan in August, 1945. A big changing trend in lifestyles occurred after this time. Also, in the post-war era, a new stewardship program was introduced, the every Sunday Bulletin service was begun and the new English Hymnals were provided

On August 26, 1945, the trustees were empowered to purchase property south of the church from Mr. Frank Kube. The architectural firm of Brysselbout and Starke was employed to draw the blueprints for the new school. The contract was awarded to Camp Realty Company of Midland, Michigan.

In 1946, Mr. Schmitzer left and Mr. A. C. Stoppenhagen of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was installed as teacher in November 1946.

1947 - 1957

September 1947, Sunday School was begun for the first time in the old church-school under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Storm with a very dedicated staff. Through the Sunday School, the congregation seeks to reach those children who do not attend the Christian Day School as well as those children in the community who are not affiliated with any church. The Sunday School seeks to impart to the children a sound Christian training which includes a graded course for the Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior children. Also, the Cradle Roll is maintained for the well-being of the pre-Sunday School children. The Sunday School Teachers meet regularly for lesson preparation. All the children in both Day School and Sunday School are taught to be mission minded, inasmuch as many activities are carried on to promote foreign and home mission work. The newly confirmed, high school-age children and adult Bible classes are a carefully prepared lesson program of the Bible, with practical and doctrinal applications. It is a great opportunity to review and to deepen our understanding of the eternal truths of Holy Scripture, which builds a strong church.

In 1948, the cornerstone of the new consolidated school was laid. After time, labor and cooperation of members and contractors, the new school was dedicated to the Glory of God and the feeding of His lambs on April 17, 1949. This structure included classrooms, auditorium, bathrooms, kitchen and office. The approximate cost was $80,000.

On June 19, 1949, the old church-school was sold. Mr. Stoppenhagen was released and Mr. Arthur Petrowsky was called as principal and teacher.

The last annual financial report was published, listing the contributions of Zion members. New carpet runners replaced the old.

In 1951, German services were conducted at 9:00 a.m. and English services at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, and the half-hour confessional service held before each communion service was discontinued.

March 1952, Mr. Norman Weber, a long-time teacher, retired. Mrs. Dorothy Stieve taught the remainder of the year. Mr. Richard Bliese was called as a third teacher and a third classroom was equipped. The Zion members then purchased the house on the southeast corner of Eleven and Seidlers Road with an acre of land for the new teacher.

Rev. Frederick Reimann became the new pastor of Zion, April, 1953. German services were cut to one Sunday a month. In May, the South Zion School was sold for $1,800.00. One Sunday each month was designated for families to sit together to attend Holy Communion. Young men were to serve as ushers to usher members out of church. Pastor was to have an Elder assist him during baptisms. A full-time janitor was hired. Cemetery Endowment Fund was set up. Water was piped into the church. Bi-monthly church service for school children was begun during the week. Voluntary Zion members constructed a new house for the Pfau Family, whose residence had burned. Church services on December 26 and on January 2 were discontinued. The Korean Conflict in the 1950's showed the loyal and patriotic feelings of Zion members. Zion youths participated at home and abroad to serve their country.

In 1954, the Ladies' Aid affiliated with the Lutheran Missionary League of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. It also holds membership in the Associated Lutheran Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society. Ladies' Aid meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Besides the business session, a topic study is conducted at each meeting. As Christian women, they willingly show their love to Christ in service. The ladies have made many material improvements in the Congregation by providing the carpeting in the church, altar parchments, redecorating the church, and numerous other appointments for the church. When special occasions arise, the Ladies stand by to provide refreshments and fellowship. For such occasions, they have also provided much of the equipment in the school kitchen. They also have contributed clothing and packages for overseas relief, assisted seminary and college students, institutions of charity and sent gifts to servicemen and women and to missions. The Altar Guild was started. Designated ladies serving on this committee arrange the floral offerings every Sunday and supervise the care of the sacred vessels. Easter Service was held at Sunset Drive-In Theater. The area in front of the church was cemented.

In 1955, the first Sunrise Service was conducted at Zion Church. It was resolved to permit the Pastor to wear the white gown surplus. Previously, the Pastor wore a black gown. The 50th anniversary of the construction of Zion Church was observed dating back to 1905. The children's service was to be conducted in church once a week.

February 13, 1956, it was resolved to hold the regular Voters' Assembly on Monday evening following the first Sunday of the month instead of the former traditional Sunday afternoon meetings. On April 2, it was recommended to have two Sunday services in English all year round. On May 7th, the first Field's Day was begun. The number of Elders was increased from six to twelve. In May, the lightning rod was placed on the church steeple. The Men's Club was organized. The purpose of the club is to foster Christian fellowship, discuss certain projects and problems in the work of the church, and sociability. As members, the Club supports the International Lutheran Hour of bringing Christ to the nations and many more valuable services to the congregation.

1957 - 1967

In 1957, ground was broken to begin construction for two additional classrooms to meet an ever-increasing enrollment. The planning, blueprints and engineering, to meet specifications demanded by the state school building codes, and the construction work was done by Zion members. The annexation of the two classrooms was ready for partial occupancy in September 1957, and was completed by the end of the same year. In the autumn of 1957, the enrollment numbered approximately 154 pupils and the fourth teacher was contracted.

Two new school buses were purchased by Zion in 1958 to transport the children to school.

In 1959, the Men's Club affiliated with the Lutheran Layman's League, a national organization of the church. The Parent-Teacher League (P.T.L.) was organized to bring about a sound parent-teacher-pupil relationship by caring and working together. The Athletic Association, a branch of the P.T.L., works in conjunction to further interest in children's sports. Together they plan and sponsor candy sales, athletic shirt sales, roller skating parties, school children's pictures, book fairs, spring smelt dinner and many other excellent projects. On February 2, 1959, communion cards were instituted. On March 2nd the janitor discontinued ringing the church bell on Saturday evening at six o'clock. Also discontinued was the ringing of the church bell at nine o'clock on the morning following the death of an individual. Three sets of intermittent tolls were rung for an adult; two sets for a school-age child; and one set for a pre-school child.

German afternoon communion services were discontinued May 1960.

In the spring of 1961, Zion Congregation resolved to renovate the exterior of the church. All the old bricks of the exterior course of bricks were removed and replaced with the present cherry-red bricks. Also, an entrance to the church was built which included space for restroom facilities, adequate entrance to the church basement and cloak room space. By midsummer, the contractors of Engelhardt and Sons of Bay City had completed the renovation of the exterior for a sum of $37,634.00. In May 1961, Howard Kohn, a Zion eighth grader, son of Frederick and Clara Kohn, won the annual Lutheran Spelling Bee Contest. Sarah Chapman, daughter of LaVerne and Ardith, is the 1987 champion. The present Zion school bell, taken from the South Zion School, was installed September 5, 1961. The Ladies' Aid had chosen to underwrite the redecorating of the interior of the church at a cost of $3,000.00. The congregation installed new light fixtures and an amplifying system.

By April 22, 1962, Easter Sunday, the redecorating was completed. Some changes had been made in the chancel. A large, neon-lighted cross graced the chancel, focusing the attention of the worshipper on Jesus

Christ, the only Savior. The new altar, lectern and baptismal font replaced the old. The chancel furniture, as well as other church appointments, such as vases, flags, hymnals, service books, pulpit, lights, palms, and sacristy desk, were largely furnished by special gifts from Zion members. During 1962, Zion celebrated its 75th or Diamond anniversary. A beautiful Diamond Jubilee Booklet was compiled by Zion members who made it a year of reconsecration to the Savior and His Kingdom work. For these expressions of gratitude to God for His abounding faithfulness through the years, we express our appreciation and joyous thanks.

As of August 1, 1962, 507 persons had been interred in Zion Cemetery. A part of the first purchase of land was designated for the cemetery. The plot consisted of about two acres. It is located west of the church. The administration and maintenance of the cemetery are supervised by a cemetery committee of the congregation. Since a number of the early graves were untended, a system of perpetual care was provided. A watering system was installed and a new section of the cemetery proper was improved to provide lots for the members who wished to have only ground markers.

Up to 1962, the statistical records showed 1038 baptisms, 1546 confirmands, 528 marriages and 538 Christian burials.

In 1963, the Student Aid Fund was set up. Walther League started serving the first annual Easter breakfast. The Fourth of July picnics in the church park were discontinued. The farm of Calvin and Doris Spengler was designated as the first centennial farm in the Beaver Zion area, originating in 1863. In the autumn, the new Concordia College at Ann Arbor opened its doors to the first class of young people who would prepare themselves for professional work in the Lutheran Church. In September 1963, six Beaver Township public schools, Oxbow, Cherry, Duel, McKeith, Willard and Seidler, had consolidated to form the new John Adams Elementary School on Garfield Road. Zion no longer needed its own buses because transportation was provided by the Bay City Public School System. During the 1960's, the Vietnam conflict again drew the loyalty and patriotic spirit of Zion members. Gradually, during this decade, women donned more styled hairdos in lieu of the traditional hats or head coverings.

In 1964, the familiar chicken and pork sausage dinners served in the fall of the year became known as the October Smorgasbord, served the first Sunday in October. In conjunction, The Country Store specializes in many wonderful and unique items to sell.

1967 - 1977

Rev. Frederick Reimann, who had begun his ministry at Zion in April 1953, continued his work through the seventy-fifth church anniversary of 1962, and accepted a call to Ludington, Michigan, in January 1967.

Rev. J. P. Kellogg was installed as pastor on August 6, 1967. The South Zion teacherage was sold for $11,000 in 1967.

Rev. J. P. Kellogg resigned his ministry at Zion on July 8, 1968. The North Zion teacherage was sold for $11,000. The blacktop in the school parking lot was done. The door was put in between the kitchen and Kindergarten room.

Rev. Leroy Westphal was installed as pastor of Zion on June 22, 1969. He is at present our pastor during the Zion Centennial celebration. The monthly Messenger, a review of Zion's activities, was begun and is still sent to each family home.

In 1971, the church interior was redecorated and renovated at a cost of $35,000. Exterior painting, steeple work, new roof and ceiling insulation were done with a renovation project total of about $41,000. An additional cost of $7,000 from the Ladies' Aid for gold carpeting, sweepers and seasonal wall banners. The family mail boxes were removed from the church narthex.

In 1972, Zion Members celebrated the 85th anniversary of the congregation. Renovation of the church basement was done. A birthday and anniversary calendar was compiled. The Senior Citizen Group donated the gift of the Eternal Light. The Youth Group began the Good Friday Chancel Dramas. Summer church services were set at eight and nine-thirty for Sunday mornings. Vacation Bible School was begun. The awning was installed outside the front entrance of the church. Housing allowance was established for Pastor Westphal on the completion of his new house on Beaver Road.

In 1973, Rev. John Westphal, father of Pastor Leroy, was called to become Assistant Pastor to render services in an ever-growing congregation.

January 1974, student teacher Ruth Block did student teaching in Zion's classrooms during a five-week program. Communion cards were placed on the entrance door to the nave and the balcony. The carpeting in the church basement was financed by the Ladies' Aid. Pastor Leroy Westphal declined a call to Trinity Lutheran, West Chicago, Illinois.

August 25, 1974, by resolution of the Congregation, all students from the Zion area, grades five through eight, who do not receive religious instruction at Zion Lutheran Day School, must receive that instruction at Monday evening weekday Religion classes. One hundred seventy-five new Lutheran hymnals were added.

In 1975, Pastor Leroy and Carol Westphal joined the Michigan Delegation for participation in the Synod's 51st Convention at Anaheim, California.

1976 the Ladies' Aid contributed $2,000 for the blacktop on the church parking lots. They also purchased new tables and chairs, and the new stove in the school kitchen. A new flower chart was supplied on the large bulletin board in the church narthex. Assistant Pastor John and Adelaide Westphal received honor and recognition by Zion members in observance of their 45th wedding anniversary. On July 4, 1976, Zion, with patriotic spirit, celebrated with a special outdoor service in the church park, the bicentennial of the United States of America.

The Jerry Kabat Family became members of Zion. Jerry, chairman of the Centennial Committee, is presently teaching at the Bay-Arenac Skill Center, Bay City, Michigan.

On November 7, 1976, a special worship service, a dinner, gifts and a vacation trip to sunny Acapulco, Mexico, were compliments of Zion members in an appreciation observance day for the faithful and zealous work of Pastor Leroy and Carol Westphal. With gracious thanks, they expressed their heartfelt and deepest gratitude and their simple, humble, sincere prayer, "Lord, we thank Thee for people such as these through whom You have revealed a marvelous demonstration of genuine Christian love. Keep them in Your loving care, and bless us as we glorify Your name."

The new Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School was under construction.

The 1970's brought on a new trend in women's attire. Fashions gradually changed from a mixed style of dresses, skirts and blouses to pantsuits, or slacks, blouses and sweaters.

1977 - 1987

In 1977, the women's suffrage vote was defeated. Women could attend meetings but not have voting and office privileges. Membership is open to all male members, twenty-one years and over. Ladies are always most cordially welcome to attend. Forward in Remembrance, a mission program was begun. The well was repaired, shrubbery was added around the church, new blacktop behind the school and sidewalks around the church were put in. The school kitchen was remodeled at a cost of $8,000.00.

The interior walls of the church were improved in 1978. On April 3, 1978, it was voted to begin the first Kindergarten class in September. Mrs. Diane Horning was the first Kindergarten teacher in September 1978.

An ordination service was conducted on June 3, 1979, for Thomas Wirsing, son of Chester and Clara Wirsing. Pastor Wirsing is currently serving St. Michael's Congregation in Wayne, Michigan. The tennis courts were constructed in 1979. In September, the Saginaw Lutheran High School, built in 1976, was dedicated to the Glory of God. A birthday and anniversary calendar was compiled.

In February 1980, the Ladies' Aid resolved to contract weekly flower services through the Johnson Greenhouse in Midland. The Hand-bell choir was begun under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Hoenicke and then continued by Mr. John Olson. Zion has always been deeply interested in having its services beautified with special music. The purpose is to extol the Lord, especially on high festivals. During the past decades, Zion has had many fine choirs. Choir work is difficult work and requires many hours of service. People who have contributed such joyous service are: Norman Weber, Leonard Weber, Arnold Stoppenhagen, Richard Zwick. Leroy Engelhardt, James Balzer, Ethel Hoenicke, John Olson, Luanne Wegener, Diane Olson and Carol Westphal.

On September 28, 1980, Zion celebrated PAST TRADITION SUNDAY. Ladies sat in the east pews of the nave and men sat in the west pews. For communion distribution, the men communed first and the ladies followed last in similar manner. October 5, 1980, Rev. Walter Rutkowsky served as special speaker for the 75th church structure anniversary in which Zion Church was dedicated as a place of worship in 1905. Also, a stone and bronze plate was erected on the Rutkowsky cemetery lot in memory of Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky.

Compliments of Martin and Clara Pfannes were the religious calendars issued to Zion members for four decades. Calvin and Doris Spengler had provided beautiful, decorative wreaths for many Christmas seasons.

August 9, 1981, a service of praise and thanksgiving was held at Zion Church in honor of Rev. John Westphal's 50th anniversary in the ministry and the 50th wedding anniversary of Pastor John and Adelaide (nee Schoeing) Westphal. The reception was hosted by their children and Zion members in grateful appreciation of their many years of faithful service and devotion.

The church bell tower was repaired after being struck by lightning on August 28, 1981.

In September, a first-time Remedial Reading Position was filled by Dorothy Stieve. The program, with textbooks and activity books, aims to help pupils having minor reading problems and to promote a greater interest in reading.

May 1982, the Ladies' Aid hosted the Confirmation Reunion with over 300 confirmands in attendance.

On June 6, 1982, Rev. John Westphal entered that rest prepared for the people of God. The funeral rites were conducted at Zion Church on June 8th by Pastor Louis Koke of St. John, Midland, and Liturgist Pastor David Hakes of Grace, Auburn. His mortal remains were interred at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Bonduel, Wisconsin, on June 10th. During his ministry, Pastor John served his church and Synod in a variety of capacities, including that of circuit counselor in Central Illinois and North Wisconsin districts.

Ceiling fans were installed in the church. In June, the Future Building Program funds were established. Natalie Westphal, daughter of Pastor Leroy and Carol Westphal, submitted the building theme to be used for the project: FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. On November 8, 1982, Robert Chadwick was called as Vicar for one year to assist Pastor Leroy with his many tasks and responsibilities.

June 19, 1983, Pastor Leroy Westphal, in grateful thanksgiving, celebrated his 25th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry at a dinner in Zion Auditorium, planned in his honor by the Zion members. Guest toastmaster for the program was Rev. James Wilk of Standish, Michigan, a former classmate of Pastor Leroy. Also, the 25th wedding anniversary of Pastor Leroy and Carol (nee Manthei) was celebrated with honor and devotion on the same

day. July 11, 1983, Rev. Adolph Gallert, a retired pastor, was called to assist Pastor Westphal. The John Tomke family were recipients of a centennial farm plaque. In November, Vicar Robert Chadwick left Zion to become Associate Pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Adolph Gallert was installed as Assistant Pastor on December 8, 1983.

In 1984, an Endowment Fund was established to provide continuous support to missions in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord and Savior. The parking lot received a new sealcoat top. A male teacher was to assist Pastor Westphal with liturgy and with Bible Readings. The newly formed Planning Committee completed its task of setting up building and funding committees for Zion's future building project. It engaged the services of The Leroy Austin Architectural Firm. Preliminary plans for church and school buildings were submitted for evaluation. The final payment was made on Zion's indebtedness. The Stewardship Drive was conducted with two-thirds of the Zion membership participating. The pledges totaled $226,855.

In 1985, a birthday and anniversary calendar was compiled by the Youth Group. In February, Pastor and Marjorie Gallert, in grateful thanksgiving, observed their 40th wedding anniversary and Pastor Gallert's 40th anniversary of his pastoral ordination. On March 3, 1985, the Planning Committee presented a master building plan to Zion Congregation, after which discussion meetings were held. In May, a resolution was passed that Zion proceed with a building program. A gift of individual cups for communion was received. For Communion services, the individual cups are used every second Sunday of each month. The Chalice is used every fourth Sunday of each month. A new athletic field was developed and was named the EUGENE BEHMLANDER MEMORIAL FIELD in honor of Eugene, who had given many fine, dedicated years to youths and their sports.

Mr. John Olson submitted the centennial theme - A CENTURY OF GRACE, A FUTURE OF HOPE.

In 1985, Mrs. Luella Ittner was elected State President of the Lutheran Child and Family Auxiliary.

June 1985, the Planning Committee dissolved and two committees were formed: The Funding Committee with Theodore Datte III, as chairman and The Building Committee with Leonard Leavens and Richard Young as co-chairmen. At a special Congregation meeting on June 20, 1985, it was resolved that 25% of any construction cost would be required to be on hand before construction could proceed, with the remainder of the cost to be paid with a three-year pledge program. In summarized form, the resolutions of the support of the recommendations of both committees were adopted in modification. The resolutions supported a $928,000 building program for church and school additions and renovations, with one-fourth total estimated cost to be raised through cash contributions by October 15, 1985, approximately $400.00 per family. An additional $125,000 investment in the District's Church Extension Fund, earmarked for Zion by the same date. At another meeting in October, it was resolved to follow through with a portion of the program at a final cost estimated at $385,000. July 21, 1985 was KICK-OFF SUNDAY for the Foundations for the Future Building project.

Thursday, August 15, 1985, Rev. Adolph Gallert departed this earthly life at the age of 66 years. The funeral service took place on Sunday, August 18, with Dr. Richard Schlecht, President of the Michigan District, as speaker and Rev. David Hakes of Grace, Auburn, as officiant. Committal was at Sunset Memorial Garden, Ionia, Michigan, on August 19th. Rev. and Carol Westphal were in Gillett, Wisconsin, where Pastor Leroy preached at Immanuel Lutheran Church as the Congregation observed its Centennial Anniversary. Pastor John Westphal had served Immanuel for 25 years, prior to his retirement in 1973.

In 1985, the Ross Koch family were the recipients of a centennial farm plaque in their honor. September 10, 1985, Rev. Frederick Reimann served as guest speaker as members and guests observed the 20th anniversary of the Senior Citizens' Organization. A potluck meal was served. During the year, a cookbook was compiled by a committee to be sold at $5.00. Other fund-raising projects included dessert sales, soup supper before each Lenten service, rummage sales and many more projects.

A Centennial Committee was selected February 1986, to make plans for Zion's Centennial Anniversary in 1987, with Jerry Kabat as chairman.

Marilyn Leavens and her committee were responsible for the beautiful banners gracing the interior church walls. Ted Datte II spent many hours overseeing the Zion building project.

May 18, 1986 was designated as ground-breaking Sunday for the renovation project. Pastor Leroy Westphal, Oscar Pfannes and Theodore Datte III, participated in the ceremony on the east side of the church. The Cherub Choir, under the direction of Luanne Wegener, sang. Pastor Westphal, Henry Wittig, principal; Luanne Wegener, Kindergarten teacher; Jeffrey Samborn and Nathan Heine, students, participated on the west side of the school. Many colorful balloons were released.

The projected building goals included a northeast addition and carport, north addition stairs and pulpit rearrangement, south and west addition with new bathrooms and new cement across the front walk. Also, at school there were to be minor renovations in bathrooms and heating, plus one classroom and several smaller rooms for offices.

The statistics for the 1985 year were: 1259 baptized members, 963 communicants, 132 pupils, 6 teachers, 132 Sunday School Pupils and 21 Sunday School Teachers.

DUE CREDIT AND MANY THANKS ARE HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WITHIN THE ZION CONGREGATION WHO HAVE GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, TIME, TALENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

CENTENNIAL YEAR MONTHLY EMPHASIS

JANUARY	OUR FAMILY: YOURS, OURS, HIS! Guest Pastor Chadwick (Jan. 11) Senior Members Potluck
FEBRUARY	OUR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS: Bethesda, LCFS; LSD, LAMP, etc. PTL Pork Sausage/Pancake Breakfast Guest Pastor Melinat (Feb. 15)
MARCH	OUR YOUTH: Jr. Youth; Sr. Youth; "Tomorrow's Church Today" Guest Pastor Reimann (Mar. 15)/Potluck by Zion's Elders Service by Sr. Youth Group (Mar. 29)
APRIL	VOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH; Pastors, Teachers; Journeymen; (Student Aid); Farmers, etc. Guest Pastor, Pres. Heins (Dist.) (Apr. 5) Confirmation - April 26 First Confirmation Reunion Sunday
MAY	OUR CHURCH IN MISSION (Evangelism; In-reach; Out-reach) Guest Pastor E. Kolb (Synod); (May 24) Second Confirmation Reunion Sunday
JUNE	OUR EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES (School, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Weeknight Class; Bible Classes, etc.) Guest Pastor Dr. Schlecht (June 14) Third Confirmation Reunion Sunday - K & 8th Graduations
JULY	OUR NATION: OUR FREEDOMS: OUR STATE Guest Pastor Wirsing (July 12) Fourth Confirmation Reunion Sunday
AUGUST	OUR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (LLL; LWML; Seniors; AAL; LB) Pastor Wallace Schulz (Aug. 9) Pastor Erich Storm (Aug. 23) Fifth Confirmation Reunion Sunday
SEPTEMBER	OUR STEWARDSHIP (Time, Talent, Dollar) Pastor Foust (Sept. 13) Sixth Confirmation Reunion Sunday
OCTOBER	OUR LUTHERAN HERITAGE (Reformation, History, etc.) Pastor H. Krach (Oct. 4) Ladies' Aid Smorgasbord and Country Store Seventh Confirmation Reunion Sunday
NOVEMBER	OUR COUNTLESS SERVICE PEOPLE (Volunteers; those who have and are serving on boards, committees, council, etc.) Pastor J. Kolb (Nov. 15)
DECEMBER	OUR HERITAGE IN MUSIC (Special music . . . Guest organists, choral; instrumental, etc.) Pastor Kohn (Dec. 13)

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1987

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CHURCH EXTENSION REPRESENTATIVE

David Fritz

Leroy R. Westphal	Pastor

PASTORS OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FROM 1860-1987

Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Sr. — 1860-September 12, 1880
Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Jr. — September 12, 1880-August 1887
Rev. F. Mueller — August 21, 1887-1890
Rev. A. Donner — December 1890-February 16, 1896
Rev. F. Ahner — March 1896-April 24, 1905
Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky — July 29, 1905-August 1941
Rev. Erich Storm — October 25, 1941-December 1952
Rev. Frederick Reimann — April 1953-January 1967
Rev. J.P. Kellogg — August 6, 1967-July 8, 1968
Rev. Leroy Westphal — June 22, 1969-Present

ASSISTANTS

Rev. John Westphal — September 1, 1973-June 1982
Vicar Robert Chadwick — November 8, 1982-November 1983
Rev. Adolph Gallert — July 11, 1983-August 15, 1985

NOTE: ASSISTED IN CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION
1953 — Rev. Frederick Bickel before Rev. Frederick Reimann came
1967 — Mr. James Balzer, principal, before Rev. J.P. Kellog came
1969 — Rev. Carl Nelson before Rev. Leroy Westphal came

TEACHERS OF ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL FROM 1860-1987

Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Sr. — 1860-1880
Rev. Ferdinand Sievers, Jr. — 1880-1887
Student Inglehardt — for several weeks in 1887
Rev. F. Mueller — 1887-1890
Rev. A. Donner — 1891-1896
Rev. F. Ahner — 1896-1898
Mr. A.G. Rauschelbach — Aug. 28, 1898-Feb. 25, 1910
Rev. F. Rutkowsky — Feb. 25, 1910-May 8, 1910
Mr. A. Zimmer — May 8, 1910-Aug. 11, 1912
Rev. F. Rutkowsky — Sept. 1912-Oct. 12, 1912
Mr. Charles Riess — Oct. 12, 1912-Dec. 1940
Mr. Alfred Kummer — 1913-1915
Student Oswald Riess — 1915
Student Adela Riess — 1915
Mr. George Krach, Sr. — 1916-1917
Mr. W. Bradensiek — 1917-1918
Mr. A. Eilers — 1918-1920
Mr. A.H. Hufnagel — 1920-1925
Mr. O. Kerkow — Aug. 30, 1925-Nov. 17, 1925
Rev. F. Rutkowsky — Nov. 1925-Aug. 1926
Mr. Oscar Blankschien — 1926-1932
Mr. Norman Weber — Aug. 21, 1932-Mar. 1952
Mr. Herman Schmitzer — 1941-1946
Mr. Arnold Stoppenhagen — Nov. 1946-1949
Mr. Arthur Petrowsky — 1949-1954
Mrs. Dorothy Spengler Stieve — Mar. 1952-June 1952
Mr. Richard Bliese — 1952-1957
Mrs. Richard Bliese — 1952-1957
Mrs. Florence Kolb Piegols — 1953-1954
Mr. Veitengruber — 1953-1954
Mr. Paul Eggers — Aug. 1954-Jan. 1956
Mr. Donald Boness — Apr. 1954-June 1954
Mr. Walter Timm — Nov. 1954-1962
Miss Grace Stevenson — Feb. 1956-June 1956
Mr. Richard Zwick — 1956-1958
Mr. Thomas Lossing — 1957-1959
Miss Janet Taglauer — 1958-1959
Mrs. Stella Schmidt Peoples — Sept. 1958-Nov. 1958
Mr. Giffert — Nov. 1958-1959
Miss Carolyn Heppner — 1958-1959
Mr. Leonard Weber — 1959-1962
Mrs. Leonard Weber — 1959-1962
Mr. Kenneth Buuck — 1959-1962
Miss Bellhorn — 1962-1963
Mr. Darwin Dubke — 1962-1974
Mr. Roger Mailand — 1963-1967
Mrs. Roger Mailand — 1963-1967
Mr. James Balzer — 1966-1976
Mrs. Mary Wood — 1966-1971
Mr. Gerald Lindsay — 1967-1968
Mr. John Olson — 1971-Present
Mrs. Judy Buckelheide Kraenzlein — 1971-1974
Mrs. Mary Wood — 1972-1976
Mrs. Diane Pacholke Horning — 1974-1975
Mr. David Bremer — 1975-1980
Mr. James Wanagat — 1976-1984
Mrs. Diane Pacholke Horning — 1976-Dec. 1977
Miss Karen Wirsing — Jan. 1978-June 1978
Miss Barbara Jammer — 1978-1981
Mrs. Diane Pacholke Horning — 1978-1979
Mr. Martin Rabe — 1979-1986
Miss Luanne Wegener — 1980-Present
Mrs. Dorothy Spengler Stieve — 1981-Present
Mrs. Ellen Scheffler Rabe — 1981-Dec. 1983
Mrs. Carolyn Wanagat — Jan. 1983-June 1983
Mrs. Marjorie LaBreck — 1983-1984
Mrs. Ericka Brown — 1984-Dec. 1986
Mr. Henry Wittig — 1984-Present Principal
Mr. Ralph Riske — 1986-Present
Mrs. Diane Pacholke Horning — Jan. 1987-Present

COOKS AT ZION SCHOOL

Mrs. Erich Storm — 1948-1951
Mrs. Arthur Petrowsky — 1951-1952
Mrs. Dorothy Mieske — September 1952-November 1962
Mrs. Lydia Kloha — November 1962-1970
Mrs. Margaret Ott — 1970-1971
Mrs. Lydia Kloha — 1971-1979
Mrs. Evelyn Barnes — 1979-June 1986
Mrs. Darla Heckman — September-December 1986
Mrs. Marlene Helmreich — December 1986
Mrs. Katherine Von Eitzen — January 5, 1987-Present

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Mrs. Phyllis Koch Vogtmann — Summer 1967-Present
Mrs. Marilyn Witte Leavens — 1981-November 1986
Mrs. Diane Schmidt Buechler — November 1986-Present

THE THREE OLDEST MEMBERS OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE:

Mary Vogtmann Endline — 1892
Frieda Koch Ittner — 1896
George Rosenbrock — 1897

ZION CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL HAS GIVEN TO THE LUTHERAN CHURCH THE FOLLOWING WORKERS:

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Rev. Phillip Schroeder
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Rev. Richard Riess
Rev. Walter Rutkowsky
Rev. Frederick Rutkowsky, Jr.
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Rev. Kenneth Rutledge
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Teacher Harvey Storm
Teacher Robert Storm
Principal Ronald Koch
Principal Dale Koch
Principal Alan Koch
Rev. John Kolb
Teacher Janet Miller Buuck
Teacher Agnes Miller Steinbach
Teacher Elaine Kapanka
Teacher Barbara Jammer
Teacher Bonnie Jammer
Teacher Florence Piegols
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Teacher Pam Mieske
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Teacher Karen Wirsing Rauschenberger
Teacher Wendy Martin
Rev. Thomas Wirsing
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ZION LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL YEAR

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Diane Horning — Parent, Teacher League

WE COME BEFORE YOUR THRONE, O LORD

By John Olson — Text, Tune and Setting

Dedicated to the Glory of God and the Members of
Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn, Michigan

We come before Your throne, O Lord,
Our faith in You confessing;
And thanks we bring with one accord,
Your boundless love addressing.

We pray impart to ev'ry heart,
Your Spirit in full measure;
That serving You may be our joy
And loving You our pleasure.

For many years unceasingly
Your blessings have been dwelling;
And unto us was ever shown
The Love All Loves Excelling.

One hundred years of toil and tears
In vain was not our labor,
For all those years were blessed because
You crowned them with Your favor.

Lord, through Your Grace alone we move,
Your holy will fulfilling.
Grant us that Grace, O Lord, That we
May faithful be and willing.

Through Word and deed Your people feed,
The Means of Grace be given.
O Lord, may they continue here
Until we meet in Heaven.

Centennial theme submitted by
Mr. John Olson

A CENTURY OF GRACE
A FUTURE OF HOPE

CENTENNIAL BIBLE VERSE
Psalm 78:5-6

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

CENTENNIAL POEM

The farmer ploughs through the field of green
And the blade of the plough is sharp and keen,
But the seed must be sown to bring forth grain,
For nothing is born without suffering and pain —
And God never ploughs in the soul of man
Without intention and purpose and plan,
So whenever you feel the plough's sharp blade
Let not your heart be sorely afraid
For, like the farmer, God chooses a field
From which He expects an excellent yield —
So rejoice though your heart is broken in two,
God seeks to bring forth a rich harvest in you.

A hundred years and more have elapsed since those first pioneers to the Beaver Township Lutheran area gathered around word and sacrament for spiritual nourishment and growth. To sainted Pastor Sievers, we the descendents of this ministry in this community a century later, are deeply indebted. May God be praised and thanked for the shepherding provided through his ministry to our ancestors.

Now, as we enter our second century, the church moves on, still committed to the same mission of ministering to those who already belong to the Kingdom, and continuing to reach out to those yet lost in sin and darkness. And God, in His marvelous grace, continues to provide His faithful servants, pastors and teachers, through whom "His Kingdom comes and His will is done." To them we look for guidance and direction, and pray God to grant them and us, His blessings.

Pastor L R Westphal

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Text, tune and setting by John Olson.

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Loving Promises by Helen Steiner Rice.

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A Michigan outline map to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the state, superimposed with the Beaver Zion Lutheran Church and School to commemorate Zion's Centennial. Cover Photo by Ken Richardson.

This booklet was compiled and written by Dorothy Stieve and assisted by Luanne Vogtmann.

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Log 1029

Dear David: 10-8-87 N136 Log 1029

So Sorry I haven't written any sooner but have been unusually busy-

First to answer your questions.

My brother John has no children. He is an engineer at Dow. in the International Office now. his wife Judy teaches school at Wood Crest school in Midland.

I guess they did not keep a list of the school children as I cannot get any info on that line. Probably too bulky to keep all of them.

Also thankyou so much for the snapshots. I do really appreciate them.

Bertha Popp was Charlie Popp 1st wife, I think Ron Petty may have told you that.

My Grandfather Riess was married 2 times Margaret died in 1930 and in 1922 he married Katherine. All the children were from Margaret (Anna) Gruber They sometimes reversed the names Arthur was a twin to Mildred They were the youngest, He died at 7 months she is still living at

John Albert Theodore Tomke, Jr.

Bertha Tomke (b. 1866)

Charles Popp

Anita's Riess relatives

Eastport Mi, on Grand Traverse Bay.
From my mom's family there are only 3 left, Richard a minister in The Dalles Or, Harold in Frankenmut Mi and Mildred in Eastport. his older brother passed away in August he was 91 and a retired Pastor also. dead now are Oswald, Adela, Erna, Flora (my Mom) Victor and Arthur. On my Dads only Esther & Thomas are living.
My nephew Lee & Karen Kack just had a baby boy Sept 24 a boy named Mark Lee. if you care to add that to your info.
Our boys are having a lot of trouble harvesting the beans as it rains nearly every day you would think we lived in the rain forest except its quite cool.
Thankyou again for the photos. Write when you can, Love Cousin Anita

Extra Paper size I ran out

[Oct. 19, 1987]

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Log 1030

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10/19/87

Dear Anita,

I've just finished recording the new information you sent, and I want to thank you for your letter.

Just the other day I received a letter from the wife of one of our cousins in Denison, Iowa. She is Janice Nemitz (Mrs. David), and her husband is a descendant of Ernst Nemitz, a brother of your great-grandmother, Johanna Nemitz Zomke.

Janice had heard about my genealogical activities from David's aunt, and she wanted to know if I had any information about Ernst's parents. I was able to tell her that just this year I had learned about Heinrich and Henriette Nemitz and had seen Henriette's grave in Michigan! So your help has spread to other relatives, too.

Love,

David

David Nemitz
(b. 1956)
and
Janice
Carstensen
(b. 1953)

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Log 1035

[Dec. 1, 1987]

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December 1st 1987.

Dear relatives far and near.
It looks a lot like Christmas out today, The ground is covered with our first snow of the season and it sure does look like Christmas. First of all we want to wish each and every one of you the blessings of the season, and a wish for all thats good in the coming year, Health,Happiness and all the good things possible.
1987 has been a pretty good year health wise , weather wise we had a very dry summer and a very wet fall which made it rough for the farmers in the family, Harvesting the beans, sugar beets and corn, but they did get all finished, for which we are very thankful.
Our garden outdid itself this year,We had a bountiful garden this year. We did a lot of watering this summer during our extended dry season, Its a good thing we have over 250 ft of garden hose or I couldnt have gone as far as I did. We even planted 25 hills of potatoes and we got a bushel of potatoes in return. I think I made at least 10 gallons of Dill pickels. And had flowers for all of our dinners at church and still had a lot to enjoy here at home.
Our church remodeling and school addition are finally finished, And it is really beautiful. Our Centennial Anniversary is coming to a close, It was really a busy year for my sisters and their husbands, Herb & I along with the other members of our Committee as we served a big dinner every month and sometimes two of them. So we kept out of mischief all summer. When you have a chance why dont you come worship with us and see how nice everything is now.
So far this year we have 3 new babies in the family, Shirley and Earls daughter Carrie and Dave had twin boys on March 24, Brian & Derick, They are just beginning to crawl all over so they keep Mommy and Daddy really busy, Florence's and Rosse's son Lee and Karen had a baby boy on Sept 24 th They named him Mark Lee. We are expecting two more before Christmas. Herb and Eldoras daughter Gail and Bob and Herbs Grandaughter Tina and Tim ; Art & Beverlys daughter are expecting any time now. So you see our families are growing. Shirleys & Earls Kirk and Peggy are expecting their second one in the new year.
Our families are all doing quite well health wise.Art & Beverlys family are all doing quite well, Tom was divorced this summer, Tammy and John and their two boys are all OK. Kenny and Saundra and their family are all well and happy, Angela is in her second year in High School. Jennifer works for the Walbro Corp, And Neal and Debbie live and work near Ann Arbor. Melvin and Linda are both working regularly, And Mel has been Helping his neighbor all fall and is having a hard time deciding how to spend the extra money. My Tom is having a few medical problems Two small spots of cancer on his colon and on his small intestine, he is taking Chemo therapy . Kathy and John and the boys are all busy, John at GM, Kathy at the Library and at home. Russ is working parttime at the Willard Hilton, Sean gets confirmed this spring, Kyle and Dan are keeping Mom and Dad busy. AS for Herb & I We are getting along as well as we can , Im still battleing Diabetes and High Blood pressure. And Herb just had prostrate surgery on Nov 4th He is doing great.For this We thank Our Heavenly Father every day.
I have my Stollen and most of my cookies all baked, and most of the shopping done. Im still keeping busy with my quilting and volunteer work at the Economy Center.
We will have our children here on Dec 20 for supper and the Tomke fam on Dec 24 th after Church.
We want to wish you all Gods blessings in the coming Year.
We love you all. And hope to hear from you all.

All of Us
Love
Herb + Anita

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Log 1053

[Dec. 24, 1988]

6-24-88 N141 Log 1053

Dear David:
Havent heard from you in quite some time, and wondered how you were all doing. Ron Petty called Wednesday evening and asked about you also. He's getting ready to go to visit our fatherland in Stalp + Diemen and germany especially Bavaria. We also have two additions to our family namely Matthew Robert Schlicker - Son of Robert + Gail Schlicker 12-21-87 and Amy Lynn Gerstacker daughter of Kirk and Peggy Gerstacker 4-5-88 all are doing great. have a family party this weekend in Grand Rapids. My brother John was recently promoted he's one of the Dow Chemical District Managers. He's at Winnipeg in Canada this week for a meeting.

John Albert Theodore Temke, Jr.

We are in the middle of a drought here in Michigan according to TV and guess Minnesota has it too. Crops sure look sad around here except say Beans. Our garden is fair and I've been watering every evening till 9 or later. My flowers are suffering too. Otherwise all is OK. Hoping the same for your family.

Sincerely Anita

Phoned her 6/29/88

Phoned her 6/29/88

[June 30, 1988]

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June 30, 1988 | N142 Log 1054

Dear Anita,

Just a note to say I appreciated getting your letter and then talking to you on the phone. I'm glad to know that things are going well with your family in spite of the hot weather and lack of rain. I've added the births of the new babies to my records. Thank You.

This morning I talked to Ron Putz on the phone about his trip to Germany. We'll be gone from about July 19th to August 5th. We'll only be in West Germany and not in the vicinity of Stolp, which is now in Poland. We talked for quite a while about some of the genealogical matters we have corresponded about.

Ronald John Putz (b. 1933)

Elizabeth and I are just about over our colds now, but it looks as though it will take us several weeks to get caught up on everything since our trip.

DEW and EPW went to England

Sincerely,

David

[Dec. 7, 1989]

Not ours.

Auburn Mi, 48611
Dec 7, 1989

Dear Relatives and friends:
As the time for Jesus birth comes near, and the season is one of loving and caring, We want to wish for you Gods Blessings Good Health and Prosperity for the coming year and the love of your Dear Ones Everywhere.
This past year has been a very busy and happy one for us, we have had a few problems, in March Herb had surgery , and a recovery that took some time, The Surgeon removed a Zinkers Diverticulum from his throat, the surgery went ok but, then he developed pnuemonia and also had cardiac arrest. But thank goodness he is now fully recovered and doing quite well. At that time I developed severe chest pains, so had a heart catheritazion, this showed no heart problems but Skeletal Arthritus in the chest area, so am taking Naprosyn for that, My sugar and blood pressure are well under control and Im back doing ererything again for which Im really thankful.
In August I flew out to Oregon to visit Uncle Richard and Aunt Ruth, While there I also saw Linda, their daughter and met her husband Phillip for the first time. He's a great guy and can he cook. It was areally great vacation. Very restful and saw some beautiful scenery, In August we started our garden harvest ,Beets carrots corn tomatoes etc, We had peas and beans earlier also lettuce and radishes, our potatoes onions squash pumpkins cabbage all came a little later. We had a great garden this summer.
In October we took a little trip up north to see the fall colors, they were exceptionally beautiful this year.
November saw the guys go deer hunting, We also had our first big snow storm of the season, and we have had a very cold fall so far this year. In hunting John Burke got a buck, Kirk Gerstacker also got one, John Tomke got a doe Pastor Westphal and David next door also each got one, So we have tasted some good venison so far.
Our children are quite well except Herbs son Art who is having some severe kidney problems, And my son Tom Dietlein fell some weeks back and injured his left leg again,He is waiting to see if it can be repaired surgicaly during the holidays. Otherwise Mel and Linda, Kenny and Sandy and Kathy and John are all quite well and busy as usual. Our grandchildren are all in good health,My grandson Russ is a freshman at MSU in the ROTC program, Sean is a Sophomore at Western , Kyle and Dan are at Beaver Zion. In the Schmidt family Art & Bev, Tammy and John are expecting #3 Tom and Barb just had #2 And Tina & Tim have 2,
Ken and Sandys Jenny and Scott are busy with their horses at the Swarts Creek raceway. Neal recently moved to Jackson, And Angie. is a senior at Fairgrove and working at the hotel in Frankenmuth.
The Tomke family are all busy and in good health we had two additions this past year Gail &Bob Schlicker had Jason in june and Vicki and Emmit Simpson had Kayla in July. This past summer we had a couple of surprises in August We saw Clyde and Carol Ittner from California and in October Carl an Eunice Fischer stopped by [redacted] with Uncle Fred Fischer who is 95 years young and looking great. We are hoping some of the rest of you stop by some time and see the old homestead, You are always welcome and we do have a couple of extra beds available, Some of you may remember my exchange students, Peter and his wife had a little girl in July, Merja and her husband adopted a little girl last year, and Hanne and Brian are expecting their first child the end of this month. We want to wish them all well. Karin is living with her friend in Holland, As for Tina and Marriane I dont hear from them very often so do not know if they are married or not, I do wish they would write and let me know how they are doing. As for the babies I only hear from the one family, thats Phillip and his mom and Dad . We are very thankful to hear from any of you so please let us know how you all are.
I guess Ive said enough for this time. Please forgive any mistakes and the one finger typeing Its the best I can do, considering the source,(me).

Wishing you Blessing for Christmas
and a great New Year Love
Anita + Herb.

Death of Frances Anna Viola Tomke (b. 1910)

[Dec. 1990]

Just a note to add to our card, Aunt Fran passed away on July 15th at 320pm from cancer of the brain, so that only leaves Aunt Esther & Aunt Laura in that generation. We are disposing her estate at present, Hope to finish right after Christmas (12/90) She was just sick for 5½ weeks and we sure do miss her, she was our anchor to our grand parents. My brother John is handling her business till all is disposed of.

By the Way we do have a new baby in the relation my sister Shirley's daughter Carrie Baer had a little girl on Oct 11 - her name is Brooke Erin. Otherwise all the family are as well as can be expected, all are getting older and arthritis is bothersome.

So do hope to hear from you, and wish you and yours the best for 1991. Love Anita

[Dec. 1990]

Dec. 1990

Dear Anita + Herb,

Very sorry to hear that Frances passed away. She was a lovely person, and I'm glad I was able to meet her.

We have had a very busy year, much of it spent in traveling four times to Chicago to see Don, Virginia, and little Rebecca. She is growing beautifully after a rather precarious start.

For Christmas we'll have one son Jim with us here; but Don, Virginia, and Rebecca will be with Virginia's family this year.

We are in reasonably good health but are also getting older every year!

Love,
David + Elizabeth

[Dec. 19, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
December 19, 1996

Dear Anita,

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I have the most wonderful news! I have found a cousin of ours in Germany! A little over a month ago I had a letter from a dentist in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, who said he was looking for relatives in the United States. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, had three brothers who, with their mother Henriette, had emigrated around 1870 to Milwaukee. They had all lived in the district of Stolp in Pomerania. His great-grandfather had been married in Dammen, a town near Stolp. (My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in Dammen.) He wondered if I could give him any information about these three Nemitz brothers.

He had learned about me from Martha Riggle in Wichita, Kansas, who grew up in Germany and now writes for a German publication for Pomeranians and their descendants. She had seen my ancestral data going back to Wilhelm Nemitz in Dammen and published it in this journal, where Friedrich saw it.

At first, I was sure he was at least distantly related to us because of the connection with Dammen, but the three brothers going to Milwaukee didn't make sense. Grandfather and his brother Ernst started out in Chicago. Then Ernst went to Iowa, and grandfather went to a farm in Illinois and then on to Michigan.

However, as I thought about it and looked at my records, I saw that Wilhelm and Ernst did have a brother in Germany named Ferdinand, and their mother's name was Henriette, though she didn't come with them but with one of their two sisters, Johanna (Tomke) and Wilhelmina (Schroeder), who came to Michigan with their husbands. So I figured that the information about three brothers and Milwaukee was a mistake, and that Friedrich's great-grandfather and my grandfather were indeed brothers.

So I wrote and told Friedrich what I thought, and I said that my mother's cousin (Wilhelmina Laderach) had said that her uncle in Germany lived in Stolp and was a mail carrier, and that he had a daughter who was a nurse. I told Friedrich that if his great-grandfather was a mail carrier and had a daughter who was a nurse, there was no doubt that I am his father's second cousin.

In a couple of weeks I got a reply that confirmed this and included a lot more information about his family. I am sending you a copy of his letter in German and my attempt at a translation. I have composed a letter to him and have sent it to Martha Riggle to translate into German. She did this for me when I first wrote to him. I told him he does have a great many relatives named Nemitz over here, but they are descendants of the Iowa brother, Ernst. My grandfather's son only had two daughters.

Another wonderful thing is that Friedrich is coming over to the United States next year to attend an annual event called the Pommerntag held on the last weekend of June in Milwaukee. Of course, I've decided to go, so I can meet him, and I'm hoping you and some of your relatives will make a special effort to go, too. Maybe there are even some who live in Wisconsin. I'm also urging the Iowa family to send some representatives. We might end up having a mini Nemitz reunion as a welcoming party for Friedrich and his wife. (I think she may come, too.) Doesn't that sound exciting?

Now, you have dozens and dozens of relatives descended from Johanna and Wilhelmina Nemitz, and I have met or corresponded with very few of them. So I am counting on you to get the word around to all of them about our surprising discovery and the possibility of our meeting Dr. Friedrich Nemitz next June in Milwaukee. (You could send them a photocopy of this letter.)

Also, I wonder if you or one of your relatives or close friends reads and writes German. Wouldn't you like to correspond with Friedrich directly--perhaps getting help with the German translation? I think he would be very happy to correspond with a number of relatives in America.

I look forward to your reply when things settle down after the Holidays.

Love,

David

[Jan. 2, 1997]

Auburn Mi
Jan 2 - 1997

Dear David:
Was so nice to hear from you. I've sick this fall My sister in law died Oct 15 And I had an awful Cold then I Couldn't even talk Out loud since then I've been to the Doctor several times I have an appointment to see a Cardiologist today and my family doctor tomorrow I've had more tests and scans and x rays. They took over a qt of fluid off my chest and still don't know what the trouble is so I've been taking it easy for the last 3 months, don't have any pep short of breath And tired all the time, I hope they can tell me soon what the problem is as I'm down in the dumps over the situation.

1-517-886-1687

was interested in the letter
from Germany and will
send a copy to my cousin
Harvey Schroeder he is
quite interested in family
history here is his address
Harvey Schroeder
1014 G. Montevideo
Lansing Mi 48917
He was Alice Tomke Schroeder
son. You mentioned Henrietta
Nemitz she is buried in
our church cemetary unless
thats another Henrietta
The letter from Germany is
very interesting since I too
worked in the Post office for
19 years. I hope you and
your family are doing real
well and have a Happy
and Blessed New Year.
Love Anita

Harvey Schroeder (b. 1937)

[Apr. 3, 1997]

[More about Dr. Nemitz's visit]

April 3, 1997

Dear Anita,

I was very sorry to hear of your illness, and I hope the doctors have made some progress in determining what the problem is and instituting a course of treatment.

Harvey Schroeder (b. 1937)

I've talked to Harvey twice on the phone, and I wrote him a long letter enclosing more information about the event in Milwaukee where Dr. Friedrich Nemitz will be on the weekend of June 26-30. Unless something unforeseen interferes, he and his wife are planning to go. I'm also glad that my brother John, his wife Janice, and their son Jay are going to Milwaukee from Saginaw.

I was especially delighted to hear that Harvey has a nephew who lives in Milwaukee. We certainly should be able to convince him and his wife to come to our motel some time during that weekend, so they can meet his cousin from Germany, as well as some of his cousins who live in this country.

Just recently I talked on the phone to David Storch, who lives in Joliet, Illinois, near Chicago. He is the son of my cousin, Wayne Storch, who died some years ago. I'm hoping that David and his sister Debbie and perhaps his mother and others in the Storch family will go to meet Friedrich, because they are so close to Milwaukee. Louise Storch, Wayne's mother, was my mother's sister.

Friedrich was first going to come with his wife. Then one of his cousins and his wife were also going to come. But now Friedrich is coming alone without even his wife. He will come with a tour grouo from Germany. They will land in Los Angeles and take a bus tour through the Southwest, ending up in Milwaukee on Thursday, June 26. After the Pommerntag on Sunday, they will fly back to Germany on Monday, June 30, from Chicago.

I've written to him urging him to leave the bus tour at Dallas and fly to Minneapolis on Monday, June 23. Then he can stay with me on Tuesday and Wednesday, and we can go together to Milwaukee on the Amtrak train on Thursday. In this way he can meet all of my family, as well as another of our relatives who lives here--Sharon Rose, who stems from the Tomke line through Hannah (Johanna) Shaw, sister of your grandfather. This would also give him a chance to be in our homes and see American life differently from just being on a bus tour.

I hope by some happy chance you may be well enough to go to Milwaukee yourself at the end of June. If not, perhaps some of your other relatives might be persuaded to go. I'm enclosing some information about the Pommerntag and about the motel we'll be staying in. I hope people can be there on Saturday, because that would give us more time to discuss family matters.

In her last letter Martha Riggle (who brought Friedrich and me together) said: "One suggestion I might make would be that one of your relatives might take you and him to Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt on Sunday morning. It is the original Pommeranian church in Wisconsin,

established
^ by the Old Lutherans in 1839. The present church building dates to the late 1800s. From Freistadt it is only a few miles to the festival grounds."

I've been taking a "crash course" in German presented by the public schools in their community education program, hoping I'll be able to communicate at least a little with Friedrich when he gets here. He is also working on his English. He and I have been writing our recent letters both in English and in German, which is hard work, but good practice.

As you see, I've decided to send you copies of all the correspondence between Friedrich and me, so you and any others who might be interested can get the full impact. I still think it is an amazing development after the 125-year separation of our families.

I think of you often and hope to hear that your health is improving.

Love,

[Oct. 1, 1997]

Dear David: 10/1/97

Its been a long time since I have written, but here goes, I'm so glad with all the work done and our family. Harvey sent me a copy of some of the stuff you and he had done, I'm really impressed. As I had met Florence Kreth several years ago, I was out to Vancouver with my parents. This was just a few years before their death. I've had a rought time this last year and a half. I've had congestive heart failure and this year had cataract surgery on both eyes, I then had to have Laser surgery on my right eye, due to bleeding which is a problem from my diabetes, and now I hope I have allergies and it has affected my eyes so I'm in a lot of misery itching till I'm ready to throw in the towell, So I haven't done much this past summer Hopefully it will go away soon

Harvey Schroeder (b. 1937)

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

Health issues

I also knew about Ruby but didn't know her married name, so I'm happy to get all this information. you know of course there's another branch of the Tomke, I don't think of the fathers name right now, but he had 3 sons and 1 daughter Arthur, Charles, William and Elizabeth. The sons all lived in Detroit. I knew Art & Bill real well. had also met Charlie long ago. Sincerely

Anita

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Anita Schmidt
1837 W. Beaver Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611-9789

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Rev David Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis Mn
55405

[Dec. 4, 1998]

December 4, 1998

Dear Friends and Family,

"For unto you is born a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

Another year is almost over and a new one almost here. I hope it's been a good one for you and that 1999 will be a prosperous and a happy year.

This past year has been a rough one for me. First in February the doctor said my kidneys were failing so I had to go to a kidney specialist. Then on June 30th I had to go to the hospital and was there for 2 1/2 weeks and then in foster care for three weeks before I could come home. I do live alone but Kathy checks on me quite often. She gets my medicines and etc. and takes me for my lab tests and some doctor appointments. I can only drive to Auburn and to church during daylight hours. I cannot drive at night anymore because my eyes are bad due to the diabetes.

I am on dialysis three times a week-Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. I go to Bay City for that and Dial-a-ride takes me for $1 each way.

I've lost quite a bit of weight, from 163# to 128# and I feel pretty good. Today is my 76th birthday. My family is quite good. Florence has had some heart problems but she doesn't let that stop her. My kids are doing ok and busy as ever.

Yesterday my grandson Kyle put up my tree and my nephew Emmit decorated the outside with lights. Now I have to get the cards out and finish decorating the tree and house. I'm not doing much shopping. Will just give money so they can buy what they want.

May God bless and keep all of you in the new year. Happy Holidays!

Anita

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [Feb. 24, 1999]

Call to Anita Schmidt, 2/24/99

(517) 662-4630

How are you? Sorry to hear of your health problems at Christmas time.

I have a few questions for you, and I hope you won't get too tired talking on the phone.

I recently found a distant cousin of ours on the Donke side through my computer. ~~She is my first cousin three times removed — that means~~ I am the first cousin of his great-grandmother, Florence Kimith, whom you know about. You are the second cousin of his grandmother, Lyra Coe.

Bradley (Brad) Emerson Babcock (b. 1972)

His name is Brad Babcock and he's 26 years old. He lives in a suburb of Vancouver, B.C. He has done a lot of work on genealogy, and he has it all on a computer.

I'm going to send him all my Kemity and Donke material, so he can put that all on his computer. Then it will all be together and much easier to work with on a computer.

Howard Kohn (author)

Frederick John Kohn

I'm telling you all this, because you told me Howard Kohn is also interested in family history. I'd like to get what he has on the Kohn and Donke families so I can send it to Brad Babcock and get it also on his computer.

So what I need is Howard Kohn's address. I have one that's ten years old, but I want one that is up-to-date. Can you give that to me? Or will I have to get it from his father Fred, whom I met at your house many years ago?

Fred & Clare Kohn
1839 Pr Center
W Flint Mi
48506
(517) 686-7940

If you can give me Fred's phone number, I'll call him, as I'd like to get Howard's telephone number, too. I'd like to call Howard, so I won't have to wait for him to write me a letter.

Do you still have to go to Bay City three times a week for dialysis? That's a strenuous schedule, but it still keeps you going. With spring coming on things should be better again for awhile.

"The Last Farmer"
Howard Kohn 1 (301) 270-1068

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Benjamin Schroeder

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N123 Log 1013 [Aug. 12, 1987]

N123 Log 1013

[This letter was never answered]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 12, 1987

Mr. Benjamin Schroeder
1870 Morin
Bay City, MI 48708

Benjamin (Ben) Schroeder (of Bay City)

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Wilhelmina Nemitz (b. 1851) was Benjamin's grandmother

You probably never heard of me, but I am your second cousin. My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was a brother of your grandmother, Wilhelmina Nemitz. My mother, Edith Nemitz, was your father's first cousin, and they probably knew each other, as she grew up and was married in Bay City. Over the years, however, our families drifted apart.

I am writing to you because I have been working on genealogy for a number of years and have recently been trying to trace my mother's ancestry back into Germany. This has proven to be difficult, because the part of Germany her ancestors (and yours) came from is now in Poland. The records there were to a large extent destroyed or displaced when the Germans were driven out.

The experts say the best way to proceed when the search overseas seems to strike a dead end is to learn everything possible about the immigrant ancestors and their families in this country. That is what I am now engaged in doing.

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)

Because I had met your aunt, Wilhelmina Laderach, many years ago, I wrote to her son Robert to see if he could help me with the Schroeder family records. So far he has not been able to provide much information. He did, however, give me your address, and I hope you will help in regard to your own family.

Ancestry chart of Benjamin Schroeder

As you can see from the enclosed sheet, I don't have much information about your parents or grandparents or even about yourself. What I need are birth, marriage, and death dates and places. I'm sure you have some of this information, and I'd appreciate receiving anything you have. Robert Laderach didn't even mention if you are married and have children, and I'd also like to know about that for my records.

It would also help if we could locate any old family records, such as scrapbooks, letters, certificates, pictures, newspaper clippings, and so on. Perhaps some of your relatives who are still living would have such items tucked away. If so, they would no doubt contain some clues that would help us in the search for our roots.

Now just a little about myself. I was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Bay City, but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. My wife Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. After high school I attended Bay City Junior College two years, commuting every day. While there I got to know your aunt Mathilda Schroeder and was very fond of her. Then I went on to the University of Michigan and graduated in engineering.

For four years I worked as a heating and ventilating engineer in Saginaw with my father, William Witheridge, who was a manufacturer's representative. In those days I was occasionally in Bay City visiting architects, contractors, and company officials.

Then I decided to enter the ministry and attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth and I were married in 1941, just before my senior year in the seminary. From there we went to Chicago where I was the assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church for six years and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis to be executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I stayed in that position 29 years until I retired at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth was a kinderparten teacher in Saginaw before we were married, and more recently she was the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, who is 40, is not married, and he lives only a few blocks from us in Minneapolis. Tom, who is 39, lives with his wife Virginia in Chicago.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future, and I hope you will tell me about yourself and your family and will send me whatever family records you may have.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Harvey Schroeder

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[DEW's notes from a phone call with Harvey regarding the pending U.S. visit by Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)] [Mar. 27, 1997]

Call to Harvey Schroeder – 3/27/97

Harvey Schroeder (b. 1937)

He and his wife Bonnie are planning to come to Milwaukee and he has talked to several relatives about it – his three sisters and some of Anita Schmitz's family when they were together in Florida.

His family is having a reunion in August, and he will include information about our get-together with Friedrich when he sends out the information.

He doesn't know if his son or daughter will come, but his son is trying to get into grad. sch. at Wisconsin, and if he does, he'll probably be interested in coming to the gathering in Milwaukee.

His sister's son and wife live in Milwaukee. He is principal of a Lutheran school. Harvey will urge them to come to see Friedrich and other relatives some time during that weekend.

Another niece or nephew lives in Madison.

He needs all the information about the motel and about the Pommerntag.

Michael Richard George (b. 1950) and Katie Paap

[Notes by DEW] [Undated]

Rev. Elmer Scheck (See note below) — Elmer Scheck, Lutheran minister in Oconomowoc. Harvey's sister is his wife

Michael Richard George (b. 1950) — Mike George in Milwaukee, son of Grace, Harvey's sister

Editor's note:

After checking Dad's one-family record for Harvey Schroeder's parents, I have concluded that this undated and unsourced note by Dad is incorrect with regard to the Rev. Mr. Scheck. See the index entry editor's note at the Rev. Elmer Scheck. (The above note about Mike George is fine.)

TFW, May 29, 2023

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[Mar. 29, 1997]

[Plans for Pommerntag in Milwaukee, 1997]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
March 29, 1997

Mr. Harvey Schroeder
1014 G. Montevideo
Lansing, MI 48917

Dear Harvey,

It was good to talk to you the other day and to learn that you and Bonnie are still planning to come to Milwaukee in June to meet our cousin, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz. I had the idea that I had written to you after our earlier conversation, or that I had at least sent you a copy of my letter to Anita, but I can't find a copy of any letter in my piles of unfiled papers. So I may be repeating myself or sending you something you already have.

John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1912)

As I said, my brother John, his wife Janice, and their son Jay are also coming from Saginaw. I think they will arrive on Friday, June 27, and return home on Monday, June 30. Their address is P.O. Box 1807, Saginaw, MI 48605. They live at 1647 Brockway, and their phone number is (517) 790-0821.

I am enclosing information about the Pommerntag and the motel where the group will be staying, so you can pass it on to your relatives. I was especially glad to hear about your nephew and his wife who live in Milwaukee. It should be easy for them to join us at some point in the weekend, but we should know when they are coming, so we can plan our get-together.

I decided to send you copies of all the correspondence between Friedrich and me, so you could get the full impact. His plans have changed several times, and I still don't know if he will come to Minneapolis, but I think he will, and I should know soon. It is still an amazing development after the 125-year separation of our families.

Martha Riggle

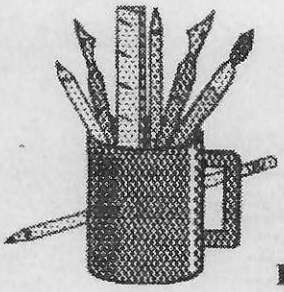
In her last letter Martha Riggle said, "One suggestion I might make would be that one of your relatives might take you and him to Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt on Sunday morning. It is the original Pomeranian church in Wisconsin, established by the Old Lutherans in 1839. The present church building dates to the late 1800s. From Freistadt it is only a few miles to the festival grounds."

I think Friedrich would enjoy that, and I think we could work it out, though someone might have to stay at the motel to greet an incoming group that might be arriving then.

I'll be looking forward to further word from you on the possibility of other relatives joining us in Milwaukee.

Yours sincerely,

[Change in plans] [May 16, 1997]



Harvey P. Schroeder
1014 G Montevideo
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 886-1687

May 16, 1997

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Thanks so much for sending me the material about Dr. Nemitz' visit. I wanted to bring you up to date about what's happening here. Unfortunately, I have developed some health problems since we last talked. Over the past several weeks, I have endured a number of tests, daily blood pressure screening, and various changes of medication. In the next few weeks, I am scheduled for cardiac catheterization and a rhenal angiogram. Depending on the results from those tests, I may or may not be facing surgery, angioplasty or some other procedures. As a result, I have been unable to send out the mailing we talked about. Further, I don't expect that I will be able to do so either. And, sadly, I am not sure I can even get to Wisconsin myself at the end of June. I certainly want to do so. My wife and I had wanted to visit a number of other people and places at the same time. But at this point, we just can't make any definite plans. If we can come, we will make every effort to do so.

So far, I have discussed Dr. Nemitz' visit with a few of the Tomke relatives. Folks are mildly interested when I talk about a relative from Germany but I don't think they're interested enough to travel to Wisconsin to meet with him. You and I are excited about it because of our interest in genealogy. But other folks think a cousin that far removed isn't really a very close relative any more. I suppose that's probably true.

If we're able to come and/or if I can at least convince my nephew to stop over, I will call you. If we're not able to come, please extend greetings on my behalf for the Tomke relatives to Dr. Nemitz. Possibly we can meet at some future time in Germany.

Sincerely,

Harv Schroeder

[Undated — probably early summer 1997]

Dear David,

Enclosed is the picture you requested. My wife is on the right and my daughter is on the left. It was taken last year in the U.P. ← upper Peninsula of Mich.

I had to call information to get Mike's phone # but did talk to him as well. He seems mildly interested in attending the Pomeranian Day so a call from you should help. I think he needs details on when and where, etc. His phone # is (414) 783-5855.

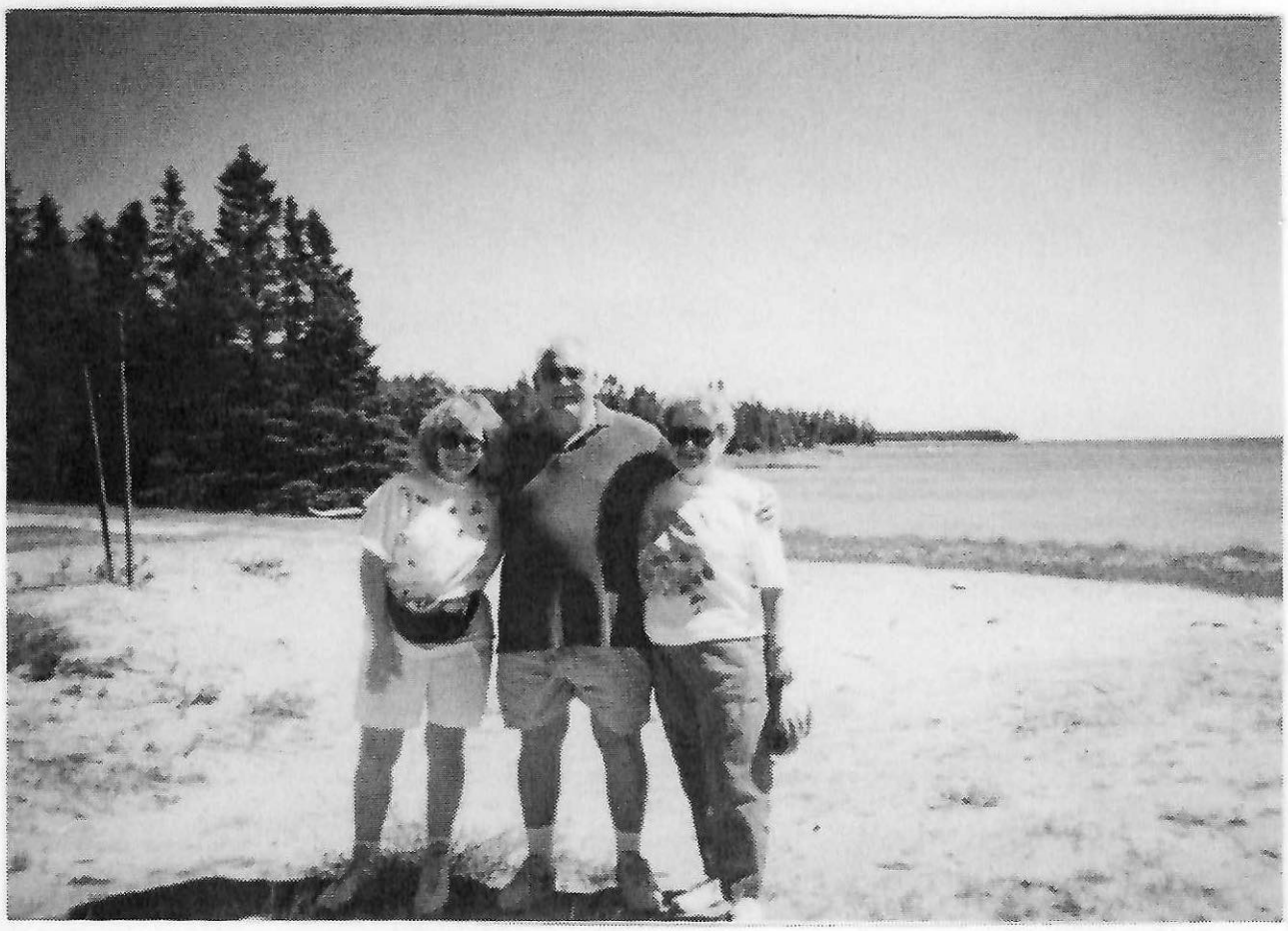
Mike Bierge – Wife Katie
15165 Arrowhead Dr., Brookfield WI 53005

My best to you and Friedrich. Let me know how things went.

Sincerely

Harry Schneider

P.S. Give me your phone number next time. I seem to have misplaced it.



Kim, Harvey, + Bonnie Schroeder - 1996

[picture taken ca. 1996 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.]

↑ DEW's note on reverse side

[DEW's notes from a phone call] [Apr. 21, 1998]

Telephone call to Harvey Schroeder - 4/21/98

Told him about Friedrich and his relatives coming to Mpls in June + going on to Milwaukee.

They can't go to Milwaukee this year, because they are going to Washington, D.C. at the end of June and also to Cleveland. Their daughter has just been married and they've bought a house in Cleveland, where she has a new job.

His health is much better, but under careful supervision of his doctor.

He thinks Mike Georg would probably try to see Friedrich and the others in Milwaukee. Mike also has a sister in Madison, who might go.

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [July 8, 1998]

Call to Harvey Schroeder - 7/8/98
1-517-886-1687

Our relatives have returned to Germany + I wanted to talk to you about their visit while it was still fresh in my mind.

We had a very good time, and I know the people from Germany enjoyed it. There were Friedrich + wife, Renate, cousin Dieter + wife Hilde (West Germany)

In Mpls a wk., then 3 days in Milwaukee

For long time didn't know who or how many would be coming to meet them, but finally had 28 of their American relatives, incl. 5 children. 3 from Wash., 4 from Montana, 4 from Iowa + the rest (17) from Minn.

Don't know if Mike Berge got to see them in Milwaukee. I talked to him on phone, and he was planning to go.

I asked Friedrich if they were hoping to come back to America again. He said possibly next year, but more likely the following year.

One of the places he's interested in going next time is the Bay City area. He could see a great many of the Zonker descendants there and the gravestone of his great-grandmother, Henrietta Nonitz, in the churchyard in Beaver Township. Bay Township park

How often do the Zonkers have a reunion? What do they do? Where do they meet? Who plans it?

It would be wonderful if the timing of this trip and the time of the reunion could coincide. All the Michigan relatives would be excited, even if they wouldn't make a long trip to see them.

John

Ittners following yr.

In her younger days Anita Schmidt would have loved to work on this. There must be some in the younger generation in that area who would take the lead.

Would they welcome my Witbridge relatives in Michigan to their reunion? I have my brother John and his wife in Saginaw and five nieces and nephews in Michigan, including two in Bay City. I thought Friedrich and his relatives might spend one weekend in Bay County and another weekend in Seattle, with stops in Iowa, Minnesota, and/or Montana in between.

There are also descendants of Wilhelmina Mensitz and Carl Schroeder in Michigan. Friedrich hasn't met any of that family. Do you know or know about any of them at all? David Lodwick in Bronx Point & a letter in Bay City

Well, I just wanted everyone to get started thinking about this now. I'd like to contact someone in the Bay City area soon and talk about it. Who would you suggest?

How is your health & how was your trip east?

[DEW's notes for a phone call] [Feb. 17, 1999]

Call to Harvey Schroeder - 2/17/99

1-517-886-1687

How are you?

Doing any genealogy lately?

Since I got a computer about a year ago, I've been doing some genealogy on the internet.

Are you on the internet? Address? karupsch@aol.com

Found a "mailing list" related to Pomerania.

Place our ancestors came from - now in Poland

Pommern-L; 300 people

After only a few days, I found a cousin I didn't know. He said, "I think I'm your cousin." And sure enough, he is my first cousin three times removed - that is, he's the grandson of my first cousin in the Tomke family. So he's your second cousin twice removed.

Bradley (Brad) Emerson Babcock (b. 1972)

His name is Brad Babcock and he's 26 years old. He lives in a suburb of Vancouver, B.C.

He's quite interested in genealogy, and he has all his information on a computer. Actually, he's trained as a computer expert, though he hasn't found the job he wants yet.

So I'm going to send him everything I have about the Tomke family. It's quite a bit, but not as much as I would like.

Howard Kohn (author)

I got to thinking about Howard Kohn. Do you know him? I guess he's your second cousin once removed.

Anita Tomke Schmidt

Anita Schmidt told me he was very much interested in family history and that he has written a book about the Kohn family. Have you seen it?

I thought I'd like to get these two genealogists in the Tomke family in touch with each other, so I need to get his address and telephone number.

Do you have his address? I wrote to him ten or twelve years ago, but I never got an answer, or I'm not sure I had the right address.

Would you be able to get it for me? Actually I think I will try to call him this time, but I don't want to try to get his phone number until I'm sure of his address.

Tomke family data

Do you have quite a bit of data about the Tomke family? If you do, I'd like to have photocopies of it, and I'd pay you to have it copied, of course. Then I'd also send a copy to Brad Babcock, since he has all his information on a computer, I'd like to send him everything we have, so he can get it all on his computer.

I'll be anxious to hear from you about Howard's address.

[Feb. 20, 1999]

Subj: **Info on Howard Kohn**
Date: 2/20/99 2:36:34 PM Central Standard Time
From: Harvpsch
To: DWitheridg

Hi David,
Talked to my sister. As we discussed Howard Kohn, we came to the conclusion that the book he wrote was, "An American Farmer." It was a reminiscence about his father, Fred, who was in fact an American farmer. It contained some family info but it was not really a genealogical book. It was a work of non-fiction. Howard was, maybe still is, an editor on Rolling Stone magazine in New York City but grew up on his father's farm in Beaver Twp. near Bay City. I read the book about ten years ago. It was interesting to me because he mentioned people and places with which I was familiar.
We think that is the case with the Kohns. However, my sister suggests you call Anita Schmidt directly to be sure if you like. Since my sister played cards with her recently, she thinks Anita could talk on the phone without any trouble even though she is not in the best of health. Her phone number is (517) 662-4630.
Good talking to you the other day. If you find out anything differently about Howard Kohn, let me know.
Harv Schroeder

Mathilda Schroeder

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Editor's Note

Dad's file on his Nemitz cousin, Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875), contained only one document, presented here.

His gratitude to Mathilda, who was many years his senior, for her generosity as "fairy godmother" during the depths of the Great Depression is evident in the second paragraph.

But the letter also reveals that Mathilda wasn't wasting her money on Dad. See his typically modest comment about the esteem in which he was held by his fellow mechanical engineering students at the University of Michigan.

Sandwiched between the important pieces of news was his plea that they (obviously meaning Mother) "send my white flannels with next week's laundry."

"Mr. Heavenrich" in the final paragraph is most likely Max P. Heavenrich, Sr., whose family operated the most highly regarded clothing store in Saginaw, Michigan. In those days only a successful business would spend precious money on new-fangled air conditioning.

Tom Witheridge
May 30, 2023

[Apr. 27, 1935]

DEW's parents in Saginaw, MI

April 27, 1935

Dear Folks,

I have to do odd things now and then just to be human; hence the peculiar paper and pencil.

The most wonderful news is this: Tuesday morning I opened up a letter from Miss Schroeder and out fell a check for forty dollars. Imagine how your heart would leap at such a sight! Money from home! When I saw her at Bay City she asked about my finances and naturally I told her how the bank had decided not to open so that I was still worrying about that forty dollars.

She wrote, "Nothing for which you are to thank me personally. It belongs to God and of his own have I given thee."

So I don't think I'll wash dishes any more this semester for my meals. It takes too much time and effort. FERA is sufficient.

To change the topic, I was elected president of the Student Branch of the A.S.M.E. at Wednesday's election.

Miss Schroeder = Mathilda M. Schroeder (b. 1875)

Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Beneficial results were immediate, for I am going to Chicago tomorrow afternoon, returning to A^2 late Tuesday P.M. This is the student conference for this section of the country. They can only take one car full, so I wouldn't have had much chance to go unless I had been elected president for next year.

Please send my white flannels with next week's laundry.

Tollin was deeply impressed with the Hermitage when we had him up for dinner last night. I went to the state championship debate after dinner and enjoyed the proceedings especially because the audience were mostly high school students.

Karl went to Grand Rapids Thursday because most of his classes from then till the end of the week were excused.

Father, unless you present something definite soon to Heavenrich concerning air conditioning his store, he will be disappointed in you.

Sincerely, Dave

A^2 may mean Ann Arbor, Michigan

Editor's note The Hermitage was his U. of Michigan fraternity, I think. TFW, 5-30-23

Probably Max P. Heavenrich, Sr., of the Saginaw clothing firm, Heavenrich Bros. & Company

Cheri Greene Schwalbe

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[Feb. 18, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 18, 1998

[Nemitz reunion in Minneapolis, 1998]

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Schwalbe
6106 - 47th Ave. N.
Crystal, MN 55422

Dear Cheri and Tim,

Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)

I fully intended to contact you last summer when I got back from my trip to Milwaukee to meet Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (a dentist), our cousin from Germany. However, I had a very difficult summer and fall and could never get around to it.

We had a very good time in Milwaukee, and I know Friedrich enjoyed it all. There were five of his relatives who were able to get there to meet him. Besides me, there were two all the way from Montana, one from Milwaukee, and one from Wilmette, Illinois. I know you would have enjoyed meeting Friedrich and the rest of us, and I'm sorry you weren't able to work it out.

Now I'm writing to tell you that Friedrich is making a return trip to America this June, and this time he is actually coming to Minneapolis. So I hope you will both begin to make plans now, so that you will be here to meet him when he comes. This time his wife, Renate, will be coming, as well as his cousin, Hans-Joachim Nemitz, and his wife , Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes.

They will arrive in Minneapolis on Friday, June 19, and stay until Thursday, June 25, when they will go to Milwaukee for the annual Pommerntag. I'm trying to get a large group of their American relatives to come and meet them (and each other!) sometime during their stay. It looks as though we could have a very good gathering. I find that there are about thirty Nemitz descendants and spouses right here in the Twin Cities and nearby Minnesota. Can you believe it? I also hope to get a few each from the Seattle area, from Montana, and from Iowa.

In Minnesota, besides you two and Tim and "Deda" Greene (I'm writing the same letter to them) there are Marjorie and Robert Lackmann in Sauk Centre, and I find they have both a daughter and a son living in Minneapolis. Then there is a large family who descend from Johanna Tomke, a sister of Wilhelm and Ernst Nemitz. So far I have only met one of that family, Sharon Rose.

My family consists of two sons, Tom and Jim, both of whom live in Minneapolis. My wife Elizabeth had Alzheimer's and died 2½ years ago. Tom is married and has a nine-year-old daughter,

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Rebecca. He and his wife Virginia have separated, and he lives with me now. Rebecca is with us about half the time. My other son, Jim, is gay, and he lives with his partner, David Torborg, in an apartment about a mile from me, so I see them frequently.

Out in Seattle there are a number of descendants of Ernst's son John and Anna Fick. Perhaps you know about them. In particular there are LeAnn Bench and Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz, a dentist, whom Friedrich is hoping very much to meet. Jeffrey wants to come to Minneapolis in June and is trying to work it out.

In Montana are some who descend from both my grandfather, Wilhelm, and from Johanna Tomke. (My mother's sister Bertha married her cousin, Herman Tomke.) They are Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, both of whom went all the way to Milwaukee last summer to meet Friedrich. I know they'd like to come to Minneapolis to see him again and meet his wife and the others.

I don't know who might come from Iowa , but I hope a few will be able to. I've written to Iva Lee Kuhlman in hopes that she and Gerald might be able to come and also find others from there who would like to meet their German and American relatives.

Friedrich and his family will be staying in the Regency Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. It is the least expensive of the downtown hotels, but it is approved by the AAA, and it has all the features we need, such as a dining room and adequate free parking for guests.

Of course, everyone won't necessarily be there at the same time, but most people will be able to come at least part of the time on the weekend, from Friday evening to Monday morning. We'll be able to eat all the meals together in the dining room, and Friedrich will have a large suite with plenty of room for extra chairs, so we can be together to visit and get acquainted. If you can't make it on the weekend, perhaps you could come on Monday, Tuesday , or Wednesday for dinner and the evening.

Please do your best to save this time. I'd like you to call or drop me a note and tell me if you think you can be with us, so I can report to Friedrich the next time I write to him. I'd also like to set up a time when we can get together for lunch as we discussed last spring. It seems too bad that I've been living in Minneapolis since 1951 and still haven't met any of you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[DEW's notes from a phone call] [Apr. 30, 1998]

Call to Cheri Schwalbe 4/30/98

533-7601 Office 560-3955

Phyllis Theresa Greene (b. 1930)

Iva Lee Sophie Greene (b. 1925)

Timothy William Greene

Phyllis Crane — sister of Iva Lee Kullman

Cheri talked to her on the phone. She is interested, but hasn't decided.

Cheri's brother Jim is in Iowa this weekend.

She will talk to him on Monday.

I'll try to call him Monday eve.

[Undated]

Cheri + ~~Jim~~ Schwalbe
6106 - 47th Ave. N.
Crystal MN

533-7601

children:
Katie - 4
Cassi - 2 (not a nickname)

[Dec. 2, 1998]

6106 - 47th Ave. N.
Crystal, MN 55422

12/2/98

Dear Cheri + Jim,

I'm finally getting around to sending those pictures from our reunion. I've been going to do it for months, as you can imagine, but I always had other things to do.

Thank you for coming to meet the relatives from Germany and the others you did not know. I think we all had a great time.

It would be fun if we could get together sometime, so we could talk more with each other. And of course, I still haven't met your brother and his wife.

I hope all is going well with you. I'm getting along fine.

Sincerely,
David

Carol See

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[Aug. 12, 1987]

[See the editor's note at the index entry for Carole See (Mrs. Robert D.)]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
August 12, 1987

Mrs. Carole See (Mrs. Robert D.)
1412 Center Ave. Box 2151, Bay City 48706
Bay City, MI 48708

Dear Mrs. See:

You probably never heard of me, but I am a relative of yours. I am your mother's second cousin, which means that I am your second cousin once removed.

My grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was a brother of your great-grandmother, Wilhelmina Nemitz, who married Carl Schroeder, your great-grandfather. My mother, Edith Nemitz, was your grandfather's (Otto Schroeder's) first cousin, and they probably knew each other, as she grew up and was married in Bay City. Over the years, however, our families lost touch with each other.

I am writing to you because I have been working on genealogy for a number of years and recently have been trying to trace my mother's ancestry back into Germany. This has proven to be difficult, because the part of Germany her ancestors (and yours) came from is now in Poland. The records there were to a large extent destroyed or displaced when the Germans were driven out.

The experts say the best way to proceed when the search overseas seems to strike a dead end is to learn everything possible about the immigrant ancestors and their families in this country. That is what I am now engaged in doing.

Because I had met Wilhelmina Laderach, your great aunt, many years ago, I have written to her son Robert to see if he could help me with the Schroeder family records. So far he has not been able to provide much information. He did, however, give me your address, and I am hoping you will be willing to help in whatever way you can.

Ancestor chart of Carl Eichorn

As you can see from the enclosed sheet, I don't have much information about your grandparents, parents, or even your own immediate family. What I need are birth, marriage, and death dates and places. I'm sure you have some of this information, and I'd greatly appreciate receiving what you have. I understand from Robert Laderach that you have three daughters, and I'd also like to have similar information about them and their families.

Ancestor chart of Carl Eichorn

It would also be very helpful if we could locate any old family records, such as scrapbooks, letters, certificates, pictures, newspaper clippings, and so on. Perhaps some of the older members of your family who are still living would have such items tucked away. They would no doubt contain some clues that would help us in our search. I hope I can interest you in this process because of what you can learn about your own background, both for your own sake and for the sake of your children and grandchildren.

Now just a little about myself. I was born Aug. 15, 1914, in Bay City, but moved to Saginaw with my family when I was only three. My wife

Elizabeth was born in Saginaw, and we grew up together in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. After high school I attended Bay City Junior College two years. While there I got to know your great aunt Mathilda Schroeder, and was very fond of her. Then I went on to the University of Michigan and graduated in engineering.

For four years I worked as a heating and ventilating engineer in Saginaw with my father, who was a manufacturer's representative. In those days I was occasionally in Bay City visiting architects, contractors, and company officials.

Then I decided to enter the ministry and attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth and I were married in 1941, just before my senior year in the seminary. From there we went to Chicago where I was the assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church for six yaars and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two years as minister of a church in Marengo, Illinois, I came to Minneapolis to be executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I stayed in that position 29 years until I retired at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw before we were married, and more recently she was the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, who is 40, is not married, and he lives only a few blocks from us in Minneapolis. Tom, who is 39, lives with his wife Virginia in Chicago.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future with some information about yourself and your family.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Mrs. Robert D. Lee
Box 2151
Bay City, Michigan
48706

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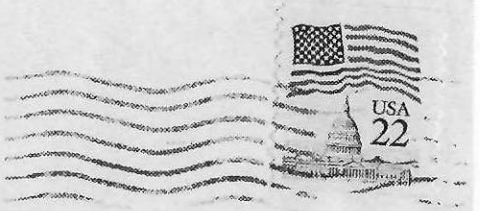

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Isabel Sellheim

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[Note by DEW] [2001]

German Genealogy Society

To check for GGS books at the Concordia Library you can use the online catalog at the Concordia web site:

http://csp.edu/virtuallibrary

The library of Concordia College (now University) in St. Paul, MN

GGS Journal, Spring 2001

[Announcement found by DEW, apparently in the journal of the Germanic Genealogy Society] [2001]

Invitation to the 37th Stolp Homeland Assembly

The 37th Stolp Homeland Assembly will take place meets on the 26th and 27th of May in the Bad Bodesburger City Hall, 80 Koblenzer Street.

We invite all Stolpers from the city and district to our gathering, for whom a versatile program is anticipated.

The members of the Stolper Heimatkreise e.V. assemble at 5:00 o'clock on May 26th in the Parkraal of the City Hall for the general meeting, for the election of the Board of Directors.

Members of the organization are asked to take an active part in the assembly.

Isabel Sellheim → Isabel Sellheim

HKA-Vorsitzende der Stadt und des Landkreises Stolp

Die Pommersche Zeitung, 3 März 2001, Seite 8

[Mrs. Isabel Sellheim, Bross-Strasse 5, D-60487 Frankfurt -- (069) 772 761. +49-69-772761]

[May 18, 2001]

Subj: **AW: Isabel Sellheim**
Date: 5/18/01 4:53:43 PM Central Daylight Time
From: helmut@kunefke.de (Helmut Kunefke) ← Helmut Kunefke (a German contact of DEW's)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David,

sorry Mrs. Isabel Sellheim has not a computer - you can only write (or phone) on normal Mailbox:
isabel Sellheim, Bross-Str. 5, D-60487 Frankfurt, Germany - Phone +49-69-772761

Helmut Kunefke

----Ursprungliche Nachricht----
Von: DWitheridg@aol.com [mailto:DWitheridg@aol.com]
Gesendet: Freitag, 18. Mai 2001 16:08
An: helmut@kunefke.de
Betreff: Isabel Sellheim

Hi, Helmut,

Do you have an e-mail address for Isabel Sellheim, HKA-Vorsitzende der Stadt und des Landkkreises Stolp?

Thank you,

David Witheridge

[May 19, 2001]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
USA
May 19, 2001

Mrs. Isabel Sellheim ← Isabel Sellheim
Bross-Strasse 5
D-60487 Frankfurt
Germany

Dear Mrs. Sellheim:

Here is a list of the surnames, places, and dates of my ancestors and relatives in Kreis Stolp. I would like to correspond with anyone who had ancestors or relatives with any of these surnames living in Kreis Stolp during these years. I would be very grateful if you could make this known to your members.

Thank you. David E. Witheridge

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
USA

DWitheridg@aol.com

Surname	Place	Dates
Nemitz	Lupow	1752-1879
	Dammen	1833-1865
	Gross Duebsow	1841-1874
	Kriwan	1843-1844
	Stolp (Stadt)	1851-1864
	Starnitz	1857-1858
	Labehn	1864-1868
Tomke	Granzin	1861-1862
	Stolp (Stadt)	1865-1866
	Lupow	1878-1879
Schroeder	Stolp (Stadt)	1870-1871
	Lupow	1878-1879
Bonke	Dammen	1832-1833
Reppen	Lupow	1809-1811
Jacobs	Dammen	1843-1844
Dargatz	Lupow	1817-1828
Kuehnemann	Lupow	1813-1830

Skibbe family

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[Apr. 20-21, 2001]

Subj: **Family Research - Skibbe**
Date: 4/20/01 6:51:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: gzedlitz@caltel.com (Gerald O. Zedlitz & Norma J. Zedlitz) ← Gerald O. Zedlitz
Reply-to: gzedlitz@caltel.com (Gerald O. Zedlitz & Norma J. Zedlitz)
To: DWitheridg@AOL.com

One of my family lines includes a Skibbe from Velsow, Kreis Stolp. I have this line back to about 1800 or so.

Perhaps we have some common ancestors.

Gerald O. Zedlitz
e-mail: gzedlitz@caltel.com

Subj: **Re: Family Research - Skibbe**
Date: 4/21/01 5:59:45 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: gzedlitz@caltel.com

Hi, Gerald,

Thank you for your e-mail. Skibbe is not one of my ancestral lines, but my great-uncle, Ferdinand Nemitz, married Henriette Friederike Skibbe in 1869 in Dammen, Kreis Stolp. The Dammen church books for that period have been lost, so I haven't been able to search there for any further information about her. I keep searching for her ancestry on behalf of one of her descendants, my second cousin once removed in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, with whom I an in frequent contact. Ferdinand and Henriette had children in Labehn, Alt Darsin, and other towns that I am not aware of. I see that Velsow is directly south of Dammen. Ferdinand was born in Kriwan and baptized in Rathsdamnitz, and I do not know why he and Henriette were married in Dammen. If this name of Henriette Friederike Skibbe rings a bell with you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Apr. 26, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Family Research - Skibbe**
Date: 4/26/01 10:45:42 AM Central Daylight Time
From: gzedlitz@caltel.com (Gerald O. Zedlitz & Norma J. Zedlitz)
Reply-to: gzedlitz@caltel.com (Gerald O. Zedlitz & Norma J. Zedlitz)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David

The entry that I found in my records is probably already known to you. However, I am sending it along anyway in the event that it could be different.

Birth Record:

Ferdinand Nemitz
*3 August 1869 Alt Darsin, Kreis Stolp, Pomerania
Father: Ferdinand Nemitz
Mother: Friedrike Skibbe

Page 92 Entry 119 Lupow, Kreis Stolp Church records

I assume your cousin has searched the Lupow church records from 1870 onward. These records are located in
archives in Koszalin, Poland. Judging from the date of birth my guess is that Ferdinand and his wife were married and lived outside of the normal area because of disapporval by the parents on either side.

This is, of course, pure speculation as my grandparents(on my mother's side) had a child in Wendisch-Karstnitz, Kreis Stolp two years before they were married and one on the way when they were married. My mother mentioned on occassion that my grandfather was "very hard" on my oldest uncle who was killed in the WWI. However, they remained in the same village.

Anyway I will keep looking at my Skibbe files as I do not have them all computerized as of yet.

Regards

Gerald

[Aug. 26-29, 2001]

Subj: **Re: Family Research - Skibbe**
Date: 4/26/01 2:02:51 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: gzedlitz@caltel.com

Hi, Gerald,

Thank you for your e-mail. Yes, I did have the entry you quoted from the Lupow church book. I went through the entire Lupow church book at the Mormon branch library--at least as much as the LDS has. Baptisms from 1831 to 1865 and marriages from 1831 to 1870 are missing. The copy they have in Koslin does include the baptisms from 1831 to 1904 and also confirmations from 1831 to 1892, but not the missing marriages. I mentioned this to my cousin in Germany. He has a friend who speaks Polish, who could go with him, but he is unable to go now, probably because of his health. Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely, David

Subj: **Re: Family Research - Skibbe**
Date: 4/27/01 10:11:44 AM Central Daylight Time
From: gzedlitz@caltel.com (Gerald O. Zedlitz & Norma J. Zedlitz)
Reply-to: gzedlitz@caltel.com (Gerald O. Zedlitz & Norma J. Zedlitz)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

I may be travelling to Poland in the autumn or spring next year and Koslin is a possible stop as I want to read the Lupow church books that they have for other related family lines. My mother was born in a village near Lupow while my grandmother Zedlitz (Pioch) was from Velsow nearby although these families were not related until my parents married in Ohio.

If I do go to Poland I will let you know and follow up on any information as I am collecting all "Skibbe" entries and trying to tie them together even though my "Skibbe line" is probably back as far as it will go due to a lack of information prior to 1750. I keep hoping some family will come forward with information prior to this period.

My wife and I just returned from SLC. Always something interesting to do on the Zedlitz lines.

Salt Lake City

Regards

Gerald

Subj: **Re: Family Research - Skibbe**
Date: 4/29/01 4:16:01 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: gzedlitz@caltel.com

Hi, Gerald,

Glad to know you may be going to Poland in the fall or spring. If you do go, I'll tell you a few things you could keep your eye open for in the Lupow church books. They might just pop out at you!

It's good that you can get to SLC occasionally. My wife and I were there just once many years ago and found many things.

Sincerely, David

[Aug. 16 - Sept. 23, 2002]

Subj: **Genealogie**
Date: 8/16/02 9:29:57 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Stefan.Skibbe@t-online.de (Stefan Skibbe) ← Stefan Skibbe
To: DWitheridg@AOL.com

Hello,

please visit my Website, if you want know something more about the name Skibbe. It is not all on my Site. May be i hear from you.
http://stefan.skibbe.bei.t-online.de

Stefan Skibbe

See next 16 pages

Subj: **Skibbe Family**
Date: 9/23/02 10:51:42 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg ← DEW's reply to Stefan
To: Stefan.Skibbe@t-online.de

Dear Stefan,

Thank you for your e-mail. I am sorry to have taken so long to answer.

I have gone through your web site, and I found it very interesting and well done. However, I don't think there is any connection between our families. I am looking for a Skibbe family from Kreis Stolp.

Skibbe is not one of my ancestral lines, but my great-uncle, Ferdinand Nemitz, married Henriette Friederike Skibbe in 1869 in Dammen, Kreis Stolp. The Dammen church books for that period have been lost, so I haven't been able to search them for any further information about her.

If you have any information about a Skibbe family in Kreis Stolp, please let me know

Yours sincerely,

David Witheridge.

Website of Stefan Skibbe, next 16 pages

[Aug. 17, 2002]

Hier geht es auf die Homepage von

Stefan Skibbe

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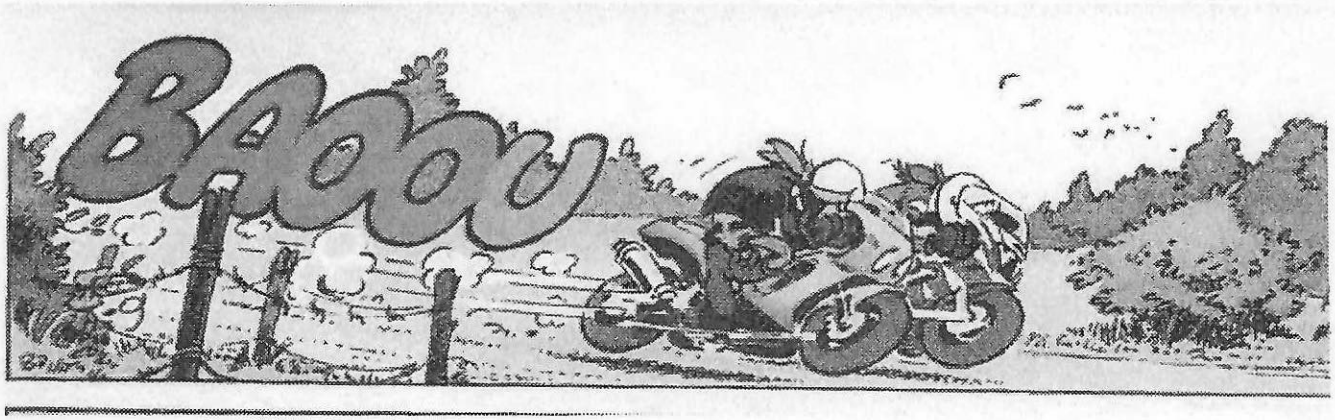

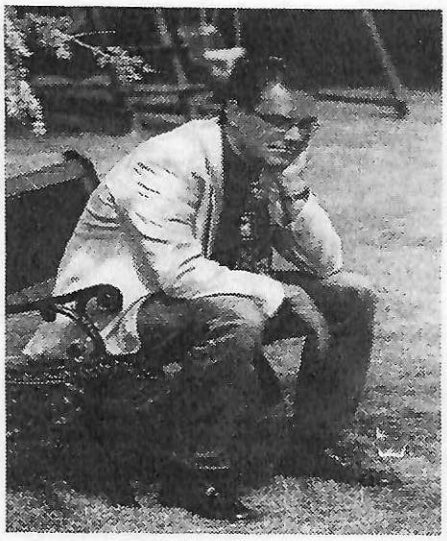

11965 erblickte ich, als Sonntagskind, das Licht der Welt. Meinem Vater tat ich damit einen riesen Gefallen, denn er war selbständig und an einem Wochentag hätte sicher das Geschäft darunter gelitten. Daß ich meiner Mutter mit meiner Geburt vorerst eine Erleichterung war, ist sicher verständlich. Es war schließlich Mai, meine Mutter war 24 Jahre alt und die Bikini-Zeit stand vor der Tür. Kurz - alle waren zufrieden mit meinem Erscheinen.

Als erstes Kind hatte ich natürlich in erster Linie repräsentative Aufgaben und mein Verhalten war geradezu vorbildlich. Ich schlief nachts durch, denn mein Vater brauchte nach einem langen Arbeitstag seine Ruhe. Ich machte brav meine Bäuerchen, ohne dass die Hälfte wieder auf Mama`s Schulter landete. Das wiederum freute meine Mutter, denn sie musste dadurch weniger waschen. Und nachdem meine Eltern mir dann auch verständlich machen konnten, dass man auf´s Töpfchen geht, ohne hinterher die Sache als Knetgummi zu missbrauchen, entschlossen sie sich, mir einen Bruder zu schenken.

Tja, voll daneben! Meine erste richtige Lektion für das Leben war wohl, dass man kleine Schwestern weder eintauschen noch zurückgeben kann. Nachdem man mir klarmachte, dass ich Jahrzehnte mit ANJA auskommen musste, habe ich mich dazu entschlossen, Mädchen zu akzeptieren und sogar mit ihnen zu spielen. Eigentlich bin ich heute noch dabei, diesen Entschluss umzusetzen. Ist aber schwer. Ich habe dann ein Spiel in meiner Pubertät entdeckt, bei dem Frauen unbedingt dazu gehören*grins* - nämlich Flaschendrehen! (was dachtest Du denn?) Als Schüler, der Klaus-Groth-Realschule in Heide, habe ich das Flaschendrehen dann zur Perfektion gebracht. Und es lag nur am Untergrund, wenn die Flasche nicht bei den Grazien unserer Klasse stehenblieb! Es hat nicht lange gedauert, bis ich merkte - Das kann man auch ohne Flasche!

Merkwürdig war aber nun wiederum, dass selbst die Mädchen, die man ganz früher beim Cowboy und Indianer-Spiel hatte mitspielen lassen, mein Spiel nun nicht mehr spielen wollten. Unverstanden und gefrustet habe ich mich dann ganz dem Schwimmsport gewidmet. Als Familienmitglied in der DLRG war der Verein vorprogrammiert. Gerne hätte ich 2-3 mal die Woche trainiert, denn gerade das Transportschwimmen spornte mich zu Höchstleistungen an ;-)

Als intelligenter Schüler tat ich natürlich nur das Nötigste. Deshalb lagen mir Fächer wie Mathematik, Deutsch, Biologie, Erdkunde, Sport und Religion. Das konnte ich begreifen! Englisch, Chemie und andere Lernfächer habe ich vernachlässigt und meine Zeit lieber im Schwimmbad verbracht. Deshalb durfte ich dann auch eine Klasse wiederholen. Meine Hausaufgaben waren (durch mich) soweit reduziert, dass meine Mutter sich schon über heutige Lehrsysteme aufregte. Die sehr geschätzte - leider verunglückte - Frau Werner kontrollierte immer und weil das daraus resultierende Abschreiben aus dem Biologiebuch inzwischen mehr Zeit in Anspruch nahm als die eigentlichen Hausaufgaben, hatte ich mich dann besonnen und einen passablen Abschluss hingelegt.

Es lag leider kein geeigneter Ausbildungsplatz zum Groß- und Außenhandelskaufmann im Nahrungsmittelbereich im näheren Umkreis und Zugfahren war auch nicht mein Traum von Fortbewegung. Deshalb entschied ich mich, die Fachhochschulreife zu erlangen. Leider ging das nicht ohne 2 weitere Jahre Schule. Bis dahin habe ich mich zu Fuß oder per Fahrrad fortbewegt, weil mein Vater mir schon zur Konfirmation ausrechnete, dass mein Taschengeld nicht für einen Führerschein reichen würde. Shit - Mofa und Moped, adè! Nachdem die Fahrschule nun mein Konfirmationsgeld

vereinnahmt hatte, bekam ich aber ein Auto von meinen Eltern - geil! Ich frage mich bis heute, ob es daran lag, dass ich keine Pickel mehr hatte, oder ob das "schwache Geschlecht" so schlecht zu Fuß war? Jedenfalls wollte Frau wieder mitspielen. VW sei Dank!

Bald darauf konnte ich mein erstes eigenes Geld verdienen. Endlich! Und ich kam als "Landei" in die Großstadt Hamburg. Ich sag´s Euch, da kann man einiges erleben...., erst recht, wenn man im Außendienst unterwegs ist. Ein toller Job, solange man auf Menschen zugehen kann. Darauf wurde ich W 15 bzw. Soldat der Bundeswehr. In der NAK 607 in Seeth durfte ich, als Kompanietruppgehilfe, meinen LKW-Führerschein machen. Wenn der Sold auch bescheiden war, die Zeit war wirklich klasse. Wir hatten, nach der Grundausbildung, ziemlich viel Spaß.

Mein Vater war in den ganzen Jahren ziemlich erfolgreich und es bedurfte nur eines kurzen Vorstellungsgespräches und ich bekam einen Job bei ihm. :-) Als Vaters Sohn kann man wohl nichts anderes werden als Juniorchef. Immerhin - besser als nichts. *lol* Eigentlich hatte ich vor, irgendwann einmal den Chef-Sessel einzunehmen.(Das gelang mir zumindest, wenn mein Vater im Urlaub war ;-) Doch unsere Zeit ist schnelllebig und das Motto "schnell frisst langsam" ist nicht immer anzuwenden. Die Fusionswelle erfasste auch uns und letztendlich habe ich mir aus kaufmännischen Gesichtspunkten den Job wegrationalisiert. Und bis heute gilt: " Und das ist gut so!"

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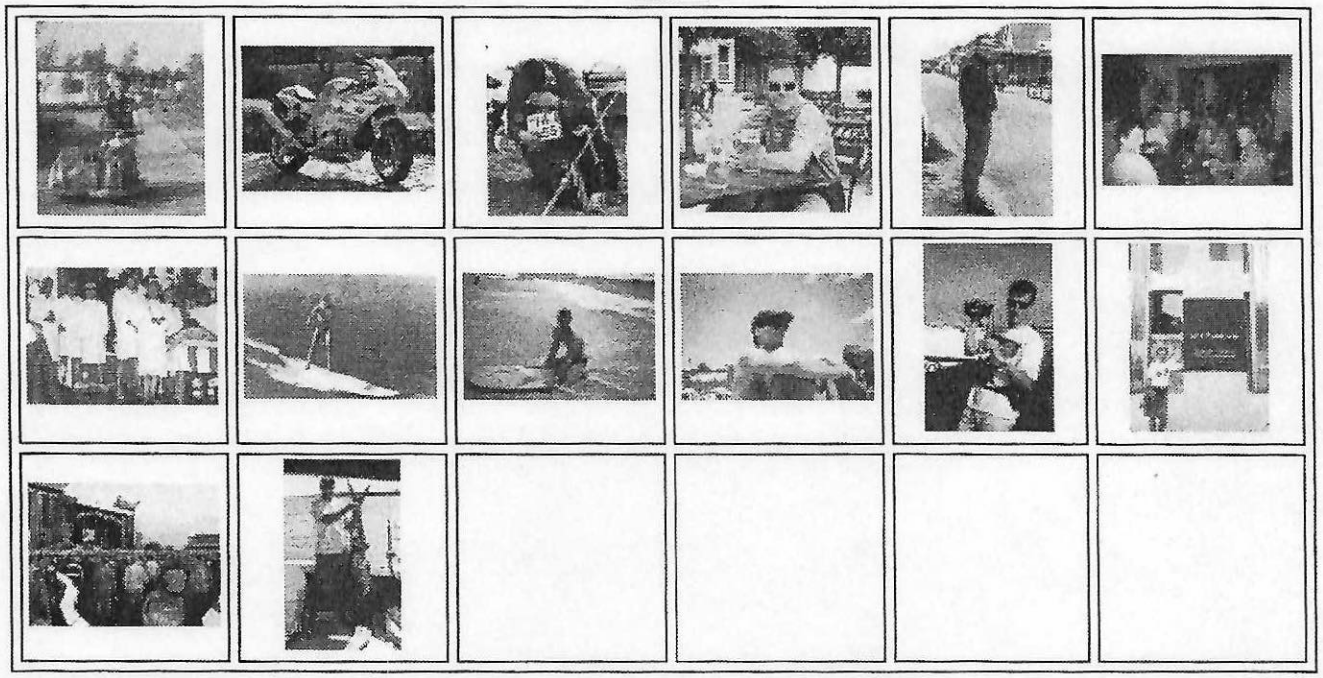

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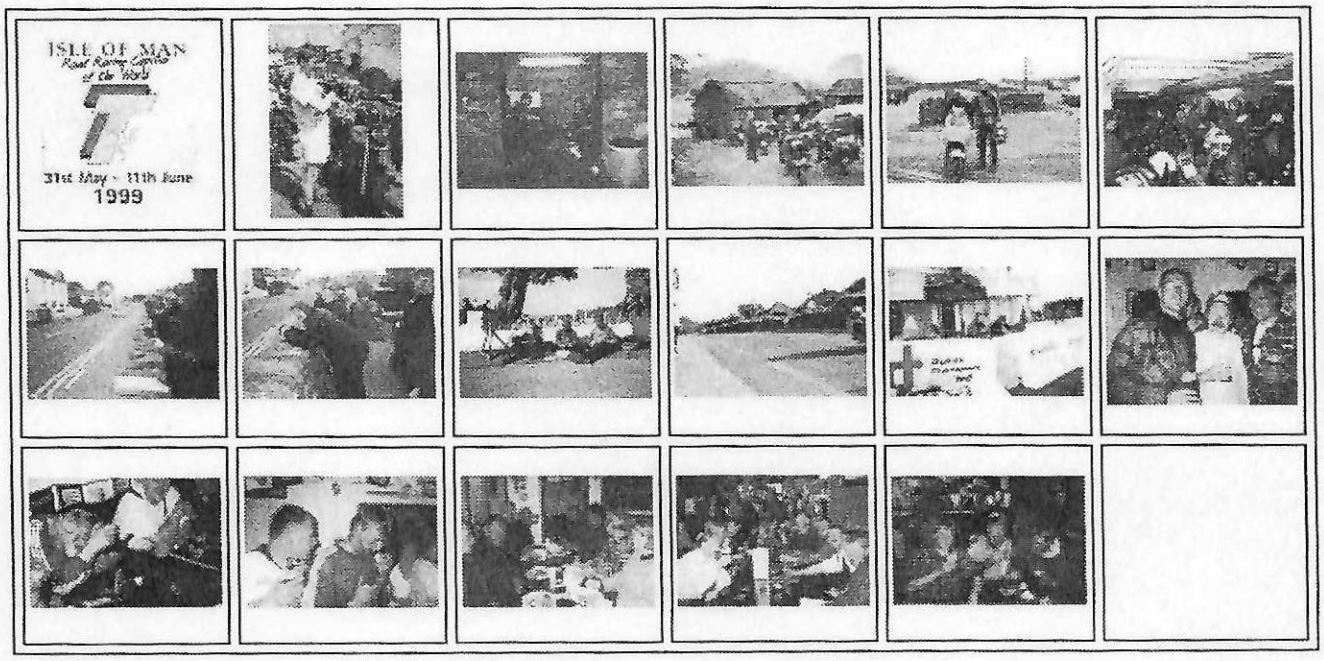

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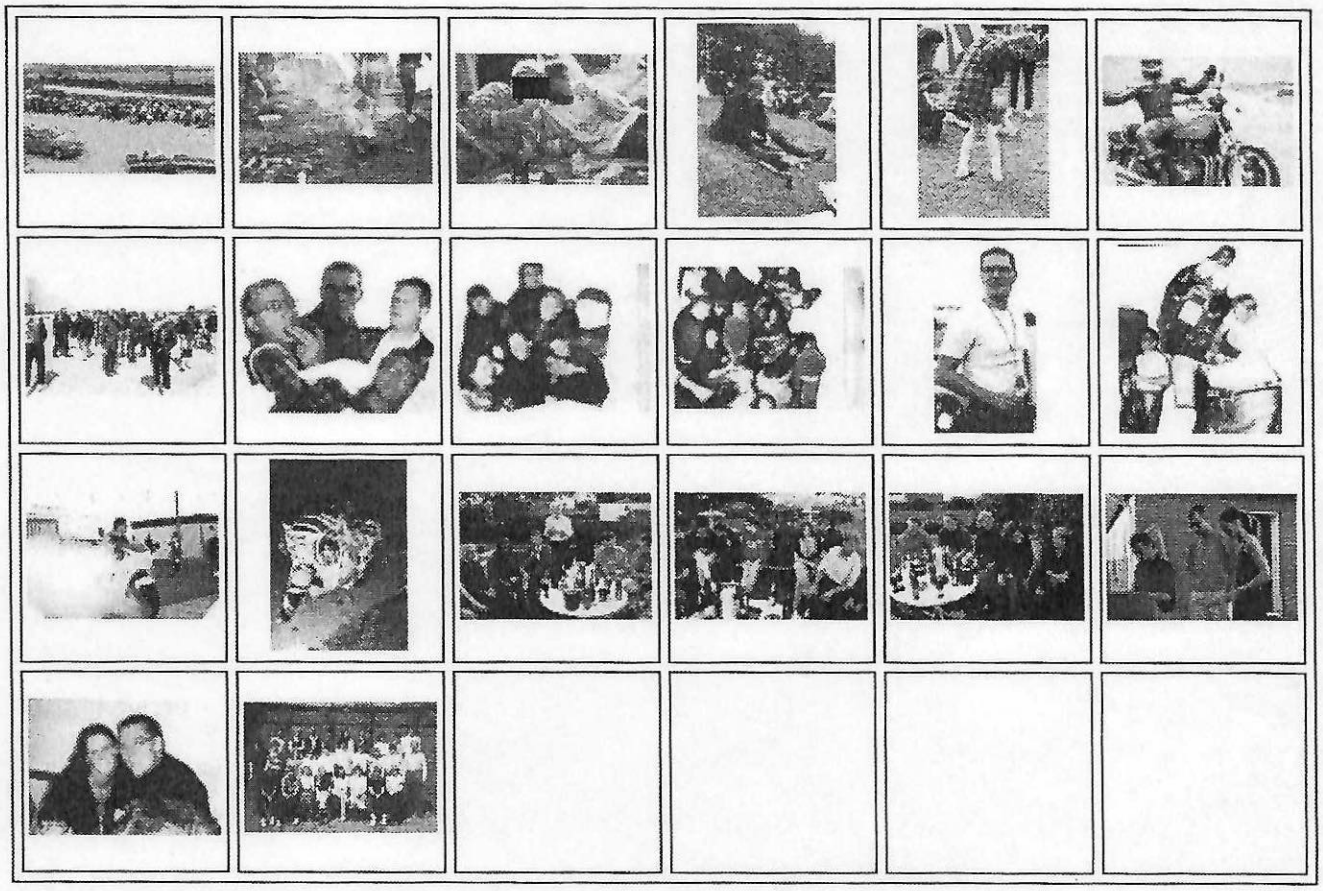

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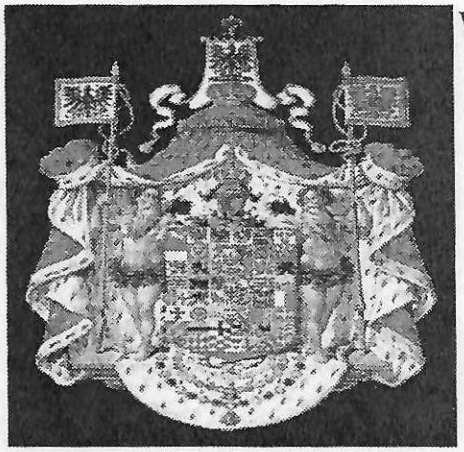

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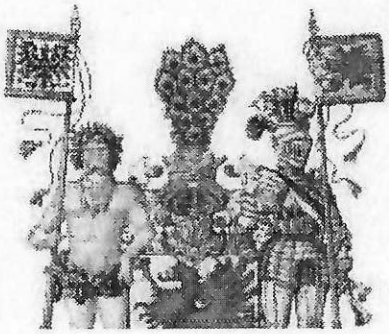

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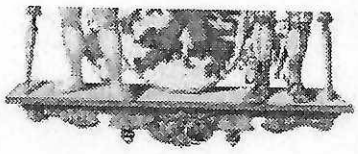

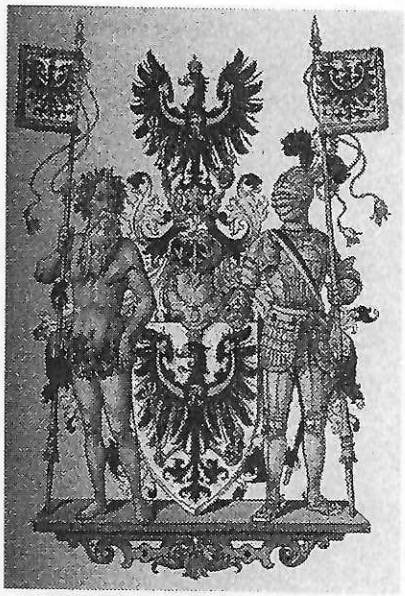

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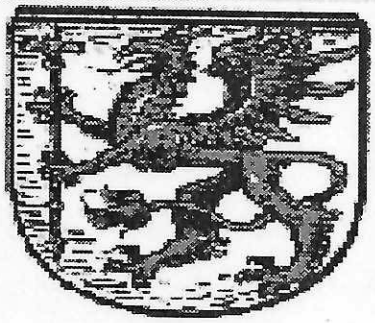

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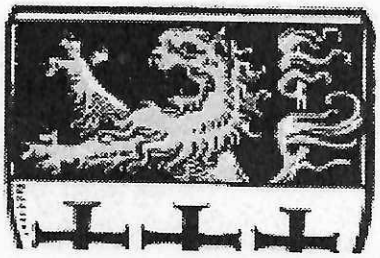

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Skibbe Family from Ireton and Pollmow

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I seek records of the Skibbe family from Pollmow and Ireton (Carl Ludwig Skibbe, born on the 29th of March, 1827, in Ireton)

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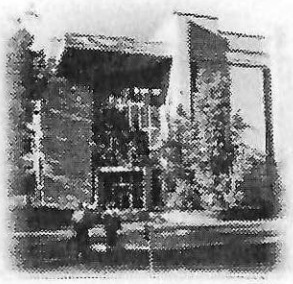

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Willkommen in meinem Gästebuch. Ich freue mich auf Deinen Eintrag !

Tom Valk 10. Juli 2002 - 22:20 Uhr
aus Coesfeld, NRW
Hi Stefan, jau, könnte auch schon wieder hin - aber dann mit etwas wärmerem Wetter :-)), hab´ im Moment etwas wenig Zeit (für die Bilder), arbeite aber an einer Page über die Insel. Wenn´s so weit ist, lasse ich´s dich wissen. Bis dahin klick ich mich mal bei dir durch. Eilpostbotengruss aus COE Tom PS: lass mir deine Anschrift zukommen, dann schick ich dir meine (und Dollis) Bilder auf CD!
http://www.tomvalk.de

Johannes Zacharias 2. Juli 2002 - 15:56 Uhr
aus Süderhastedt, Schleswig Holstein
Moin Stefan!! Hast ja ne schöne Hompage,hat wohl viel Arbeit gemacht!Auf die IOM Bilder 2002 freue ich mich schon,meinete Wegen können wir wieder los! Gruss Jo.

Micha 24. Juni 2002 - 14:10 Uhr
Tach, mein Jung. Garnich´ so einfach zu finden Deine Page, wenn man die Adresse nich´ kennt. Schööööönes Ding geworden. Gratulation!

Karo 5. Mai 2002 - 17:35 Uhr
aus Weddingstedt,
Hi Stefan! Super Idee!Klasse gemacht! Hoffentlich ist Pfingsten schönes Wetter. Endlich wieder Mopedfahren und lustige Bilder von Dir schiessen!

Andy und Kerry Pantel 4. Mai 2002 - 14:55 Uhr
aus Heide, S-H
Hey Stefan, alte Knackwurst, denkt an den 11.Mai. Kaufe mir morgen eine Windkraftanlage.

Sabine Petter 2. Mai 2002 - 12:58 Uhr
aus Hamburg,
Gratuliere, das ist ja wirklich ´ne dolle site! Richtig professionell, und witzig gemacht! Typisch Zwilling, behaupte ich mal - obwohl die Arbeit ja wohl Du gemacht hast und nicht die Sterne. Am meisten beeindruckt mich Deine Ahnenforschung. Wo hast du denn das alles her? Oma hat gar nichts davon erzählt.

Manu & Bünzi 29. April 2002 - 19:46 Uhr
Ist doch gut gelungen! Super und Morgen ist Maifeuer, da trinken wir Einen, oder Zwei ...

Achim 25. April 2002 - 19:45 Uhr
Klasse Homepage. Gruß aus Ostrohe.

Petra 24. April 2002 - 19:09 Uhr
Geniale Idee. Habe mich köstlich amüsiert. Jetzt weiss ich auch, was Du immer am PC rumtüddelst. Hat sich wirklich gelohnt.

Ulf Feddersen 24. April 2002 - 18:56 Uhr
aus weisst du ja,
Na geht doch. Schöne Grüße aus Ostrohe. Sieht echt gut aus. Werde gleich mal die Ahnenforschung ansehen. Wir sehen uns. Ulf und der Rest

Haubi 24. April 2002 - 17:07 Uhr
Erstmal 'nen feinen Gruß aus Erlangen altes Haus.

Stefan 23. April 2002 - 20:32 Uhr
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[Sept. 25- Oct. 7, 2003]

Subj: **Skibbe**
Date: 9/25/03 9:24:36 PM Central Daylight Time
From: krlund@verizon.net (Kathy Lund) ← Kathy Lund
To: DWitheridg@AOL.com

I am researching the Skibbe family that presumably came from the Stolp area. His name is Wilhelm Skibbe and his wifes name was Julianne Panzer Skibbe. Wilhem born 1858 and Julianne was born around 1864. They came to US around 1885-1888 and settled first in Chicago Il. then went to Starke Co In.

Julianne Panzer Skibbes Mother also lived in Chicago, her name was Emilie Panzer.

Any help with this family is greatly appreciated.
Thanks,
Kathy
krlund@verizon.net

Subj: **Re: Skibbe**
Date: 10/7/03 10:34:09 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: krlund@verizon.net

Hi, Kathy,

Thank you for your e-mail about the Skibbe family. This is not one of my ancestral lines, but it is an ancestral line of my relative in Germany. His great grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, was a brother of my grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz. Ferdinand married Henriette Friderika Skibbe on Mar. 12, 1869, in Dammer, Kreis Stolp, which was about the same time your relative, Wilhelm Skibbe, was in the Stolp area.

Ferdinand and his family stayed in Pomerania, but my grandfather and his family came to America in 1872. They also first settled in Chicago, but they moved later to a farm in Illinois.

I am passing on your information to my cousin in Germany, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist living in Greifswald (dr.f.nemitz@t-online.de) but I don't know if he has much information about the Skibbe family.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Anna Reid Stewart

documents

[Anna never received this letter.] [June 28, 1974]

Anna Reid
(b. 1897)

YMCA of the Rockies
Estes Park, Colorado 80511
June 28, 1974

Mrs. Jack Stewart
1454 Finlay St.
White Rock, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

About ten years ago I had some correspondence with Florence Knuth about the project I had undertaken of working on the Hemity family history. At that time she gave me your address, but I don't believe I ever wrote to you.

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

We are now at a conference at Estes Park, and tomorrow we'll be starting a trip through Salt Lake city to the state of Washington to visit my uncle in Port Townsend (my father's brother).

Salt Lake City

Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891)

Since we'll be near you when we get to Port Townsend, we're wondering if we could manage to see you before we start the trip home again. If you are well and are going to be at home, we'd like to try.

We expect to arrive in Port Townsend about July 6th, and our address will be c/o Edward A. Witteridge, 206 Reed St., Port Townsend, Wash. 98368 (Phone (206) 385-2944) I'd appreciate your dropping us a line there and letting us know if it would be convenient for you if we came. In fact, I'll enclose a self-addressed envelope.

She never got this letter (wrong address)

Just a few months ago I began working on Hemity

genealogy again, and I have a few interesting things to show you. I'm especially anxious to meet you and any others of your family who might be there.

I'm also trying to get in touch with Florence Knuth at 10444 Westminster Hwy., R.R.3, Richmond, B.C., with Mrs. Ruby Hass, Box 67, Westby, Montana, and with Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tomke, Box 103, Lake Alma, Sask. If they no longer live at those addresses, I'd appreciate your letting me know.

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Edward William Tomke (b. 1892)

If you think it would be possible for us to visit you, perhaps you should give us directions on how to find your place.

I hope to find a letter from you when we get to Port Townsend.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witteridge

Rev. David E. Witteridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

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Mrs. Jock Stewart
1454 Finley Street
White Rock, B.C.
Canada

[Nov. 26, 1974]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
November 26, 1974

Mrs. Jack Stewart
15541 Goggs Avenue
White Rock, B. C.
Canada

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

I'm sure that Florence Knuth has told you about our trip to the Northwest last summer. We are very sorry to have missed you because of your own trip east at the same time.

I had written to you from Colorado where we were attending a conference. But I had the wrong address, and my letter was returned here to our home address.

For about ten years I have been working on a project of compiling the Nemitz family history. This has been a little hard in some respects, but my contacts this summer have helped a lot.

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)

As you know, I am a first cousin of yours. My mother, Edith Nemitz Witheridge, was a sister of your mother, Mary Nemitz Reid. Because your mother moved so far away, we knew very little about your family, and I hope you will give me a great deal of information.

First, let me say that I was born in Bay City but moved to Saginaw with my family at an early age. After High school I attended Bay City Junior College (commuting from Saginaw), then went on to the University of Michigan to study engineering. After graduation I worked with my father in a heating and ventilating business in Saginaw for four years. Then I decided to be a minister (Baptist) and went to a seminary in Rochester, N.Y.

I spent six years in Chicago as an assistant minister while working on a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After about three years in a pastorate in Marengo, Illinois, I came to my present position as Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. That was twenty-three years ago.

My wife, Elizabeth, also grew up in Saginaw. She is the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim, 27, is living at home and is a student at the University of Minnesota. Tom, 26, graduated from Oberlin College and then the University of Chicago and is working at psychological research in Chicago. Neither one of them is married.

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Sarah A. Reid (of Bay City, MI)

George L. Reid

I would love to have talked with you, as I have so many questions to ask, and writing is somewhat harder. Only recently did I realize that my mother's very dear friend, who seemed like a mother to her, Mrs. Henry Williams, was formerly married to your father's uncle, George Reid, who managed the Curtis Farm near Bay City.

Enclosed are some family record sheets that I have been compiling from various sources. I would be very grateful if you would go over them, make any additions or corrections you know about, and return them to me. As you see, I know practically nothing about your brothers and sisters, your children, or your husband's family. In particular, I see I do not have the date of your mother's death or the first name of her second husband or the date and place of her two marriages.

I hope you like the enclosed pictures of the Knuths and of the Andersons (Ruby Bass's daughter). I wish I could have taken one of you. Maybe you have a snapshot you could send me. I'm ~~ans~~ enclosing one of myself. I can't find one of our whole family at the moment.

Now I hope you will write soon and will tell me all about your parents and your family. It does seem strange that I have so many first cousins I either haven't met or just met this summer! I do hope Elizabeth and I will be able to meet you some day.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Christmas 1974]

Dear David & Elizabeth.

Thanks for your letter and the pictures, I was very sorry we missed seeing you this summer.

It will take me a little while to get the information re your records. Some of what you have is wrong as far as I know. When I write I will give it to you the way I know it.

We mail out around eighty or ninety Christmas cards. And a lot of them I enclose a letter, which takes a lot of time.

Thought I would just send a card and note for now. I will answer your letter and give you what information I can after New Year.

I visited your Mother and Dad twice in Saginaw years ago. Also went to Chicago to see Uncle Will & Aunt Edith. And visited the Storch's.

Bye now, you will hear from me later.

Your Cousin Anna Stewart

Storch family

To Wish You
all the Joys of a
Merry Christmas
and a Wonderful
New Year

MRS J A STEWART
15541 GOGGS AVENUE
WHITE ROCK B.C.
V4B 2N5
CANADA

[Jan. 15, 1975]

15541 Goggs Ave
White Rock BC
Jan. 15/75

Dear Cousins

Thank you for the pictures, they are very good. I am enclosing a picture of Jack and I taken at Christmas time 1978, in our home.

John (Jack) Alexander Stewart (b. 1892)

1973

I was pleased to hear about yourself and family. I am sorry we weren't home when you folks were here last summer. It is much better to talk with people, than to write.

I filled in all the information I could in the forms you sent. Two of them I don't know the Reids at all. We left Bay City when I was six, I think. I can't remember anything about my life before that. The first I remember is when we lived in Calif. My Dad was running a stationary engine. From there we moved to Deloraine, Man.

John Stephen Reid (b. 1876)

Deloraine, Manitoba

We lived there two years as I remember. My Dad didn't seem to have steady work, so my Mother worked in a store, there.

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)

Homesteading in Saskatchewan

Then my father homesteaded in Sask., that was in 1906. We were twenty four miles from the nearest town, at that time. We started out with open and a sod house. A new railroad and towns came in later. We were five miles from Colgate, then.

It was two or three years before a school was built in the district. We lived only one mile east of the school, which was real good for us. The first year we were on the homestead my Mother was pregnant with Roland. She went to Deloraine alone that winter just before Roland was born.

Roland John Reid (b. 1907)

Her mother's separation and divorce from her father

In 1912 Mother left Dad, she apparently fell in love with a bachelor ten years her senior. He lived on the farm adjoining ours. She had to go to the States to get

a divorce. She took me four children, (Myrtle had married in 1911,) to Fargo, N.D. where she had to live a year. I started a Book-keeping course, carrying, spelling letter-writing and grammar. We didn't stay there long enough for me to finish my course.

Temporary home in Fargo, ND

Family split between Anna's parents

My Dad came that summer to try and get us children away from Mother. When she got her divorce Dad was granted custody of the two boys, James & Roland. Israll was three years old, Mother was allowed to keep him. I was fifteen, I had my choice of going with the one I chose to be with.

Mother's remarriage to Mr. Morden

I was sixteen when Mother married Mr Morden, I only stayed with them the first winter. Then I went to work on my own, the only work I could get was house work. I wished then I had finished the

4. / bookkeeping course I was taking in College in Fargo N. D.

Anna meets future husband

I met Jack the fall of 1913, Mr Morden was manager on a farm adjoining Jack's fathers farm. They lived at Qu'Appelle Sask. We went together from then until we were married in March 1916. We started farming just a mile and a half from

Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan

Colgate, SK

my sisters place, near Colgate. We sold that place in two years and bought a farm farther south, three miles north of Tribune. We lived on that farm un till the war, went through the depression there. Thats when Jack decided to join the army. He joined in August 1940 and was sent to Kingston, Ont. right away. He was going to be drafted in October, so wanted me to go there to visit him before he left for Over seas. I was with him six weeks, he had a sleeping out pass while

Tribune, SK

I was there.

Anna's 1940 trip to Michigan and Illinois

When I left Kingston, Jack wanted me to go back through the States to visit my Dad and brothers. I spent about two weeks visiting around. Trall & Edith took me to Saginaw to see your folks one afternoon. I went to see young Jim Reid and his Mother, stayed over nite with them. He is my Dads half brother. He was twenty six years old, not married at that time & working for a newspaper.

Trall E. Reid (b. 1910) and his wife, Edith Fletcher

Visited DEW's parents

James H. Reid (b. ca. 1914)

From Bay City I went to Chicago. Uncle Will met me there. I stayed a couple of days with them and he took me to Aunt Louise's and Uncle Johns. I stayed at their place a couple of days.

William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877) and John Storch

When I got back home on the farm I had to dispose of our stock, machinery and furniture. Celeste our eldest girl was married and Joy had been working

Sale of the farm

Celeste Stewart

Joy Stewart

6/ out by then. I rented our farm and moved to the City of Regina. Jack was away a little over a year, he was wounded and sent home. He wasn't badly injured his hip had been fractured.

Anna moved to Regina, SK

Jack's war injury

Our youngest girl Joy was married while her Dad was overseas. She married a Catholic and has ten children, the youngest 13 yrs. Celeste has five, three married, two boys single 19 & 21 still living at home. Working when they can get work. Their oldest son had a bad accident last year at Easter. He was married, no children, age 25. He got on a friends motorcycle, just went a few yards. Hit a tree and was killed instantly.

Joy

Celeste

We all felt terrible, he was such a nice boy. He had a good job drawing maps in a Surveyors office.

Celeste and her family are in White

Celeste

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Rock. The oldest girl lives a few miles from White Rock. They have three children. The second daughter has a baby a year & a half old.

Joy

Joy has four girls married and the oldest boy. They have four grandsons. We have eight great grandchildren. Joy and family live in Trail.

Trail, BC

We moved to Trail when Jack came back from Overseas. Jack worked at the Smelter there as a Guard for fourteen years.

We came here in 1956. Jack built home here until he retired four years ago. We had our farm rented all those years until two years ago when we sold it.

White Rock, BC

Trail E. Reid (b. 1910)

My brother Trail moved to Bay City when he was 20 yrs of age. He wanted to be with his two brothers & Father. He visited with us for a couple of weeks ten years ago. Last summer he met us in

8/ Brandon. Celeste & her husband were with us. We met Joy & her husband in Tribune. Joys husband was one of a family of Ten. His mother & Father died young. all his sisters and brothers live around Tribune. We all had a very nice visit around our home Town of Tribune, Trall included.

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891) and Emil Otto ("Amiel") Knuth (b. 1889)

We haven't visited Florence and Emil for awhile. We talk to each other on the phone. She told me today that Grandpa Nemitz worked on the Curtis farm for George Reid. Florence was maybe about 19 years old when her mother came to live with Grandpa Nemitz on his farm a few miles south of our farm. Florence remembers Bay City real well, I guess.

Deaths of Anna's mother and sister, Myrtle

My mother and sister died at such a young age. I missed them very much, as I was only Twenty four when mother died. She went to Rochester Minnesota to have her spleen

removed, just before Christmas. The operation seemed to be a success, but she took a turn for the worse and died there. With none of us children near her. Then the next winter Myrtle passed away with scarlet fever.

James Henry Reid (b. 1914) and his wife, Leona

James L. (Jim) Reid (b. 1849)

James's wife, Ann Willison (b. 1850), and her family in Canada

Jim Reid and his wife Leona live in Saginaw. They went to Scotland and tried to find where his Father, my Grandfather, Reid was born. He found out that he was born in Perthshire, but didn't locate the exact place.

He also found out that my Grandmother and Grandfather (his Father) lived a short distance apart on farms south of Varna on Parfine Road in Ontario. My Grandmother was born there, her brother my great Uncle was knighted for his outstanding work in journalism. Jim sent me a clipping from the Zurich Citizens News commemorating a plaque in

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Sir John Stephen Willison

honour of Sir John Stephen Willison, believed to be the only resident of Huron County who carried the title "Sir". One of Canada's most influential political journalists. He was appointed chief editor of the Toronto Globe in 1890. He was knighted in 1913. I was really interested in hearing this news.

I think I have given you an account of my life's history. I hope we can meet some day. Sure sorry we couldn't have met you last summer when you were here.

Best wishes to Elizabeth and yourself.

Sincerely,

Anna Stewart.

James William Reid (b. 1901) and Rena Jarvis

P.S. My brother James & his wife came to visit us in Trail the winter of 1945 & 46. They stayed a month. Dad was with them, he stayed with us for over a year. We took him back to Bay City the spring of 47. He died a week or so after we left him. We were there again in 1952 or 1953 after Roland had died. A.S.

[This was created by Anna Reid (b. 1897)] [ca. Jan. 15, 1975]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname Stewart Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full) [Middle name?]

JOHN ALEXANDER STEWART

Father's Name: DONALD STEWART

Mother's Maiden Name: SARAH GRANT [Qu'Appelle]

	Date	Place
Birth	JAN 7, 1892	QU'APPELLE, SASK.
Marriage	MARCH 18, 1916	COLGATE, SASK
Death		

Other Places of Residence: TRIBUNE SASK. TRAIL, BC. WHITE ROCK, B.C.

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full) [no Middle name?]

Anna Reid (a)

Father's Name: John STEPHEN REID

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Augusta Nemitz (b)

	Date	Place
Birth	JUNE 16 1897	BAY CITY MICHIGAN
Death		

Other Places of Residence: CALIFORNIA, DELORAINE MANITOBA, CANADA. COLGATE, FARGO, N.D. TRIBUNE SASK. TRAIL, BC. WHITE ROCK, BC

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	JEANE CELESTE	Birth	SEPT. 17, 1916 COLGATE SASKATCHAN CANADA
	Married to WILLIAM HENRY COLLUM	Marriage	JUNE 16, 1945 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA "
		Death	
2	ANNA JOY	Birth	MAY 25, 1918 COLGATE, SASK.
	Married to MICHAEL FRANK THIEL	Marriage	JULY 7, 1941 REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN
		Death	
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	Married to	Marriage	
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From other side:

(a) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(b) Inf. from Wayne Starch

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[This was created by Anna Reid (b. 1897)] [ca. Jan. 15, 1975]

ONE FAMILY RECORD Surname Reid Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(1) John STEPHEN Reid (a) [Middle name?]

Father's Name: James L. Reid (f) [Middle name?]

Mother's Maiden Name: ANN WILLISON (h)

	Date	Place
Birth	JAN. 24, 1875	BAY CITY (h)
Marriage	About 1892 (g)	
Death	APRIL 5, 1947	Bay City (h)

Other Places of Residence: Peotone, Ill. (a); California (a) [Los Angeles (g)]; Klondike 1898 (g); Deloraine, Manitoba (c) COLGATE

Other Wives: LELA (DONT KNOW HER NAME)

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Mary Augustus Nemitz (e)

Father's Name: Wilhelm Frederick [Johann (b)] Nemitz (d)

Mother's Maiden Name: Theresa Jacobs (b)

	Date	Place
Birth	Apr. 19, 1875 (d)	Peotone, Will Co., Ill. (e)
Death	DEC 28, 1921 (h)	Colgate, Sask., Canada (c) [Rochester, Minn. (h)]

Other Places of Residence: CALIFORNIA, DELORAINE ← Manitoba, COLGATE, FARGO N.D. TRIBUNE

Other Husbands: (2) TRALL T. Morden 1913

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) [Middle names?]

	Name		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	MYRTLE RAE	Birth	DEC 11, 1898	BAY CITY MICHIGAN U.S.A
	Married to	Marriage	JULY 6, 1911	COLGATE SASKATCHEWAN CANADA
	WILLIAM DENSON	Death	JAN 26, 1923	COLGATE " " 6 CHILDREN
2	ANNA	Birth	JUNE 16, 1897	BAY CITY MICHIGAN USA
	Married to	Marriage	MARCH 18, 1916	COLGATE SASK. CANADA
	JOHN ALEXANDER STEWART	Death		2 CHILDREN
3	JAMES WILLIAM	Birth	AUG. 27, 1901	BAY CITY MICHIGAN USA
	Married to	Marriage		BAY CITY "
	RENA JARVIS	Death	APRIL 4 1958	MANCELOA " " 2 CHILDREN
4	ROLAND JOHN	Birth	JAN 30 1907	DELORAINE MANITOBA CANADA
	Married to	Marriage		BAY CITY MICHIGAN USA
	EVELYNE TIMM	Death	JUNE 12, 1950	" " 1 CHILD
5	TRALL ERNEST	Birth	JULY 7, 1910	COLGATE SASK CANADA
	Married to	Marriage		BAY CITY MICIGAN USA
	EDITH FLETCHER	Death		no CHILDREN
6		Birth		
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From other side:

(a) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(b) Inf. from Edith Witheridge

(c) Inf. from Wayne Storch

(d) Inf. compiled by William N. Witheridge

(e) Obit. of William Nemitz, Sr, in Beecher (Ill.) Herald, Jan. 6, 1921

(f) Bay City (Mich.) Directory, 1902

(g) Inf. from Edward Tomke

(h) Inf. from Anna Stewart

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[This was created by Anna Reid (b. 1897)] [ca. Jan. 15, 1975]

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Reid Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

James L. Reid (a)

Father's Name: John (?) Reid (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann (?) (a)

	Date	Place
Birth	MARCH 24 1844	PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND
Marriage		
Death	1924	BAY CITY, MICH.

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives: ANNIE E

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

(1) ANN WILLISON

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth	JULY 1, 1850	VARNA, ONTARIO
Death	1912	BAY CITY, MICH.

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

Somerset House Domestic Home

DEW's notes

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

		Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	JOHN STEPHEN	Birth	JAN 24 1875 BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
	Married to MARY AUGUSTA NEMITZ	Marriage	1893 BAY CITY "
		Death	APRIL 5, 1947 BAY CITY MICHIGAN U.S.A.
2	MARY JANE	Birth	
	Married to Single	Marriage	
		Death	DIED at about 1900
3	JAMES HENRY	Birth	MAY 24, 1914 BAY CITY MICHIGAN
	Married to LEONA	Marriage	After 1940 (c)
		Death	(my Dad's half brother)
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	Married to	Marriage	
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	Married to	Marriage	
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Saginaw, MI

Live in Saginaw Co (c)

From other side:

(a) Bay City (Mich.) Directory 1902

(b) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(c) Inf. from Anna Stewart

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No inf. – Anna Stewart

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Anna Reid (b. 1897)

Surname Reid Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)	WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
John (?) Reid	Ann (?) (a)
Father's Name:	Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:
Date / Place	Date / Place
Birth	Birth
Marriage	
Death	Death
Other Places of Residence:	Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:	Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	William H. (a)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
		Death		
2	James L. (a)	Birth	Mar. 24, 1849	Perthshire, Scotland (d)
	Married to	Marriage		
	Ann Willison (d)	Death	1924	Bay City, Mich. (d)
3	George L. (b)	Birth		
	Married to	Marriage		
	* Sarah A. (a)(b)	Death		
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From other side:

(a) Bay City (Mich.) Directory, 1902

(b) Inf. from Florence Knuth

(c) Inf. from Pearl Wright Ditzel

(d) Inf. from Anna Stewart

* Sarah later married Henry Williams (c)

[This was created by DEW] [Undated]

No info. - Anna Stewart ← Anna Reid (b. 1897)

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Reid Family No. _____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

William H. Reid (a)

Father's Name:

John (?) Reid (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:

Ann (?) _____ (a)

	Date	Place
Birth		
Marriage		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

	Date	Place
Birth		
Death		

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Order?

			Date	Place (Town, County, State, Country)
1	William H., Jr. (a) Married to	Birth		
		Marriage		
		Death		
2	Jessie T. (a) Married to	Birth		
		Marriage		
		Death		
3	Mabel M. (a) Married to	Birth		
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		Death		

(a) Bay City (Mich.) Directory 1902

[June 6, 1975]

2426 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 6, 1975

Dear Anna:

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter with its information about your family. We also were pleased to get the picture of you and Jack. Yes, it was just too bad we couldn't meet you last summer when we were out west.

In a couple of weeks Elizabeth and I will be starting on a long trip out east. We begin with a week-long conference in Bethany, W. Va., near Pittsburgh. It's a conference of staff members of councils of churches. Then we go on to North Carolina, Maryland, New York, Massachusetts, and back through Ontario to Michigan.

Trall Ernest Reid (b. 1910)

While we're visiting in Saginaw with friends and relatives about July 17, I hope to go over to Bay City for a day. At that time I'd like very much to meet your brother Trall, so I'd be very happy if you'd send me his address.

Here in the Minneapolis Public Library we have an excellent collection of city and phone directories of almost every city of any size in the country. I called to see if they could give me Trall's address in Bay City, but they couldn't find it either under Trall Reid or Trall Morden. (I thought maybe he had changed his name after your mother's second marriage.) So please tell me how to address him. Since we'll be leaving here by June 20, we hope you will write at once.

James Henry Reid (b. 1914)

While in Saginaw I'd also like to see your father's half brother, Jim Reid. So please give me his address, too. His research in Scotland and Canada shows that he also has an interest in family history. That's fascinating about your great uncle and his honors for outstanding journalism.

Sir John Stephen Willison

In case you should be away or for some other reason are unable to get a letter to us here before June 20, our address between June 23 and 27 will be c/o NAES, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia 26032.

Thank you again for all the information you sent.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[June 12, 1975]

15541 Goggs Ave
White Rock, B.C.
June 12, 1975.

Dear David & Elizabeth.

Death of John (Jack) Alexander Stewart (b. 1892)

In answer to your letter of June the 6th, We have had a very hard winter and spring. Jack has been suffering with what we thought was arthritis, but was cancer. Two years ago he was in the Hospital for tests and X-rays. The Dr's told him then he had prostate trouble and a tumor on his spine. They didn't tell either Jas or Jack that it was malignant. We only found that out for sure, two days before he died, although we kind of suspected it for awhile. The last week Jack suffered so much that he couldn't stand the pain, he had to have needles and drugs continuously. The Dr told us it would be a blessing if he went, as it could hit the vertebra, then he would be paralyzed from the waist down. He died peacefully, the girls and I were with him the last two days and nights.

I had an operation the first of april, hysterectomy and bladder repair. I was in the hospital for two weeks, then had to take it easy for six weeks.

Jack went into the Hospital on the 23rd of April for treatments, which helped him for a week or ten days. He went in again 2 A.M. Sunday the first of June.

The two girls have been with me, Joy and her husband Mac came for a few days on the 26 of April. Then Joy came the last week his Dad was in the Hospital.

Jack had so many relatives and friends, which makes it easier for the girls and I. Some came from Trail and quite a few from the prairie, to attend the funeral. Joy is still with me and Celeste lives in White Rock.

I am sending the clippings from the local paper.

Trall Ernest Reid (b. 1910)

Trall's address is Trall E. Reid, 210 Garfield Ave. Bay City. Mich. 48706

James Henry Reid (b. 1914)

Jim Reid's is 2120 Division St. Saginaw Michigan 48602.

Please write and tell me whether you were able to contact them. After you get back home.

I hope your long trip and conference will be very enjoyable.

Sincerely, Anna.

[June 1975]

STEWART, June 6, 1975, John Alexander Stewart of 15541 Goggs Ave., White Rock. Aged 83 years. Survived by his loving wife Anna; 2 daughters, Mrs. Celeste Collum, White Rock; Mrs. Joy Thiel, Trail; three sisters, Mary Prizeman, Katherine Woods, Marion McPherson, 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; also many nieces, nephews and friends. He served in both World Wars. Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 10 at 1 p.m. from Chapel Hill Funeral Parlour 14615 North Bluff Rd. (16 Ave.) White Rock. Rev. H. Filsinger officiated. Interment Valleyview Memorial Gardens. Flowers gratefully declined. If desired donations to the Cancer Fund.

[These were enclosed with Anna's June 12, 1975 letter. The newspaper source is unknown.]

We wish to thank our many relatives and friends for their kindness in words, deeds, floral tributes and also for the donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, during the illness and death of a beloved husband and father.

— Mrs. John A. Stewart,
daughters Celeste and Joy.

[Dec. 1975]

Dec. 1975

Dear Anna,

As you can see from the enclosed picture I did get to meet Inell and Edith in Bay City last summer. We had a good long talk, but I found that Inell didn't have much information that you had not already given me.

I also met and talked with Jim Reid and his wife in Saginaw. Leona, his wife, said she was in school with my sister Louise and me, though I don't remember. They have since sent me a lot of information they got up in Canada on the Reid family.

Johanna (Hannah) Wilhelmina Carolina Tomke (b. 1871)

Just lately I've been trying to find out more about Hannah Tomke Shaw (Mrs. Fred) who lived at the Masonic Home in Minneapolis and died here Sept. 14, 1960. She, as you probably know, was your mother's first cousin, as her mother, Johanna Henity Tomke (Mrs John) was a sister of Grandpa Henity.

The next time you write, please tell me all you know about Hannah Shaw and her children and grandchildren. Do you know where any of them are now?

Best wishes

David (+ Elizabeth)

Editor's Note

You are probably wondering why Dad didn't acknowledge in any way the death of Anna's husband, which she described in great detail in the letter above (June 12, 1975).

An extenuating circumstance, of course, is that he and Mom were on the road for a long trip out east when Anna's letter arrived with the awful news. But that's no excuse, especially for a man of the cloth.

My theory is that he either called her on the phone or sent her a sympathy card (or both) and was too busy to make a note in the file.

I simply can't imagine no response of any kind on his part.

Tom Witheridge
June 3, 2023

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2.24

Editor's Note

Folder 2.24 contains only one section, entitled Stolp, Pomerania.

This section contains various lists and maps compiled by Dad during the years 1985-86 and 2000-01 in his ongoing quest to learn more about where his Pomeranian ancestors lived.

The documents in this section are organized more or less chronologically, in terms of when they came into Dad's possession, and they are on pages numbered sequentially from 1 to 55. Many other documents pertaining to the place name Stolp are scattered throughout the document collection in various other folders. You will find that both the district of Stolp and the city of Stolp are mentioned in many different index entries.

Tom Witheridge
June 6, 2023

Stolp, Pomerania

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Hi David!

Wilson Library,
Univ. of Minnesota – Minneapolis

I was over at Wilson the other day + happened to see a map of STOLP & thought you might be interested in. It was in the detailed Sterman map collection.

Kent Cuthomp ← Kent Cutkomp

The two maps overlap slightly.

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Article on Dammen and Dammer from "Meyers Orts" (p. 316)

Obtained from LDS Library

(The original was a poor copy.)

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— 2) D., Gr., Westf., Reg. Bez. Münster, Kr. Steinfurt, Amtsgericht Kr. Rheine, Gem. Dam, P Dam, E 7 km Emsdetten; 26 E.

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Dammerbäck, Grpr., Kr. Norder-Dithmarschen.

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Dammerkirchen, Rit., Kr. Hohlingerhof, f.

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— 2) D. a. Rg., Pr., Brandenb., Amtsgericht Kr. Kl. Oder, Reg. Bez. Frankfurt, Gem. Gutf, P Kerzig; 1[illegible] E.; E 1 km: Bahn. Frankfurt-Lichten, Schwiebus-D.

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Stollhammerdeich, Hrgr., s. Stollhamm Olbenb.

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Stollhammerwisch, Bsch., s. Stollhamm

Stollhausen, D., r/d Rheine; Baden, Kr. Baden, A. AG. Bldn. Rastatt; 1042 E.; T, E; Schwarzach-Rastatt; StbA. Steuerein., Tabakverwiegestelle, kath. Wil.; ländl. Kreb-Ver., Brenn., Web., Min., Sägem., Hain. — Da u. Wil. Hockenmühle 10; H. Rheinbau-Häfe 5 E.

Stollig, D. u. LGem., Pr., Schlesw.-Holst., Reg. Schleswig, Kr. AG. P Apenrade, Bldo. Flensburg, StbA. U. Leit; 277 E; E; Bibn. *Apenrade — Haderslund* (— *Lügumkloster*); Sanit., Wil. — Dazu D. Aubek, a/d Apenrader Föhrde, E 1,5 km, 57; Güter Blashofm, E 2 km, 13, Vögelundsbek 9; Hrgr. Flabteen, E 3 km, 22; H. Knarp 10 E., EP. 1,5 km; wie oben; Hr. Enorhavn 7; Hrgr. Steentoft, E 0,5 km, 21; Hof Strohgaard, E 1,5 km, EPs 0,5 km Knarp, 7; H. Nennelöft, E 2 km, 5; Hof Pennaesmühle, E 2 km, 8 E. [kuchen bei Passau

Stolling, Wsr., BA. Passau, s. Stroh-

Stollmühle, Wm., 1) Kreis der Eder, s. Berich. — 2) Kr. Lauterbach, s. Freien Steinau.

Stölln, 1) D. u. Rc., Pr., Brandbg., Reg. Potsdam, Kr. Westhavelland, AG. Nauen, Bldo. Brandenburg Havel, P L 1,5 km Rhinow; 189 bw. 245 E., StbA., A., Brenn., Sol. — Zum D.: Ab. Horst 18 E. — Zum Rg.: Gut Ohnewitz, E 6,5 km, 22 E.

— 2) Ein., BA. Lausen, s. Ruckstetten.

— 3) Wsr., BA. Pfarrkirchen, s. Kirchdorf 3).

Stöllnitz, D., Mecl.-Schw., DomA. Bütz, Gehebusch, Bldo. Leisnitz, StbA. Zebbersin, P Rensow, E 10 km Lübz; Mecl.: 224 E.

Stollnreut, Ein., BA. Wolfratshausen, s. Dorfen 4) bei Otterfing.

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Stolp, 1) Kr., Pr., Pom., Reg. Köslin, 16 qm, 1912 bw. 6 E Stolpe; Pr., Pom. Kreis, DSA. Stettin; 3.1782 E. (31729 Ev., 1109 Kath., 580 A.; 720 Wil.). — Verkehrsanst.: T, T (S. Pomm.-Staatsbhf.): (Stettin-) Belgard-Danzig, Neustettin-Rollwück-S., S.-Stolpmünde, Klon. (Stolpethalbahn) S.-Rudow (mit Bl's S.-Schlachthof); E (S. Pomm.-Kreisbhf.): Klbn. (S'er Kreisbahnen) S.-Lomdisch, Sillow (-Bezenow)-Schmolsin; elkr. Strba., Of. in Stolpmünde*. — Behörden: Lrt., Pol., LG., Schwgr., BAdr., StbA., HptZA., Krk., Kardl., Gdch., Meliorat., KrBaudl., Sozialkomm., Medizinalk., KrSchulinsp., 2 Superint., Gew., Kaufmk., Handw., HdlKam., LArbk., EisBett., EisBleich., EisWerkl., Eisbeperatur., 2 Burgvist., Kreisbahn., Stolpethalbahnverw. — Kirchen, Bildungs- u. Wohlfahrtsanstalten: 3 ev., 1 altkath., kath. K., apostol. Kap., Syn.; Gymn., LAyzeum, Lyzeum, LRealg., gew., kaufm. FortbildSch.; 2 Krankenhr., Rettungsh., Badanstn., Elektr., Gas-, Wasserw., Kanalisation, Schlachth. — Garnison: HusarenReg. 5. Invalidenh. mit Kom., ProviantA., GarnVerw., Lazarett. — Banken, Handel u. Industrie: Bkfl. (Umsatz 1911: 371 Mill. Mk.), Kr., StSpk., Zweigniederlass. der Ostbk. für Hdl. u. Gew., S'er Bl., Danziger PrivatBkGes., SeTel.; Flachs-, Garn-, Bram-, Leinwand-, Sack-, Viehmärkte, Wolle-, Getreide-, Obst-, Gemüse-, Holz-, Kohlen-, Lederhdl.; Abt. v. Bernsteinw., Zement., Chemill., Bindfaden, Mindalt, Tadpapier, Lum. Seife, Bürst., Zigarren, Karrannagen, Liter, Masch., Mosaik, Parfum, Parkett, Baumwollweben, Seife, Senf, Stärke, Strum. Strumpfw., Tabak, Wagen, Zucker; Wäl., Kremm., Färbn., Gerb., Mell., Mühl., Sägew., Kalk. — Verwaltung: 1 Ge., 1 Bürgermeister, 2 besoldete u. 6 unbesoldete Stadtr. 30 StVerordnete; Einw. 1910: 38.141, Bude. 8.370.07, Schulkinder 3141, Vermögen 14.782.000 Mk.; mittl. Geburts- u. Sterbeziffer 29,2 u. 18,3‰. Sr C. — Tele. StabI. Bahnhofstr. 12; Ges. Sanit. Anst., E 2,7 km, 160; Städtl. Schwimmbad (Stadtpark), E 1,5 km, 6 E., EPs [illegible] Kath. E. Mehrin, Stadtpark a/d Stadtmühle, E 2 km Granow, 7 E. — 2) [illegible], Kr. Niederbarnim, s. Lichterfelde bei Berlin.

— 3) Pfm., Kr. Ostpr. Rand, s. Rastenburg.

Stolpe, 1) Rg., Pr., Brandbg., Reg. Frankfurt, Kr. Reg. Kombinat Lennerf, Bldo. Cottbus, StbA. u. E 1,6 km Pritzen, P Bernsdorf Bernsdorf; 15 E.

— 2) D. u. Gu., Sa., Reg. Dresden, Bldo. Bautzen, Kr. Hoyerswerda, StbA. Guttau, s. Schönfeld bei Großhennersdorf, E 5 km Guttau, 9 km Schönfeld-Kamenz; 16 E., Sol. (Kuchenmühle).

Stolpe, 1) Mecl. D., Mecl.-Schw., DomA. Tarnow, Bldo. Neustadt, StbA. Stolpe, Sol. [illegible]

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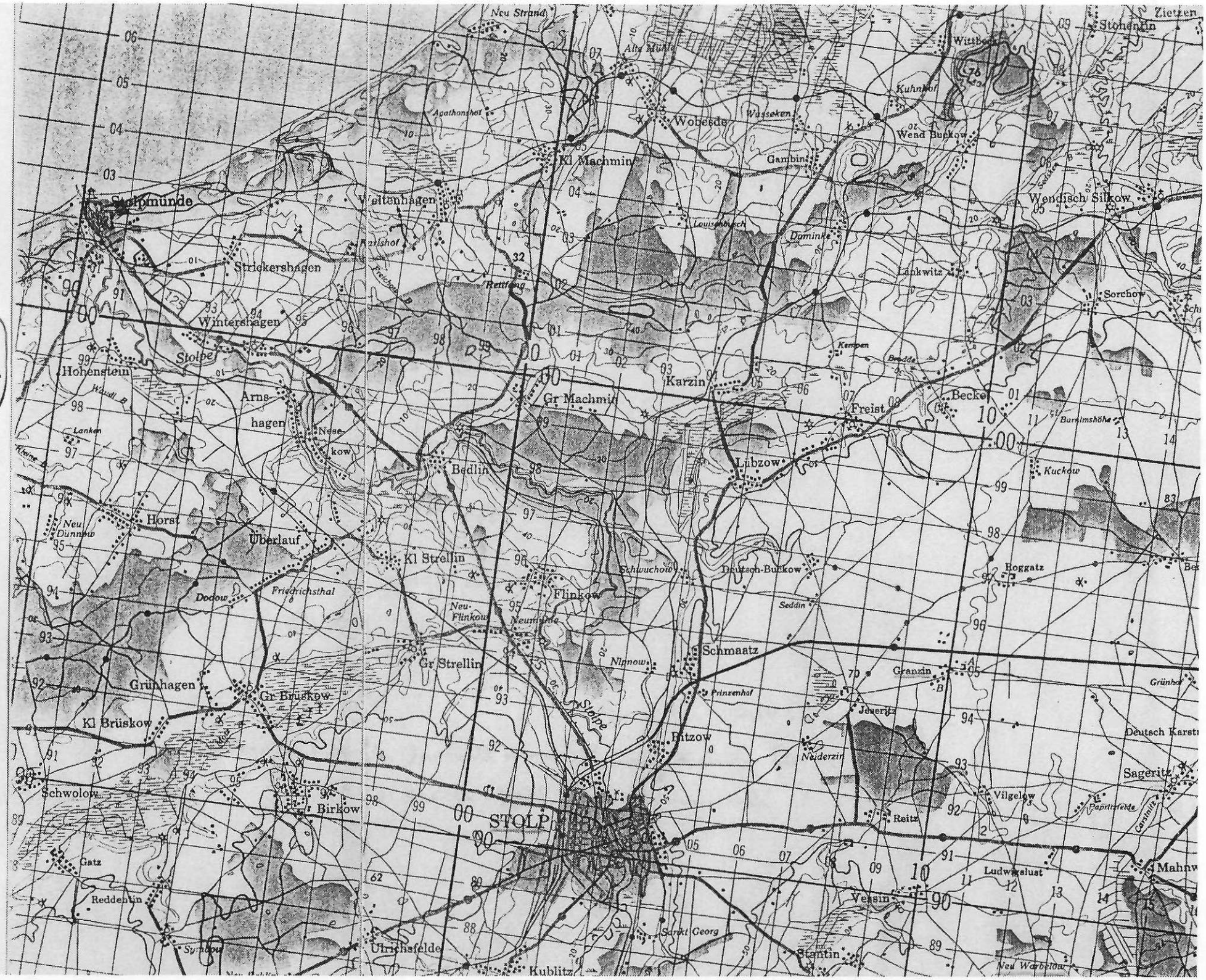

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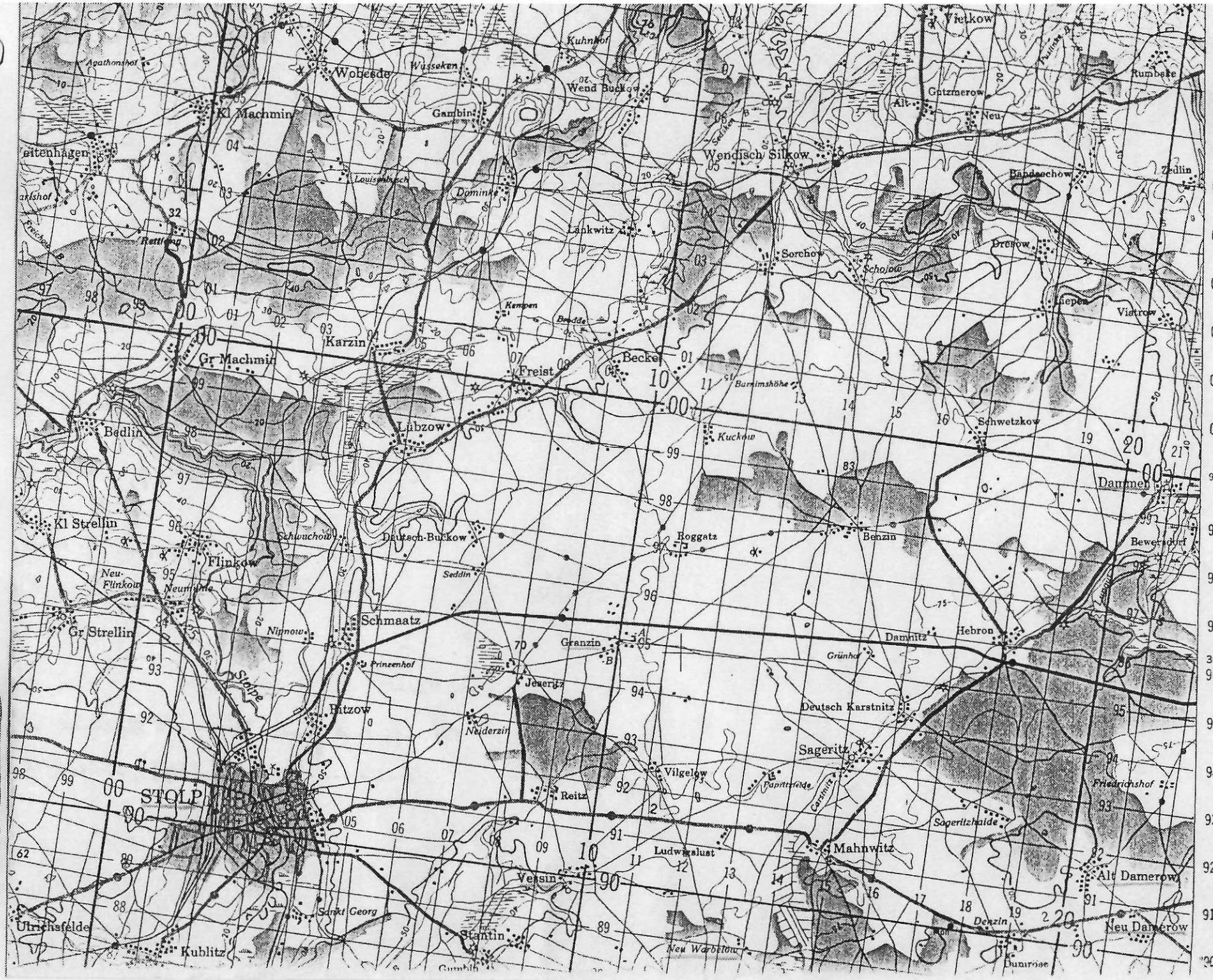
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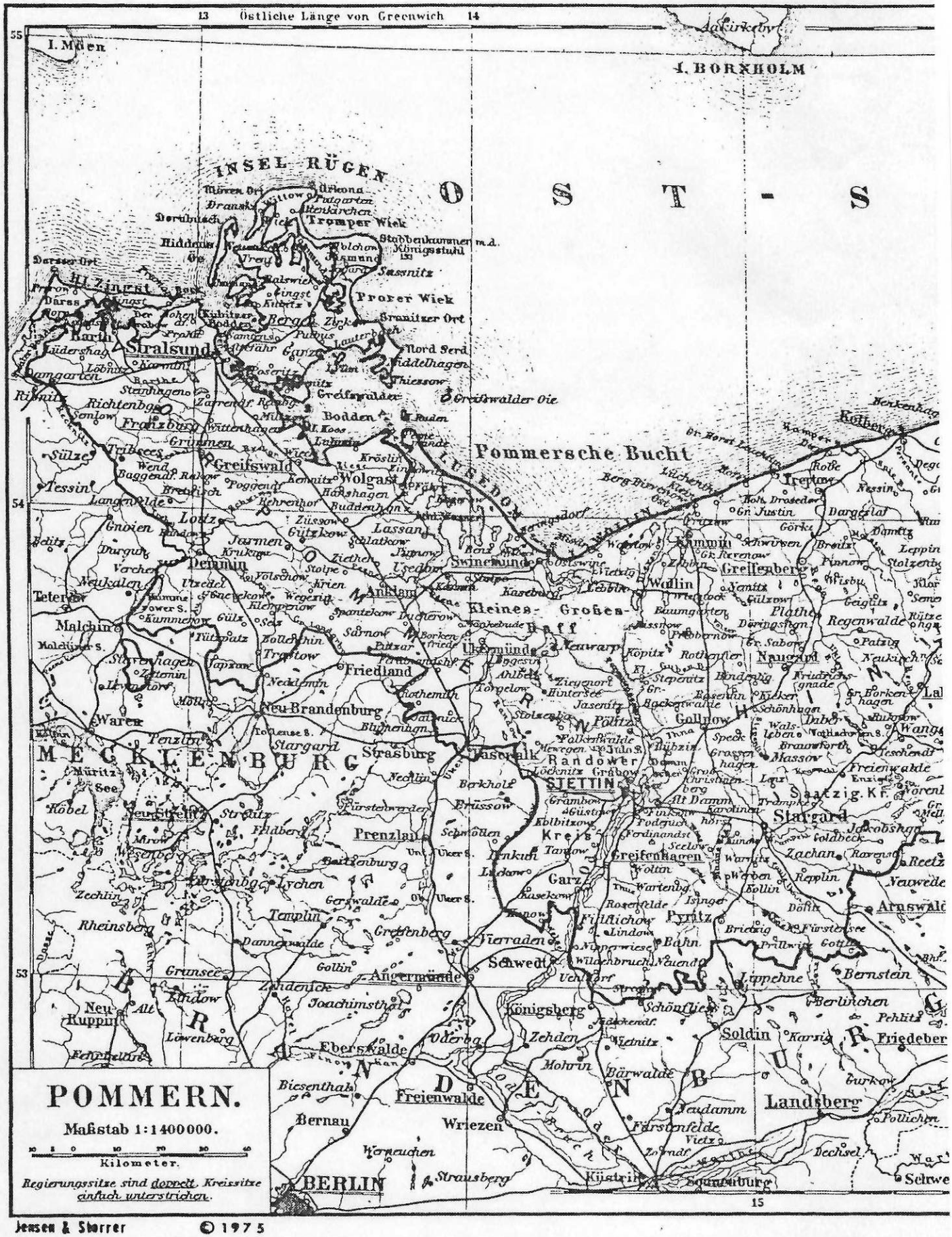
Map of Pommern



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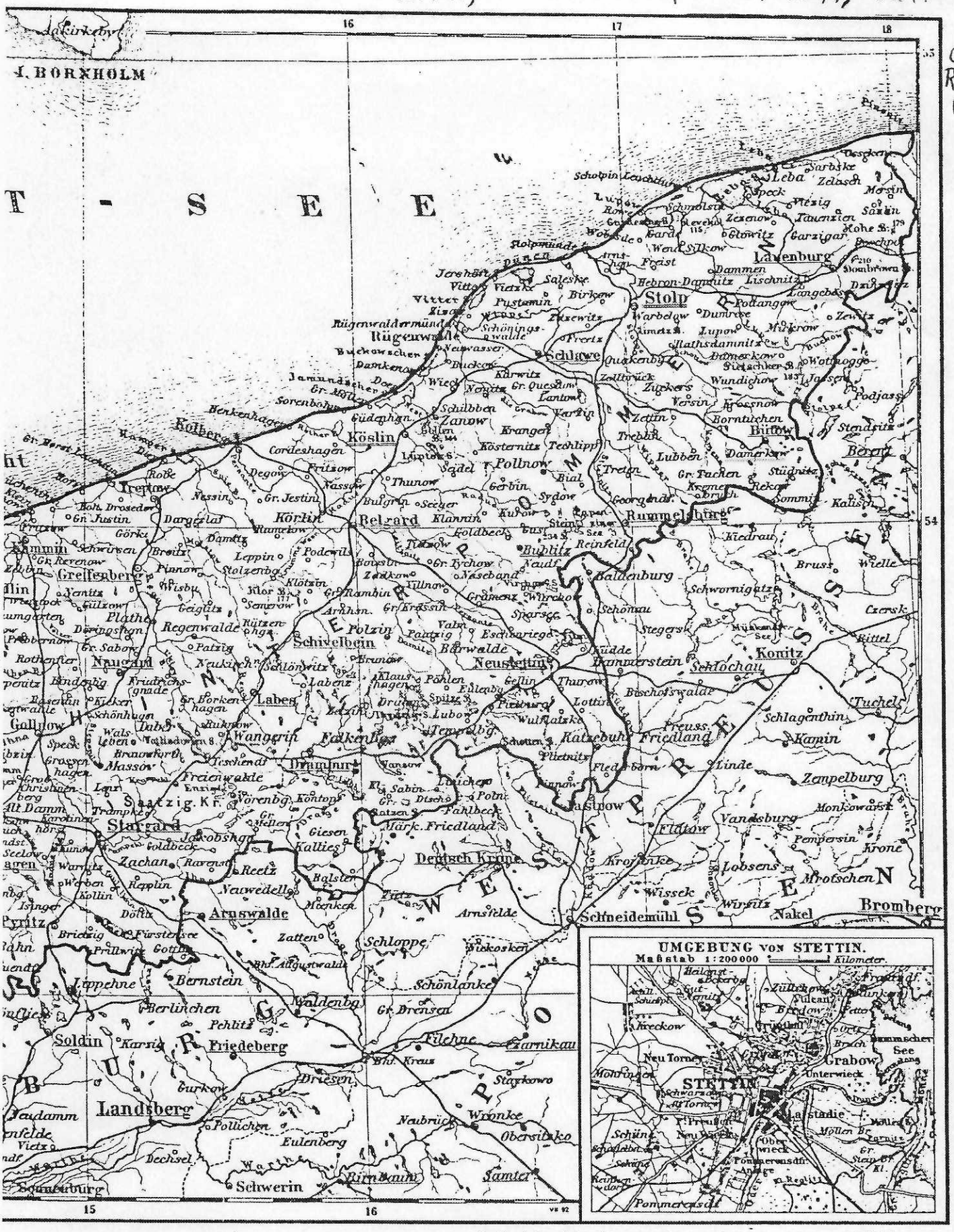

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See the following 12 pages for a list of towns in Stolp and other parts of Pomerania.

Hello, Betty:

Since you are fairly new to our list your question is a valid one, but - to repeat your own words - your well-meant suggestion would be a wasted effort. Our list owner GUNTHARD STUEBS compiled such a comprehensive listing quite some time ago. I downloaded the whole enchilada, and as far as I am concerned it is the best and most complete listing of towns, Gemeinden etc per Kreis in Pommern. When you print it out just make sure that you have enough paper, because the stack will be more than one inch thick when you are done. Here is the sequence of web pages I have in my POMMERN binder:

Die Pommerschen Kreise Ende 1913:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/Kreiskarten/kart1913.html>

Die regionale Literatur ueber Pommern:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Literatur/Regional/>

Die Archive fuer Pommern:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Genealogie/Archive/>

Liste der Archive:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Genealogie/Archive/liste.html>

Kirchenbuchduplikate:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Genealogie/Quellen/Quellenkunde/kirchenbuchduplikate.html>

Standesaemter fuer Pommern:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Genealogie/Standesaemter/>

Ein kleines pommersches Lexikon:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Lexikon/>

Der Regierungsbezirk Koeslin"
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/rbkoeslin.html>

Der Regierungsbezirk Stralsund:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/rbstralsund.html>

Der Regierungsbezirk Stettin:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/rbstettin.html>

Daber-, Naugard- und Dewitzscher Kreis:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Altekreise/dewitzscher.html>

Osten- und Bluecherscher Kreis:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Altekreise/ostenscher.html>

Die pommerschen Staedte:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/staedte.html>

Die pommerschen Stadt- und Landkreise:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/>

And now you take one Kreis at a time as listed under the previous heading (die pommerschen Stadt- und Landkreise), print out everything that is highlighted (except for the Regierungsbezirk and the Literatur, which you already have) and add it to your Pommern folder. For the first Kreis (Landkreis Anklam) your would print out:
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/Anklam/>, and
<http://hinterpommern.de/Verwaltung/Kreise/Anklam/gemeinden.html>

You do the same thing for the remaining 43 Kreise, and you will have the most complete listing of Kreise and Ortschaften in Pommern that you will ever find. As far as I am concerned this listing, together with Gunthard Stuebs' excellent "Wegweiser fuer familien- und heimatkundliche Forschung in Pommern" (which is available in German only) is THE BIBLE for any serious Pommern researcher.

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Landkreis Stolp

(1818 - 1945)

Allgemeines

Landratssitz :	Stolp
Grenzen :	
Einwohnerzahl :	83 009 [1939]
Fläche :	2 226 km^2 [1939]

Verwaltungszugehörigkeit

Regierungsbezirk :	Köslin, Provinz Pommern, Preußen

Verwaltungseinheiten

Gemeindenzahl :	193 [1939]
Anzahl d. Wohnplätze :	643 [1939]
evangel.Kirchspiele:	
kathol. Kirchspiele :	
jüdische Gemeinden:	
Standesämter :	
Amtsbezirke :	
Amtsgerichte :	

Geschichte des Kreises Stolp

Literatur

- Die Literatur zur Verwaltung von Pommern
- Die Literatur über den Kreis Stolp

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Die Gemeinden im Landkreis Stolp

Stand: 1939

Zum Zeitpunkt der Volkzählung am 17. Mai 1939 gab es im Kreis Stolp 193 selbständige Gemeinden, die im folgenden aufgezählt sind. Noch nicht eingeschlossen sind die Wohnplätze.

1. Adlig Kublitz
2. Alt Damerow
3. Alt Gutzmerow
4. Alt Jugelow
5. Arnshagen
6. Bandsechow
7. Beckel
8. Bedlin
9. Benzin
10. Bewersdorf
11. Birkow
12. Bornzin
13. Brackenberg
14. Buchenstein
15. Budow
16. Bukau
17. Daber
18. Damerkow
19. Dammen
20. Dargeröse
21. Darsin
22. Darsow
23. Dresow
24. Dünnow
25. Dumröse
26. Flinkow
27. Freist
28. Gaffert
29. Gallensow
30. Gambin
31. Gatz
32. Giesebitz
33. Glowitz
34. Gohren
35. Granzin

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36. Grapitz
37. Groß Brüskow
38. Groß Dübsow
39. Großendorf
40. Groß Gansen
41. Groß Garde
42. Groß Gluschen
43. Groß Machmin
44. Groß Nossin
45. Groß Podel
46. Groß Rakitt
47. Groß Runow
48. Groß Silkow
49. Groß Strellin
50. Grünhagen
51. Grumbkow
52. Gumbin
53. Hebrondamnitz
54. Hermannshöhe
55. Hohenlinde
56. Hohenstein
57. Holzkathen
58. Horst
59. Jerskewitz
60. Jeseritz
61. Karstnitz
62. Karwen
63. Karzin
64. Klein Brüskow
65. Klein Gansen
66. Klein Garde
67. Klein Gluschen
68. Klein Machmin
69. Klein Nossin
70. Klein Podel
71. Klein Rakitt
72. Klein Silkow
73. Klein Strellin
74. Klenzin
75. Kleschinz
76. Klucken
77. Kose
78. Kottow
79. Krampe
80. Krien
81. Kriwan
82. Krussen
83. Kublitz
84. Kulsow
85. Kunsow

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86. Labehn
87. Labüssow
88. Labuhn
89. Langeböse
90. Lankwitz
91. Lessaken
92. Liepen
93. Lindow
94. Loitz
95. Lojow
96. Lossin
97. Ludwigslust
98. Lübzow
99. Lüllemin
100. Lupow
101. Mahnwitz
102. Malzkow
103. Mellin
104. Mickrow
105. Muddel
106. Mühlenthal
107. Mützenow
108. Muttrin
109. Neitzkow
110. Nesekow
111. Neu Damerow
112. Neu Gutzmerow
113. Neu Jugelow
114. Neurakitt
115. Nippoglense
116. Plassenberg
117. Plassow
118. Poblotz
119. Podewilshausen
120. Poganitz
121. Pottangow
122. Puttkammerhof
123. Quackenburg
124. Ramnitz
125. Rathsdamnitz
126. Reitz
127. Rexin
128. Ritzow
129. Roggatz
130. Rotten
131. Rowe
132. Rowen
133. Rumbske
134. Ruschütz
135. Sageritz

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136. Saleske
137. Sanskow
138. Scharsow
139. Schierwens
140. Schlochow
141. Schmaatz
142. Schmolsin
143. Schöneichen
144. Schönwalde
145. Schorin
146. Schurow
147. Schwarz Damerkow
148. Schwerinshöhe
149. Schwetzkow
150. Schwolow
151. Selesen
152. Sochow
153. Sorchow
154. Stantin
155. Starkow
156. Starnitz
157. Steinfurt
158. Steinwald
159. Stohentin
160. Stojentin
161. Stolpmünde
162. Stresow
163. Strickershagen
164. Überlauf
165. Ulrichsfelde
166. Vargow
167. Varzmin
168. Veddin
169. Velsow
170. Vessin
171. Vieschen
172. Vietkow
173. Vilgelow
174. Virchenzin
175. Vixow
176. Warbelin
177. Warbelow
178. Weitenhagen
179. Wintershagen
180. Wittbeck
181. Wittstock
182. Wobesde
183. Wollin
184. Wundichow
185. Wutzkow

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186. Zechlin
187. Zedlin
188. Zemmin
189. Zezenow
190. Zietzen
191. Zipkow
192. Zirchow
193. Zitzewitz

Zurück zum Landkreis Stolp

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Stadtkreis Stolp

(1898 - 1945)

Allgemeines

Grenzen :

Einwohnerzahl : 50 377 [1939]

Fläche : 42 km^2 [1939]

Verwaltungszugehörigkeit

Regierungsbezirk : Köslin, Provinz Pommern, Preußen

Verwaltungseinheiten

Anzahl d. Wohnplätze : 10 [1939]

evangel.Kirchspiele:

kathol. Kirchspiele :

jüdische Gemeinden:

Standesämter :

Amtsgericht :

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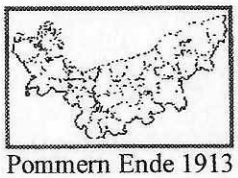
Die pommerschen Stadt- und Landkreise

1815 - 1945

In der ganzen Provinz Pommern gab es 1945 (nach der Angliederung von Teilen der Grenzmark) insgesamt noch 31 Landkreise und 8 Stadtkreise.


Pommern Ende 1913

Im folgenden sind alle Kreise, die irgendwann zwischen 1815 und 1945 existierten, aufgeführt.

Kreisname	Kreisart	Bestehen	Reg.-Bez. 1939
Anklam	Landkreis		Stettin
Arnswalde	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Belgard	Landkreis		Köslin
Bütow	Landkreis	seit 1845	Köslin
Bublitz	Landkreis	1872 - 1932	Köslin
Cammin	Landkreis		Stettin
Demmin	Landkreis		Stettin
Deutsch Krone	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Dramburg	Landkreis		Köslin
Flatow	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Franzburg (-Barth)	Landkreis		Stettin
Friedeberg	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Fürstentum	Landkreis	1818 - 1872	Köslin
Greifenberg	Landkreis		Köslin
Greifenhagen	Landkreis		Stettin
Greifswald	Landkreis		Stettin
Greifswald	Stadtkreis	seit 1913	Stettin
Grimmen	Landkreis		Stettin
Köslin	Landkreis	seit 1872	Köslin
Köslin	Stadtkreis	seit 1923	Köslin
Kolberg-Körlin	Landkreis	seit 1872	Köslin
Kolberg	Stadtkreis	seit 1920	Köslin
Lauenburg - Bütow	Landkreis	bis 1845	Köslin
Lauenburg	Landkreis	seit 1845	Köslin

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Naugard	Landkreis		Stettin
Netzekreis	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Neustettin	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Pyritz	Landkreis		Stettin
Randow	Landkreis	bis 1939	Stettin
Regenwalde	Landkreis		Köslin
Rügen	Landkreis		Stettin
Rummelsburg	Landkreis		Köslin
Saatzig	Landkreis		Stettin
Schivelbein	Landkreis	bis 1932	Köslin
Schlawe (Bei Margret Ott)	Landkreis		Köslin
Schlochau	Landkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Schneidemühl	Stadtkreis		Posen-Westpr.
Stargard	Stadtkreis	seit 1901	Stettin
Stettin	Stadtkreis	seit 1857	Stettin
Stolp	Landkreis		Köslin
Stolp	Stadtkreis	seit 1898	Köslin
Stralsund	Stadtkreis	seit 1874	Stettin
Ueckermünde	Landkreis		Stettin
Usedom-Wollin	Landkreis		Stettin

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[Email about German Kreis organization newspapers]

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Date: 1/23/01 7:29:49 PM Central Standard Time
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Members of the Pomeranian interest group PEW attended

DEW

Hello All,

This site lists newspapers for Kreis organizations They are probably all in German. It is not costly. Possibly there would be lists of names and towns you could write to for more information.

For example, there are three people still alive from my home town of Neuguth. If your research has hit a road block this is another avenue, to write to german people who lived in your town. We are at a time in history where there are still people alive who grew up in these Kreise. In a few years that won't be the case.

It would also be interesting to see an article about your own town, and worth translating. Perhaps some of our own members can/will write articles for these publications.

Paul Sternberg

http://hinterpommern.de/Wegweiser/node85.html

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Members of DEW's interest group

Try putting the name of the town you are researching into this search engine:

→ www.alltheweb.com/

Even the most obscure towns seem to generate a couple results.

Paul Sternberg

Dammen
http://stolp.de/Stolp-Land/dammen.htm

Labehn
http://stolp.de/Stolp-Land/labehn.htm

Darsin
http://stolp.de/Stolp-Land/darsin.htm

Ramnitz (Wend. Karstnitz)
http://stolp.de/Stolp-Land/ramnitz.htm

Lupow
http://stolp.de/Stolp-Land/lupow.htm

Editor's Note

I don't know who Ole Ruschmeyer was, but he sent Dad the next six pages of interesting background on the district and city of Stolp, Pomerania. He translated the German text himself, and he sent the material to Dad on February 28, 2001. I suspect Ole might have been a member of the Pomeranian interest group that Dad attended.

Tom Witheridge
June 5, 2023

II-28-01

David,

Enclosed is the Stolp material:

A. 1 copy each of District and City District in German text

B. 1 copy ea of translations of above

C. 1 copy ea of District + City District Maps

Ole Ruschmeyer

[Feb. 28, 2001] (27)

DISTRICT STOLP

With its 193 village communities, Stolp is the largest Prussian District. Between the 41 meter high Muddy Dunes and up to the vast landscape of shifting dunes, between the Baltic Sea and Lake Leba, lies the prettiest seashore of the Pomeranian Coast. The beautiful white sand attracted many seaside visitors to the Stolp estuary, which also had an important harbor for transferring of cargo. The fishermen pulled up catches of salmon and flounders. Nowhere were smoked flounder so savoury as here.

Easterly of the city the blue clay walls of the precipitous, steep coast rise up 30 meters high and behind these lie peaceful villages surrounded by shady beech and pine woodlands. In the local vernacular, the remains of a megalithic burial place there is named "The Petrified Bells of Neustrand". The Revekol hill, woven into legends and myths, was once a "sacred mountain" of the ancients. From that site one has a magnificent view over the wide Lake Garder and to the "Painter's Nook", the city of Rowe. Here, and at Lake Leba, Max Pechstein created his famous picture, "Lupow Estuary", and many other significant works. In the distance between Lake Leba and Lake Garder, the Scholpin lighthouse rises above the charming landscape.

Easterly of the lighthouse sets a narrow tongue of land, 15 km long and only one km across, which separates Lake Leba from the Baltic Sea. On its highest point, the 42 meter high Lonske-Dunes, a glider flying school was located, and from there the white sailors of the air drew out their courses.

The huge sand heaps of the narrow tongue of land are like migrating dunes in constant motion and belong to the most significant wonders of nature in Europe.

In the south of the District, the Lupow River and Stolpe River flow meanderingly northward through superb alpine forests, traversing charming valleys and extensive pine woods. The black-white half timbered houses, with their red tile roofs, lie, as in a dream, along brooks and ponds. However, in the midst of these, industrial activity has produced the paper factory in Rathsdammitz, the powerful iron forge in Scharsow as well as brick kilns and calcareous limestone quarries.

The major branch of industry in District Stolp, however, was agriculture. In the northwest, wheat and sugar beets flourished on the heavy soils; and, in sections of land to the east, the rye and potato crops were excessive. On the plains, the extensive, productive meadowlands promoted a successful cattle raising activity. The "total milk yield" amounted to 100 million liters.

Gerda von Below described a harvest day in her native village, Saleske, with the verse: "Now the last wagon already swayed to the farmyard,
harshly rand the threshing music from the threshing floor,
and from the houses harvest traditions turn out
to form links back in time . . ."

[Original source unknown]

Translation by: Orlando R. Ruschmeyer
From: Pommern in 1440 Bildern. By: Klaus Gramzow
Verlag Gerhard Rautenberg (1986)

[Source unknown]

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Wappen von Stolpmünde

Wappen von Schmolsin

Landkreis Stolp

Mit seinen 193 Landgemeinden ist er der größte preußische Kreis. Zwischen der 41 m hohen Muddeldüne bis hin zur gewaltigen Wanderdünenlandschaft zwischen Ostsee und Lebasee liegt der breiteste Strand der pommerschen Küste. Der feine weiße Sand lockte viele Badegäste nach Stolpmünde, das auch einen bedeutenden Hafenumschlag hatte. Die Fischer zogen auf Lachs- und Flundernfang. Räucherflundern waren nirgends so schmackhaft wie hier.

Östlich der Stadt stiegen die blauen Tonwände der Steilküste 30 m hoch, hinter denen von schattigen Buchen- und Kiefernwäldern umrahmt stille Dörfer lagen. Die Reste eines Großsteingrabes nannte der Volksmund „Die versteinerten Glocken von Neustrand". Der sagenumwobene Revekol war den Alten einst ein „heiliger Berg". Von ihm aus hat man einen herrlichen Blick über den weiten Gardersee und zum „Malerwinkel" Rowe. Hier und am Lebasee schuf Max Pechstein sein berühmtes Bild „Lupowmündung" und viele andere bedeutende Werke. Zwischen Garder- und Lebasee überragt der Leuchtturm von Scholpin weithin die reizvolle Landschaft.

Östlich von ihm setzt eine 15 km lange, im Durchschnitt nur 1 km breite Nehrung an, die Ostsee und Lebasee scheidet. An ihrer höchsten Stelle, der 42 m hohen Lonske-Düne, lag eine Segelflugschule, von der aus die weißen Segler der Lüfte ihre Bahn zogen.

Die ungeheuren Sandmassen der Nehrung sind als Wanderdüne in ständiger Bewegung und gehören zu den bedeutendsten Naturwundern Europas.

Im Süden des Kreises schlängeln sich durch prächtige Hochwälder die Lupow und die Stolpe nach Norden, durchqueren liebliche Täler und weite Kiefernforsten. An kleinen Gewässern und Bächen liegen verträumt die schwarz-weißen Fachwerkhäuser mit ihren roten Ziegeldächern. Dazwischen aber zeugen von industrieller Tätigkeit die Papierfabrik in Rathsdamnitz, der mächtige Eisenhammer in Scharsow sowie Ziegeleien und Kalksandsteinwerke.

Der Haupterwerbszweig im Landkreis Stolp aber war die Landwirtschaft. Im Nordwesten gediehen auf dem schweren Boden Weizen und Zuckerrüben, im östlichen Landesteil war der Überschuß an Roggen und Kartoffeln groß. In der Ebene breitete sich eine fruchtbare Wiesenlandschaft aus, die eine erfolgreiche Rindviehzucht begünstigte. Das „Gesamtmilchaufkommen" betrug 100 Millionen Liter.

Gerda von Below beschreibt einen Erntetag in ihrem Heimatdorf Saleske mit den Versen:

„Nun schwankt zu Hofe schon der letzte Wagen,
hart von der Tenne klingt die Dreschmusik,
und aus den Häusern kehren Erntesagen
zu Form gebunden, in die Zeit zurück..."

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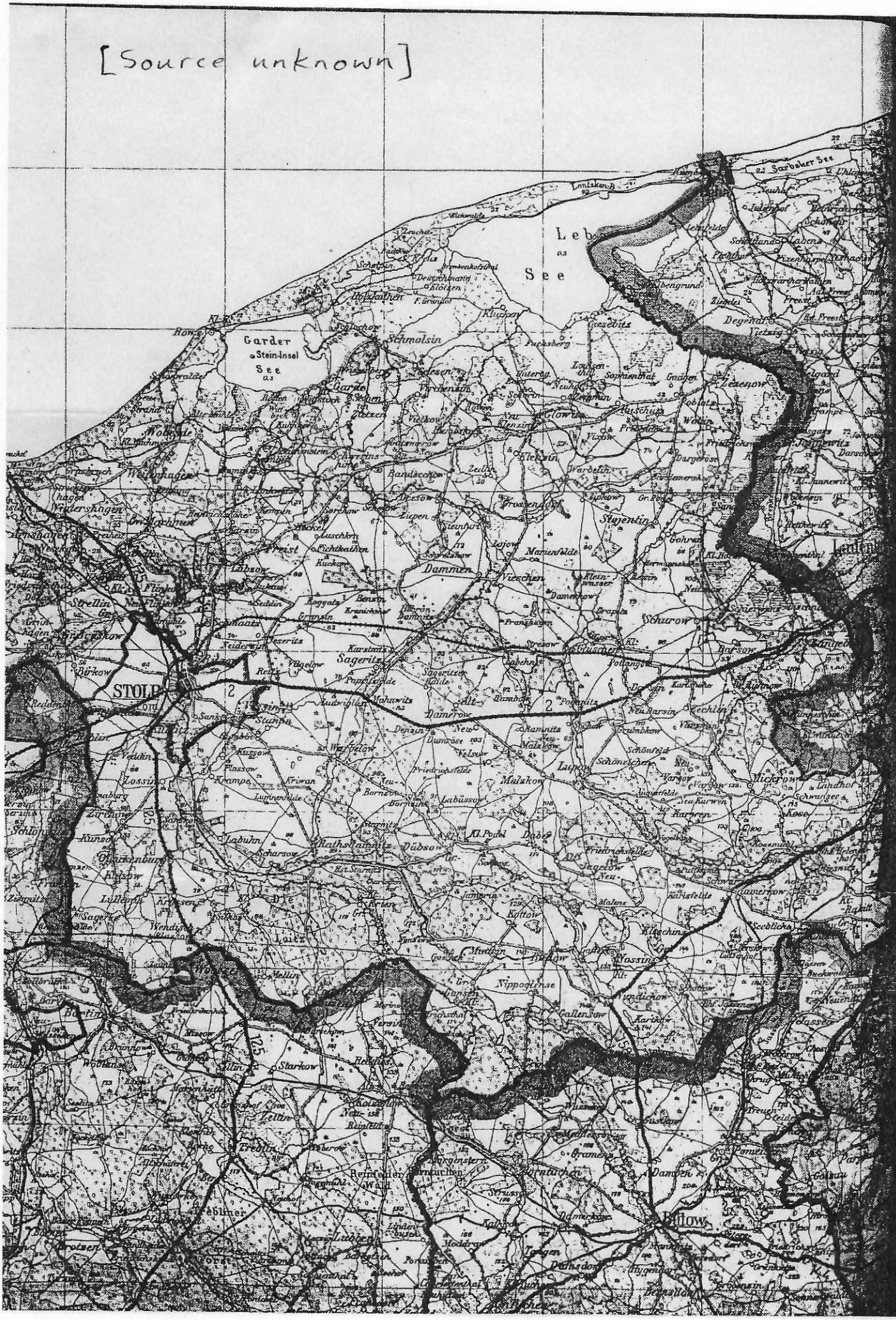

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CITY DISTRICT STOLP

The city, in the valley of the Stolpe River, was the cultural and economic central point of East Pomerania. As the second largest Pomeranian city, it, at times, already posessed the elegant charm of a larger city. This character brought it the name, "Little Paris". Spacious squares, wide streets, with parklike designs, momentous gates, stately churches, Baroque style gabled houses and rustic half-timbered building construction gave evidence of the prosperity of the city and its citizens.

Stolp already obtained German civil government in the year 1310. And, through its favorable position at the intersection of commerce from west to east and south to north, it could develope rapidly. Connected to the sea through the harbor of Stolpemunde, the city of Stolp entered into partnership with the Hanseatic League in the year 1381 A.D. The guilds and handicrafts also had a golden basis there; approximately 300 amber turners prepared artistic jewelry from the "Gold of the Baltic Sea" (amber). Later, engineering works and the largest furniture factory in Eastern Germany were begun. The tasty "Stolpen Jungchen" rolled out of the railroad station into the entire world.

The Gothic style brick Church of St. Marien; the ponderous, massive New Gate and the smaller, high, Mill Gate; the venerable Duke Castle and the slender tower of the castle church; as well as the Witches Tower with the remains of the town wall; and the small, late Gothic style, St. George Chapel were the favorite objects of interest in the city.

Here, for a long time, Prince Blucher was the regimental commander of the colorful "Red Hussars". The most distinguished son of the city is Postmaster Gereral, Heinrich von Stepham, who also attended the celebrated, old grammar school of his native town.

A large metropolitan-like management governed in the commerce streets of the old city. The city inhabitants sought recreation and relaxation in the broad, green meadows of the Stolpe River Valleys, in "Waldkater" and in "Waldkatze" (Wood Cat), with their shaded hiking trails. Old people and youth loved this city of which in an old verse is said: "Oh Stolpe, you are highly praised
In the whole land one does not find your happiness !"

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Wappen von Stolp

Stadtkreis Stolp

Kultureller und wirtschaftlicher Mittelpunkt Ostpommerns war die Stadt im Stolpetal. Als zweitgrößte Stadt Pommerns besaß sie zuweilen schon den eleganten Charm einer Großstadt, der ihr den Namen „Klein-Paris" einbrachte. Geräumige Plätze, breite Straßen mit parkähnlichen Anlagen, wuchtige Tore, stattliche Kirchen, barocke Giebelhäuser und rustikale Fachwerkbauten zeugen vom Wohlstand der Stadt und ihrer Bürger.

Bereits im Jahre 1310 erhielt Stolp deutsches Stadtrecht und konnte sich durch seine günstige Lage im Schnittpunkt des Verkehrs von West nach Ost und Süd nach Nord schnell entwickeln. Durch den Hafen Stolpmünde mit dem Meer verbunden trat die Stadt 1381 der Hanse bei. Auch das Handwerk hatte in Stolp goldenen Boden, etwa 300 Bernsteindreher fertigten kunstvollen Schmuck aus dem „Gold der Ostsee". Später entstanden Maschinenfabriken und die größte Möbelfabrikation Ostdeutschlands. Der wohlschmeckende „Stolper Jungchen" rollte vom Bahnhof in die ganze Welt.

Die gotische Backsteinkirche von St. Marien, das schwere, massige Neue Tor und das schmalere, hohe Mühlentor, das ehrwürdige Herzogschloß und der schlanke Turm der Schloßkirche sowie der Hexenturm mit den Resten der Stadtmauer und die kleine spätgotische St. Georgskapelle waren die bevorzugten Sehenswürdigkeiten der Stadt.

Fürst Blücher war hier lange Zeit Regimentskommandeur der schmucken „Roten Husaren". Der berühmteste Sohn der Stadt ist Generalpostmeister Heinrich von Stephan, der auch die berühmte alte Lateinschule seiner Vaterstadt besuchte.

In den Geschäftsstraßen der Altstadt herrschte großstädtischer „Betrieb". In den weiten, grünen Auen des Stolpetals, im „Waldkater" und in der „Waldkatze" mit ihren schattigen Wanderwegen suchte die Bevölkerung Erholung. Alt und jung liebte diese Stadt, von der es in einem alten Vers hieß:

„O Stolpe, du bist ehrenryck,
im Lande findt man nicht dyn glyk!"

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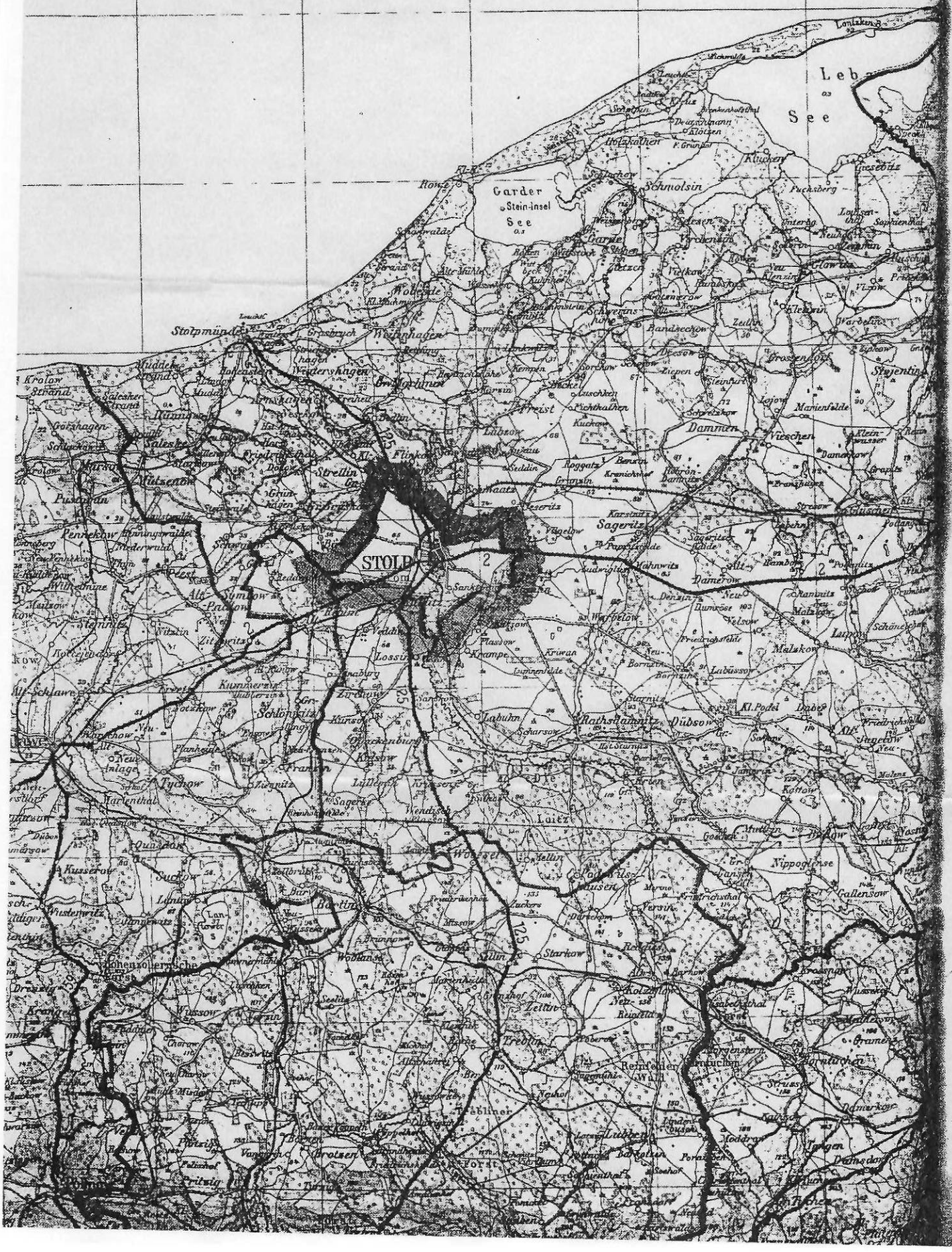

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Gemeinden im Landkreis Stolp vor 1945 *Umbenennungen 1937*

mit deutschen Amtsbezirken und Kirchspielen, (keine Garantie für einzelne Veränderungen durch Gebietsreformen)

Gemeinden (villages)	Poln.Ortsname	dtsch.Amtbezirk	dtsch.Kirchspiel	Kirchenkreis
01. Adlig Kublitz	Kobylinczka	Lossin	Kublitz **	Stolp-Stadt
02. Alt Damerow	Stara Dabrowa	Ramnitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Altstadt
03. Alt Gutzmerow	Chocmirowo	Bandsechow	Wend.Silkow (GGarde>1899)	Stolp-Altstadt
04. Alt Jugelow	Gogolewo	Lupow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
05. Arnshagen	Charnowo	Arnshagen	Arnshagen	Stolp-Stadt
06. Bandsechow	Bedziechowo	Bandsechow	Wend.Silkow (Gr.Garde>1899)	Adlig Kublitz
07. Beckel	Wiklino	Lübzow	Freist	Stolp-Altstadt
08. Bedlin	Bydlino	Gr. Machmin	Weitenhagen	Stolp-Stadt
09. Benzin	Biecino	Hebrondamnitz	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
10. Bewersdorf	Bobrowniki	Bewersdorf	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
11. Birkow	Bierkowo	Gr. Brüskow	Symbow,Kr.Schlawe	Stolp-Stadt
12. Bornzin	Borzecino	Bornzin	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
13. Brackenberg (Sagerke)	Zagorki	Kunsow	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
14. Buchenstein (Wend.Buckow)	Bukowa	Sorchow	Gr. Garde(Gambin)	Stolp-Altstadt
15. Budow	Budowo	Budow	Budow	Bütow
16. Bukau (Deutsch Buckow)	Bukowka	Ritzow	St.Petri-K.Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
17. Daber (Dobbre,Dabern)	Dobra	Gr. Dübsow	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
18. Damerkow	Dabrowka	Bewersdorf	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
19. Dammen	Damno	Bewersdorf	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
20. Dargeröse	Dargoleza	Zezenow	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
21. Darsin	Darzyno	Grumbkow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
22. Darsow	Darzewo	Schurow	Schurow	Stolp-Altstadt
23. Dresow	Drzezewko	Bandsechow	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
24. Dünnow	Duninowo	Dünnow	Dünnow	Stolp-Stadt
25. Dumröse	Domaradz	Bornzin	Gr.Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
26. Flinkow	Wlynkowo	Gr. Strellin	St. Marien,Stolp	Stolp-Stadt
26. Flinkow-Neumühl	Korzek	Gr. Strellin	Arnshagen	Stolp-Stadt
Freist	Wrzescie	Lübzow	Freist	Stolp-Altstadt
Gaffert	Jawory	Wundichow	Budow	Bütow
Gallensow	Galezow	Budow	Budow	Bütow
Gambin	Gabino	Gambin	Gr. Garde,Gambin	Stolp-Altstadt
Gambin-Dominke	Dominek	Gambin	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
Gambin-Wusseken	Osieki	Gambin	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
Gatz	Gac	Gatz	Symbow,Kr.Schlawe	Stolp-Stadt

32. Giesebitz	Izbica	Giesebitz	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
33. Glowitz	Glowczyce	Glowitz	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
Gohren	Gorzyno	Stojentin	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
35. Granzin	Grasino	Ritzow	St.Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
36. Grapitz	Grapice	Kl. Gluschen	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
37. Gross Brüskow	Bruskowo Wielkie	Gr. Brüskow	Gr. Brüskow	Stolp-Stadt
37. Gr.Brüskow Forsth.Buchhorst	.	Gr. Brüskow	Dünnow	Stolp-Stadt
37. Gross Brüskow-Scharfenstein	Krezoly	Gr. Brüskow	Mützenow	Stolp-Stadt
38. Gross Dübsow	Dobieszewo	Gr. Dübsow	Gr.Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
Grossendorf (Grotendorp,Zarrentin)	Wielka Wies	Großendorf	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
Grossendorf-Dochow	Dochowo	Großendorf	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
40. Gross Gansen	Galaznia	Muttrin	Budow	Bütow
41. Gross Garde	Gardna Wielka	Gr. Garde	Gr. Garde,Gambin	Stolp-Altstadt
Gross Gluschen	Gluszyno	Kl. Gluschen	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
Gross Machmin	Machowino	Gr. Machmin	Weitenhagen	Stolp-Stadt
44. Gross Nossin	Nozyno	Gr. Nossin	Gr. Nossin	Bütow
45. Gross Podel	Podole Wielkie	Stojentin	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
Gross Rakitt	Rokity	Hohenlinde	Gr. Rakitt	Stolp-Altstadt
47. Gross Runow	Runowo	Langeböse	Schurow	Stolp-Altstadt
48. Gross Silkow	Zelki	Gr. Silkow	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
49. Gross Strellin	Strzelino	Gr. Strellin	Arnshagen	Stolp-Stadt
Grünhagen	Wierzbiecin	Gr. Brüskow	Gr. Brüskow	Stolp-Stadt
Grumbkow	Grabkowo	Grumbkow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
Gumbin	Globino	Krampe	St.Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
53. Hebrondamnitz	Damnica	Hebrondamnitz	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
Hermannshöhe	Radoslaw	Stojentin	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
Hohenlinde (Bochowke)	Bochowko	Hohenlinde	Gr. Rakitt	Stolp-Altstadt
Hohenstein	Wodnica	Arnshagen	Arnshagen	Stolp-Stadt
57. Holzkathen	Smoldzinski Las	Schmolsin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
58. Horst	Peplino	Arnshagen	Dünnow	Stolp-Stadt
Jerskewitz	Jerzkowice	Schw.Damerkow	Gr. Nossin	Bütow
Jeseritz	Jezierzyce	Ritzow	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
Jeseritz-Seddin	.	Ritzow	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
Karstnitz (Deutsch Karstnitz)	Karzniczka	Hebrondamnitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Altstadt
62. Karwen	Karwno	Mickrow	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
Karzin	Karzcino	Lübzow	Weitenhagen	Stolp-Stadt
Klein Brüskow	Bruskowo	Gr. Brüskow	Gr. Brüskow	Stolp-Stadt
Klein Gansen	Galaznia	Muttrin	Budow	Bütow
66. Klein Garde	Gardna Mala	Gr. Garde	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
67. Klein Gluschen	Gluszynko	Kl. Gluschen	Schurow (Dammen)	Stolp-Altstadt

68. Klein Machmin	Machowinko	Weitenhagen	Weitenhagen	Stolp-Stadt
69. Klein Nossin	Nozynko	Wundichow	Gr. Nossin	Bütow
Klein Podel	Podole Male	Gr. Dübsow	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
Klein Rakitt	Rokitki	Hohenlinde	Gr. Rakitt (Mickrow)	Stolp-Altstadt
72. Klein Silkow	Zelkowko	Gr. Silkow	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
73. Klein Strellin	Strzelinko	Gr. Strellin	Arnshagen	Stolp-Stadt
74. Klenzin	Klecino	Großendorf	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
75. Kleschinz	Kleszczyniec	Gr. Nossin	Gr. Nossin	Bütow
76. Klucken	Kluki	Schmolsin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
77. Kose	Kozy	Kose	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
Kottow	Kotowo	Muttrin	Budow	Bütow
79. Krampe	Krepa	Krampe	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
80. Krien	Krzynia	Starnitz	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
Krien-Henriettenthal	Spole	Starnitz	Budow	Bütow
Kriwan	Krzywan	Rathsdamnitz	Rathsdamnitz	Stolp-Stadt
Kriwan-Hohenfelde	.	Rathsdamnitz	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
82. Krussen	Kruszyna	Lüllemin	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
83. Kublitz	Kobylnica	Lossin	Schloßkirche Stolp	Stolp-Stadt
84. Kulsow (Culsow)	Kuleszewo	Kunsow	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
85. Kunsow	Konczewo	Kunsow	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
86. Labehn	Lebien	Bewersdorf	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
87. Labüssow	Labiszewo	Bornzin	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
88. Labuhn	Lubun	Lüllemin	Quackenburg (St.Petri,Stolp>1866))	Stolp-Stadt
89. Langeböse	Pogorzelice	Langeböse	Schurow	Stolp-Altstadt
90. Lankwitz	Lekwica	Sorchow	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
91. Lessaken	Lesiaki	Hohenlinde	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
92. Liepen	Lipno	Bandsechow	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
93. Lindow	Ledewo	Dünnow	Dünnow	Stolp-Stadt
94. Loitz	Lysomice	Loitz	Gr. Dübsow (Rathsdamnitz>1817)	Stolp-Stadt
95. Lojow	Lojewo	Bewersdorf	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
95. Lojow-Gesorke	.	Bewersdorf	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
96. Lossin	Losino	Lossin	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
Ludwigslust	Saborze	Mahnwitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Stadt
Lübzow	Lubuczewo	Lübzow	Freist (St.Petri, Stolp)	Stolp-Altstadt
99. Lüllemin	Lulemino	Lüllemin	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
100. Lupow	Lupawa	Lupow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
Mahnwitz	Mianowice	Mahnwitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Altstadt
102. Malzkow	Malczkowo	Lupow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
103. Mellin	Mielno	Gr. Silkow	Rathsdamnitz (Quackenburg>1852)	Stolp-Stadt
104. Mickrow (incl. Kosemühl)	Mikorze	Mickrow	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
104. Mickrow	Mikorowo	Mickrow	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt

Muddel	Modla	Dünnow	Dünnow	Stolp-Stadt
Mühlental (Wottnogge)	Otnoga	Schw.Damerkow	Gr. Rakitt	Stolp-Altstadt
Mühlental-Seeblick (Saviat)	Zaviat	Schw.Damerkow	Gr. Rakitt	Stolp-Altstadt
Mühlental-Eichen (Dambee)	.	Schw.Damerkow	Gr. Rakitt	Stolp-Altstadt
107. Mützenow	Mozdzanowo	Mützenow	Mützenow	Stolp-Stadt
108. Muttrin	Motarzyno	Muttrin	Budow	Bütow
108. Muttrin-Jägerhaus	.	Muttrin	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
108. Muttrin-Jamrin	Jamrzyno	Muttrin	Gr. Dübsow	Stolp-Altstadt
Neitzkow	Nieckowo	Schurow	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
110. Nesekow	Niestkowo	Gr. Machmin	Weitenhagen	Stolp-Stadt
Neu Damerow	Nowa Dabrowa	Rathsdamnitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Altstadt
Neu Gutzmerow	Chocmirowko	Bandsechow	Schwerinshöhe (Gr.Garde>1899)	Stolp-Altstadt
113. Neu Jugelow	Gogolewko	Lupow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
NeuRakitt	Rokiciny	Hohenlinde	Gr. Rakitt	Stolp-Altstadt
Nippoglense	Niepogledzie	Budow	Budow	Bütow
116. Plassenberg (Wend. Plassow)	Plaszewo	Lüllemin	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
Plassow (Deutsch Plassow)	Plaszewko	Krampe	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
118. Poblotz	Poblocie	Zezenow	Zezenow	Stolp-Altstadt
119. Podewilshausen	Podwilczyn	Gr. Silkow	Rathsdamnitz	Stolp-Stadt
120. Poganitz	Poganice	Grumbkow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
121. Pottangow	Potegowo	Grumbkow	Schurow	Stolp-Altstadt
Puttkamerhof (Niemietzke)	Podkomorzyce	Schw.Damerkow	Gr. Nossin	Bütow
123. Quackenburg	Kwakowo	Lüllemin	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
Wobeser u. Missow, Rummelsb.	Objezierze,Miszewo	.	Quackenburg	Stolp-Stadt
124. Ramnitz + Rambow (Wend.Karstnitz)	Karznica+Rebowo	Ramnitz	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
125. Rathsdamnitz	Debnica Kaszubska	Rathsdamnitz	Rathsdamnitz	Stolp-Stadt
Reitz	Redzikowo	Reitz	Vessin	Stolp-Stadt
127. Rexin	Rzechcino	Kl. Gluschen	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
128. Ritzow	Ryczewo	Ritzow	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
Roggatz	Rogawica	Lübzow	Freist (St.Petri, Stolp)	Stolp-Altstadt
Rotten	Retowo	Gambin	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
Rowe	Rowy	Wobesde	Rowe	Stolp-Altstadt
Rowe-Kleinrowe	Rowek	Wobesde	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
132. Rowen	Rowno	Rumbske	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
133. Rumbske	Rumbsko	Rumbske	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
Ruschütz	Rzuszcze	Glowitz	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
135. Sageritz	Zagorzyca	Mahnwitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Altstadt

13. (Sagerke) Brackenberg	Zagorki	Kunsow	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
136. Saleske	Zaleskie	Saleske	Dünnow	Stolp-Stadt
137. Sanskow	Zajaczkowo	Lossin	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
138. Scharsow	Skarszow	Rathsdamnitz	Rathsdamnitz (St. Petri, Stolp)	Stolp-Stadt
139. Schierwens	Czerwieniec	Schurow	Schurow (Stojentin)	Stolp-Altstadt
Schlochow	Czluchy	Schmolsin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
Schmaatz	Siemianice	Ritzow	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
Schmaatz-Schwuchow	Swochowo	Ritzow	Freist	Stolp-Altstadt
Schmaatz-Seddin	Zydzino	Ritzow	Freist	Stolp-Altstadt
142. Schmolsin	Smoldzino	Schmolsin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
Schöneichen	Dabrowno	Grumbkow	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
Schönwalde	Debina	Wobesde	Rowe	Stolp-Altstadt
Schorin	Skorzyno	Rumbske	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
146. Schurow	Skorowo	Schurow	Schurow	Stolp-Altstadt
Schwarz Damerkow	Czarna Dabrowka	Schw.Damerkow	Gr. Nossin	Bütow
148. Schwerinshöhe (Wend. Silkow)	Zelkowo	Sorchow	Schwerinshöhe	Stolp-Altstadt
149. Schwetzkow	Swiecichowo	Hebrondamnitz	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
150. Schwolow	Swolowo	Gr. Brüskow	Gr. Brüskow	Stolp-Stadt
151. Selesen	Zelazo	Schmolsin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
152. Sochow	Zochowo	Ramnitz	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
153. Sorchow	Zoruchowo	Sorchow	Schwerinshöhe	Stolp-Altstadt
154. Stantin	Staniecino	Krampe	St. Petri, Stolp	Stolp-Altstadt
155. Starkow	Starkowo	Mützenow	Mützenow	Stolp-Stadt
156. Starnitz	Starnice	Starnitz	Gr. Dübsow	.
Starnitzer Siedlung	.	Starnitz	Rathsdamnitz	.
Steinfurt (Viatrow)	Wiatrowo	.	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
Steinwald, teilweise	Krzemienica	Gr. Brüskow	Mützenow	Stolp-Stadt
Steinwald, teilweise	Krzemienica	Gr. Brüskow	Gr. Brüskow	Stolp-Stadt
Stohentin	Stojcino	Groß Garde	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
160. Stojentin	Stowiecino	Stojentin	Stojentin	Stolp-Altstadt
Stolp	Slups	Stolp	Stolp	.
161. Stolpmünde	Ustka	Stolpmünde	Wintershagen	Stolp-Stadt
Stresow	Strzyzyno	Kl. Gluschen	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
Strickershagen	Przewloka	Wintershagen	Stolpmünde (Wintershagen)	Stolp-Stadt
Überlauf	Galezinowo	Arnshagen	Arnshagen	Stolp-Stadt
Ulrichsfelde	Boleslawice	Lossin	Schloßkirche Stolp	Stolp-Stadt
Vargow	Wargowo	Mickrow	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
Varzmin	Warcimino	Mickrow	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
168. Veddin	Widzino	Lossin	Schloßkirche Stolp	Stolp-Stadt
169. Velsow	Wieliszewo	Ramnitz	Lupow	Stolp-Altstadt
170. Vessin	Wieszyno	Reitz	Vessin	Stolp-Stadt

Vieschen	Wiszno	Bewersdorf	Dammen	Stolp-Altstadt
Vietkow	Witkowo	Virchenzin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
Vilgelow	Wieloglowy	Reitz	Vessin	Stolp-Stadt
Vilgelow-Papritzfelde	Paprzyce	Reitz	Sageritz	Stolp-Altstadt
174. Virchenzin	Wierzchocino	Virchenzin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
175. Vixow	Wykosowo	Glowitz	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
176. Warbelin	Warblino	Großendorf	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
177. Warbelow	Warblewo	Reitz	Vessin	Stolp-Stadt
Weitenhagen	Wytowno	Weitenhagen	Weitenhagen	Stolp-Stadt
Wintershagen	Grabno	Wintershagen	Wintershagen	.
Wittbeck	Czysta	Gambin	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
Wittstock	Wysoka	Gambin	Gr. Garde	Stolp-Altstadt
182. Wobesde	Objazda	Wobesde	Rowe	Stolp-Altstadt
Wollin	Wolinia	Zezenow	Zezenow (Stojentin)	Stolp-Altstadt
184. Wundichow	Unichowo	Wundichow	Budow	Bütow
Wutzkow	Oskowo	Hohenlinde	Mickrow	Stolp-Altstadt
Zechlin	Zychlin	Langeböse	Schurow	Stolp-Altstadt
Zedlin	Siodlonie	Rumbske	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
Zemmin	Ciemino	Glowitz	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
189. Zezenow	Cecenowo	Zezenow	Zezenow	Stolp-Altstadt
Zietzen	.Siecie	Virchenzin	Schmolsin	Stolp-Altstadt
Zipkow	Szczypkowice	Großendorf	Glowitz	Stolp-Altstadt
192. Zirchow	Sierakowo	Kunsow	Zirchow	Stolp-Stadt
Zitzewitz	Sycewice	Gatz	Symbow,Kr. Schlawe	Stolp-Stadt

Umbenennungen von Gemeinden 1937

Alphabetisches Verzeichnis der 1937 umbenannten Gemeinden und nicht selbständigen Ortsteile (Wohnplätze)
Quelle: Ministerialblatt des Reichs- und Preußischen Ministeriums des Innern (RMBI. iV) 1938, Nr. 7 (S. 244 ff.)

Durch Erlaß des Oberpräsidenten in Stettin vom 29. Dezember 1937
wurden **nachbenannte Gemeinden wie folgt umbenannt**:

alte Bezeichnung	**neue Bezeichnung**
Sagerke	Brackenberg
Bochowke	Hohenlinde (Pom.)
Deutsch Karstnitz	Karstnitz
Deutsch Plassow	Plassow
Niemietzke	Puttkamerhof
Wendisch Karstnitz	Ramnitz

Wendisch Plassow	Plassenberg
Wendisch Silkow	Schwerinshöhe
Wendisch Buckow	Buchenstein
Wottnogge	Mühlental (Pom.)
Viatrow (mit Alt und Neu Viatrow)	Steinfurt
Deutsch Buckow	Bukau (Pom.)

Ferner wurden folgende Gemeindeteile bzw. Wohnplätze umbenannt:

alte Bezeichnung	**neue Bezeichnung**
Groond der Gemeinde Gambin	Grund
Paris oder Paschnick der Gemeinde Giesebitz in Weidenhof	Weidenhof
Amerika der Gemeinde Giesebitz	Heidehof
Lesnie der Gemeinde Groß Dübsow	Berghof
Piaschke der Gemeinde Groß Gansen	Paschke
Schottowske oder Schottofske der Gemeinde Groß Nossin	Schottow
Wussowske der Gemeinde Groß Nossin	Waldliebe
Mockree der Gemeinde Groß Podel	Husarenberg
Koloschnitz der Gemeinde Groß Podel	Riesenhof
Novienne der Gemeinde Groß Runow	Runow-Forsthof
Vangerske der Gemeinde Groß Runow	Wiesenberg
Oberförsterei Grünhof der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Grünau
Chims der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Schims
Czapock der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Schabbock
Muskowski der Gemeinde Klein Gansen	Friedrichshöhe
Zerowe oder Cerowe der Gemeinde Klein Gansen	Südhof
Jaggork der Gemeinde Klein Machmin	Jagen
Poddamp der Gemeinde Klein Machmin	Waldhof
Kutusow der Gemeinde Kose	Priemfelde
Swantee der Gemeinde Lessaken	Schwansee
Gesorge oder Gersorke der Gemeinde Lojow	Kleinwasser
Nimzewo oder Nimzewe der Gemeinde Muttrin	Roden
Wochotz der Gemeinde Muttrin	Waldesruh
Niemietzkermühle	Puttkamermühle
Zerowe oder Cerowe der Gemeinde Nippoglense	Stolpenau
Forsthaus Sotocken der Gemeinde Nippoglense	Forsthof
Krahmerwald Monbijou der Gemeinde Poganitz	Bandemersruh
Kamillowe oder Camillowo der Gemeinde Quackenburg	Keudellshof

Dambee der Gemeinde Schmolsin	Eichweide
Boyrk der Gemeinde Schorin	Unterberg
Kolischen oder Stregonke der Gemeinde Selesen	Bismarckstein
Buckower Mühle der Gemeinde Wendisch Buckow	Buchmühle
Saviat der Gemeinde Wottnogge	Seeblick
Dambee der Gemeinde Wottnogge	Eichen

Weiter wurde die bisherige Sonderbezeichnung der nachstehenden Ortsteile aufgehoben; sie führen von jetzt ab den Namen der Gemeinden, zu denen sie gehören:

alte Bezeichnung	**neue Bezeichnung**
Gorni der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Holzkathen
Lukowe der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Holzkathen
Piezkamp der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Holzkathen
Sduni der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Holzkathen
Stewerkowe der Gemeinde Holzkathen	Holzkathen
Poponke der Gemeinde Kose	Kose
Lypz oder Lüps der Gemeinde Langeböse	Langeböse
Jantrock der Gemeinde Nippoglense	Nippoglense

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Subj: **Perlick, Magull, Dorbril, Mallisch**
Date: 3/12/01 2:16:33 AM Central Standard Time
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To: stolp-e@domeus.de

} This was a Stolp mailing list. See DEW's response on p. 42.

Hello dear members,
June Engmann wrote me this.
Can anybody help?

> My g.g.grandfather Karl PERLICK, b. 10 Jun 1838,
> Krampnitz, Klein-Gansen,Kr.STOLP, Luthern,
> carpenter/cabinet maker,. he died 30 Jun 1883. Maybe
> Karl's sister was married to a Runge? and he is
> buried with her?? The family notes hand written
> by Karl's daughter say: " Pa died 30 June 1883, Leo
> Dorbril My mother's sister's son, Pa buried in
> Klein Gansen,at the entrance on the left side, Runge,
> Kreis Rummelsberg." His father was Fredrick? PERLICK.
> He fought in Franco-Prussian War, I assume as
> Reserve since he would have been 32 years old.
> I have contacted a military society, but could find no
> information. I think perhaps his birth church records
> might be under Budow, the nearest larger town to
> Kl. Gansen, but I have no idea where these records
> might be. The LDS church does not have copies of this.
>
> 1867 he married (family notes say he was married
> 16 years before he died)to Johanna MAGULL b. 31 Dec1841
> Lupow, Kr Stolp. Her father Silvester MAGULL,
> was a schoolteacher and died 1846. She had 3 older brothers:
> 1) Adolph, metalworker 2) Robert, schoolteacher,
> He had a son Leo? MAGULL , , who lived Duetch-Plassow,
> near Stolp ,was a Hinter-Pommern Agent at Koslin
> (Koszalin) District..whatever that means!
> 3) Richard, came to USA, was killed in Civil War.
> 4) she had a sister,
> who married DORBRIL, and had a son Leo DORBRIL.
> MAGULL seems a strange German name, it sounds more
> Scottish or Irish to me.
> Another researcher was kind to share the following info,
> which seems to be some connection: "a private trade
> school founded about 1920 by accountant and bookstore
> owner Bruno MAGULL...till 1933 the school was located
> near the Stolp tower entrance (to Schlawe) at
> Stolper Strasse 21/22.....a second school.....was
> lacated in Lauenberg, with both schools finally being led
> by Frau Anna MAGULL" He said this info was in a book
> written by Ernst H. v.Michaelis, Der Kreis Schlawe,
> pages 379-381.
>
> Karl PERLICK had these siblings: 1) Werner, instrument
> maker, lived Berlin. 2) Robert, letter carrier, lived at
> the (high...?), Stettin. 3)Ludwig b. 16 Sep 1841,
> m. 1867 Berth MALLISCH, came USA 1882, then sent money for
> the widow Johanna Magull Perlick to come with her 6 children.
> They settled Milwaukee, Wisc 4) a sister, married Runge?

>
> The children of Karl and Johannna PERLICK: 1) Paul
> Fredrick Christian, 4 Mar 1868 2) Robert Albert Carl,
> 16 Jun 1870 3) Richard, 3 Apr 1872 (d.1874)
> These 3 born Morgenstern, Borntuchen, Kr. Butow.
> The next 4 born Krampnitz, Klein-Gansen, Kr.Stolp.
> These villages are very near each other; I don't
> know if they actuallly moved , or the births were just
> registered in a different place as 1874 is the beginning
> of civil registration. 4) Maria A.P., Apr 1874 5) Emma,
> Feb 1876 6)Minnie, Dec 1877. 7) Otto Charles 29 Nov 1880.
>
> Now you have absolutely ALL the information I have.
> Maybe there is a clue here. Where can I find these
> church/civil records?? Would there be a directory of
> Schoolteachers? Where is info on Stolp residents who
> fought in Franco-Prussian War? So many question!
> The answers must be someplace!!!.
>
> Thank you again for any help. Sincerely, June
> Engman.

Can anybody help?

Karl Schwirz
schwirz.seidel@freenet.de

Subj: **Magull in Lupow**
Date: 3/22/01 10:53:51 AM Central Standard Time
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To: stolp-e@domeus.de

DEW's response, mentioning the Lupow church books

Hi, Karl Schwirz and others,

In regard to June Engmann's questions, I have just one item that may be of help. She says that in 1867 Karl PERLICK married Johanna MAGULL, who was born 3l Dec 1841 in Lupow. I have just finished going through the Lupow church books at the LDS Family History Center (Film #0904694) looking for my ancestors (NEMITZ/NEHMITZ, REPPEN, and BONKE/BOHNKE). Perhaps June could find some records of the MAGULL family and other related families there.

Unfortunately, in the LDS microfilm the baptisms from 1831 to 1865 and the marriages from 1831 to 1870 are missing. This is one the periods she is most interested in. However, on the web site www.stolp.de I found that the Civil Registration Office (StA) in Koeslin has copies of the church books. These do include baptisms from 1831 to 1904, as well as confirmations from 1831 to 1892, but not the missing marriages. Of course, Koeslin is now in Poland, so those records would be harder to access. If June has not been through the Lupow church book, she should at least start with the LDS copy.

David Witheridge
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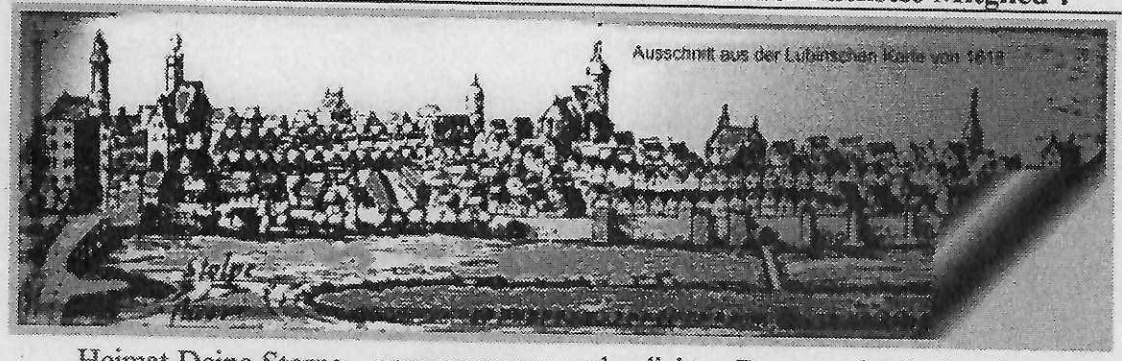

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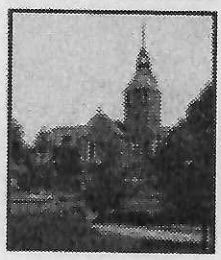

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Nicht die Nordseewellen, sondern: Wo die Ostseewellen trecken an den Strand...
Das Heimatlied der Pommmern: Wenn in stiller Stunde - Träume mich umweh'n

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			Stojentin	(1853-1888 ?)		
		Gestorb.	Pfarrhaus Stojentin	1760 - 1833, 1836-1853, (1853-1888 ?)		
Stolp	Marien-kirche			Verbleib unbekannt		
	Petrikirche			Verbleib unbekannt		
	Schloß-kirche	Taufen	Petrikirche	1914 - 1943	De Boor	
		Heirat		Unbekannt		
		Gestorb.		Unbekannt		
	Evang. *** Militär-gemeinde	Taufen	LDS,EZA?	1767 – 1795, 1834 – 1868 (1889)		
		Konfirm.	LDS,EZA?	1869 – 1881		
		Heirat	LDS,EZA?	1869 – 1889		
		Gestorb.	LDS,EZA?	1869 - 1889		
	Invalidenh.	Ta.H.To	LDS,EZA?	1813 - 1913		
	Jüdische Gemeinde ***	Taufen	ZStGLeipz	1813 - 1875		
		Heirat	ZStGLeipz	1813 - 1874		
		Gestorb.	ZStGLeipz	1813 - 1874		
Stolpmünde		Taufen	Gemeinde	1655 – 1924	Martin	

"Mormonenarchiv" [See especially next two pages]

Standesamtsbücher Stadt u. Landkreis Stolp i. Pomm.

Vergleich zwischen dem Datenbestand des Archivum Panstwowe in Stolp und dem Mormonenarchiv

Diese Daten entsprechen meinem derzeitigen Wissensstand, sind aber nicht neu (mind.1995)
Die Daten mit * sind wahrscheinlich bereits vom Standesamt Stolp an das Archiv übergebene Bücher.
Die grau hinterlegten Felder besagen: Unbekannter Verbleib nach 1945 !
Keine Gewähr für Vollständigkeit und Richtigkeit

Standesamts- bezirk	Staatl. Archiv Stolp (Archivum Panstwowe)			Genealogisches Archiv der Mormonen		
	Geburt	Heirat	Tod	Geburt	Heirat	Tod
Arnshagen						
Bandsechow (Bedzi (e)chowo)	1874-1880 1882-1893*	1875	?	1874-1880	1875	1875-1880
Besow (Schlawe)	1874-1888 1888-1893*	1874-1889 1882-1890* 1892*	1874-1888 1888-1896*	1879-1883		1875-1880
Bewersdorf	1919-1926	1932-1945	1881-1920			
Bornzin						
Budow	1874-1892	1874-1892	1874-1892	1875-1882	1876-1885	1876-1885
Dünnow						
Gambin						
Gatz (Gac)	1875-1880 1882-1897*	1875	1874-1880	1875-1880		1875-1880
Giesebitz						
Glowitz (Glowczyce)	1874-1877 1889-1897*	1874-1884 1895-1897*	1874-1880 1882-1893*	1874-1877	1875-1884	1875-1880
Gr. Brüskow (Bruskowo)	1874-1882 1882-1894*	1874 1892*	1874-1880 1891-1892*	1874	1874	1874-1880
Gr. Dübsow						
Großendorf						
Gr. Garde (Gardna Wielka)	1874-1882 1882-1892*	1882-1892*		1874-1882		
Gr. Machmin						
Gr. Nossin	1874-1895	1875-1895	1874-1895	1874-1885	1876-1885	1874-1885
Gr. Silkow						
Gr. Strellin (Strzelino)	1874-1880 1882-1893*	1874-1875 1882-1893*	1874 1882-1893*	1875-1880	1875-1880	1875-1880
Grumbkow						

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				Geburt	Heirat	Tod
Hebrondamnitz Damnica)	1882-1893*		1875-1880*			
Hohenlinde						
Jerskewitz	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885
Kl. Gluschen						
Kose (Kozy)	1876-1890	1876-1890	1876-1890	1879-1884	1879-1884	1879-1884
Kosemühl				1877-1878	1876-1878	1876-1878
Krampe (Krepa Slupska)	1874-1885 1886-1894*	1875-1887	1874-1880 1880-1893*	1874-1879		1874-1880
Kunsow						
Langeböse (Pogorzelice)	1874-1880 1882-1895*	1874-1875	1874-1880 1882-1893*	1874-1880	1875	1875-1880
Loitz						
Lossin						
Lübzow (Lubuczewo)	1875-1886 1887-1894*	1882-1894*	1875-1880 1882-1893*	1875-1880		1875-1880
Lüllemin						
Lupow (Lupawa)	1875-1880 1882-1893*	1875 1882-1892*	1875-1880 1882-1893*	1875-1880	1875	1875-1880
Mahnwitz (Mianowice)	1873-1880 1882-1893*	1874-1875	1874-1880	1874-1880	1873-1874	1874-1880
Mickrow (Mikorowo)	1874-1889 1882-1890*	1874-1882	1874-1882 1882-1894*	1874-1882	1874-1882	1874-1882
Mützenow (Mozdzanowo)	1875-1880	1875	1875-1881	1875-1880		1875-1880
Muttrin	1874-1892			1875-1879		
Neiderzin	1874-1890	1874-1890	1874-1890			
Peest (Schlawe)	1874-1892	1874-1892	1874-1892	1874-1883	1874-1884	1874-1880
Poblotz (Poblocie)						
Ramnitz						
Rathsdamnitz						
Reitz (Redzikowo)	1874-1880 1882-1893*	1875	1874-1880 1880-1896*	1875-1880	1875	1874-1880
Ritzow (Ryczewo)	1874-1880 1882-1895*	1874-1875 1882-1893*	1874-1880 1882-1893*	1874-1880	1874-1875	1874-1880
Rowen		1875	1874			
Rumske (Rumsko)	1874-1881 1882-1899*	1875	1874-1881	1874-1880		1875-1880
Sageritz (Zagorzyca)						

Lupow (Lupawa)

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				Geburt	Heirat	Tod
Saleske						
Schmolsin (Smoldzino)	1874-1882 1882-1897*	1874-1884 1882-1911*	1875-1879 1882-1893*	1879-1882	1874-1884	1875-1879
Schurow (Skorowo)	1874-1884 1885-1895*	1882-1889*	1882-1895*	1874-1880	1876-1884	1876-1884
Schwarz Damerkow	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885	1874-1885
Sorchow						
Starnitz						
Stojentin (Stowiecino)	1874-1880 1882-1897*	1875	1874-1880 1882-1895*	1874-1880	1875	1874-1880
Stolp, Stadt (Slupsk, Miasto)		1874-1880	1874		1874-1880	1874
Stolpmünde	1874-1887	1874-1892	1874-1888	1874-1887	1874-1875	1874-1880
Virchenzin						
Weitenhagen (Wytowno)	1875-1880 1882-1897*			1875-1880		
Wintershagen (Grabno)						
Wobesde (Objazda)	1875-1888 1882-1897*	1882-1895*	1875-1890 1891-1893*	1875-1880		1875-1880
Wundichow						
Zezenow	1876-1886 1886-1893*	1876-1889 1889-1897*	1876-1886 1886-1893*	1876-1884	1876-1884	1876-1884

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Der Kreis Schlawe

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Church books for Kreis Stolp in the Koslin Archive

Kirchenbücher aus dem Kreis Stolp im Archiv Köslin

● **Originale / originals**

poln. Ortsname	deutscher Ortsname	Bekenntnis	Art	Daten
Damno	Dammen	evang.	Geb.*	1887-1940
Bruskowo Wielkie	Gross Brüskow	evang.	Tod *	1869-1874, 1909-1946
Lupawa	Lupow	evang.	Geb.*	1787-1904
			chrzty	1743-1786
			Tod *	1743-1922
			Heir.oo	1743-1830, 1871-1936
			Konf.	1831-1892
Mozdzanowo	Mützenow	evang.	Geb.*	1853-1891
			Tod *	1853-1891
			Heir.oo	1853-1891
			Konf.	1853-1891
Smoldzino	Schmolsin	evang.	Geb.*	1791-1800, 1882-1935
			chrzty	1655-1679, 1697-1790
			Tod *	1697-1800
			Heir.oo	1698-1800
Skórowo	Schurow	evang.	Geb.*	1864-1946
			Tod *	1869-1946
			Heir.oo	1862-1944, 1946
Ustka	Stolpmünde /Winterhagen	evang.		1753-1821 - dostepne tylko mikrofilmy+I67 / brak akt
Grabno	Wintershagen	evang.	Geb.*	1658-1765
			Tod *	1655-1760
			Heir.oo	1655-1766
			Konf.	1672-1730, 1735-1766

Dammen

Lupow

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- Hinterlassen Sie uns bitte auch **Ihre Such- u. Personendaten** (Formular)
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- Datenbank Pommernkontakte (Gunthard Stübs)

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...werden auch Sie Mitglied bei uns (Teilnahme kostenlos)

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- Genealogie-Programme (Software for Genealogy)
- Genealogie-Literatur/Verlage (Books for Genealogy)

  - Internetshop Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (Topographische Karten 1:25000, Meßtischblätter, etc.)

Familienforschung ist auch Heimatforschung

Die Generationen unserer Eltern und Grosseltern, haben nicht nur vor 1945 die Stolper Heimat erlebt, s allem dort auch zu Hause. Sie wurden nach Ende des 2.Weltkrieges dort aus ihrer Heimat teils grausa und haben, bzw. werden diese bis an ihr Lebensende nicht vergessen können.

Kennen ihre Kinder und Enkel denn noch etwas aus dieser (auch unserer?) Stolper Heimat'

Es ist in Zukunft von Umfang, Inhalt und Objektivität abhängig, ob und was den künftigen Generation (als Voraussetzung) aus der deutschen Zeit in Stolp und damit auch in ihren Herzen an Heimatliebe zur Eltern und Vorfahren erhalten bleibt.

Wer eine Heimat hat, "ist wer" - aber heimatlos ist fast genauso schlimm wie arbeitsl

Die Heimat der Bayern ist Bayern, diese sind bekannt für ihre Heimatverbundenheit. Unsere Heimat ist noch Pommern an der Ostsee [Pommern = Land am Meer] und darauf sind wir mindestens genauso s Bayern auf ihr Land und ihre Berge.

Auch wenn wir unsere Heimat heute wieder besuchen dürfen und nicht dort wohnen - wir sollten unser s stets in unseren Herzen tragen !

Die Heimat unserer Vorfahren ist auch unsere Heimat !
Familienforscher sind deshalb auch unverzichtbare Heimatforscher !

Update 31.03.2001

[Excerpt from the newsletter of Pommerscher Verein Freistadt, Germantown, WI] [Dec. 2001] (52)

Gristow and founder of the family name Schultz or Schulz in Gristow.

Since there were still no family names at the time when the Cathedral chapter was established but the growth in population was making the identification of individual persons increasingly urgent, the surnames developed from occupations, trades, pastimes, clothing, dispositions, habits and places of residence, and so too was the official designation of the manager made into the name "Schultz" or "Schulte." In a document from 1457 the manager of Gristow is mentioned with the first name "Clawes" but already bearing the epithet "Schulte" to indicate his post as manager.

The Gristow manager family Schulz occupied this office through seven centuries. Only in the years from 1631 to 1646 was the office held by Jochim Benter.

The last known manager in Gristow from the Schultz family, Friedrich Johann Schultz, appears in the parish register of St. Nikolai Church at Cammin for the last time on May 26, 1852, upon the death of his wife, who died giving birth to a daughter; the daughter also died. Probably the death of his wife and the abolition of the manager's office moved him to relinquish the magistracy, for already on July 14, 1856, in the parish register appears the manager from the Rackow family even though this office no longer existed, as the manager job was abolished with the dissolution of the Cathedral chapter in the year 1810.

After 1810 the office of manager or Schultz continued to be held by the last free manager, and thus the official designation Schultz remained in Gristow for a long time afterwards."

Church Records in Berlin

The Evangelisches Zentralarchiv in Berlin, Bethamiendamm 29, D-10997, Berlin, Germany, printed a list in 1985 of the church books in their archive, and some of these are from Pomerania. They do not have many church records from Pomerania, but some of the records they do have go back to the 1770's.

In some cases they may have a partial set of church books, with perhaps baptism records but no burial records. In other cases, they may have baptism, marriage, and burial records, but not complete for all the years. We list the Pomeranian towns covered, but the years covered are listed only approximately. Space does not permit a detailed listing. For those who are lucky enough to find their town on this list, this could be most valuable information.

	APPROXIMATE DATES OF THE CHURCH RECORDS	
Bärwalde, Kreis Neustettin	?	
Dammen, Kreis Stolp	?	
Falkenwalde, Kreis Randow	1776 to 1887	Not Complete
Frauendorf, Kreis Randow	1708 to 1931	Not Complete
Glowitz, Kreis Stolp	1951 to 1957	Not Complete
Gramenz, Kreis Neustettin	1911 to 1945	Partial
Groß Dübsow, Kreis Stolp	1831 to 1945	Partial
Groß Ziegenort, Kreis Ueckermünde	1633 to 1769	Not Complete
Hagen, Kreis Randow	1651 to 1905	Not Complete
Klaptow, Kreis Kolberg-Körlin	?	
Kolberg, Kreis Kolberg	1922 to 1956	
Kreckow, Kreis Randow	1801 to 1944	
Labuhn, Kreis Regenwalde	1908 to 1944	Not Complete
Mützenow, Kreis Stolp	?	
Neuwarp, Kreis Ueckermünde	1655 to 1945	Not Complete
Obernhagen, Kreis Regenwalde	1863 to 1945	
Pritzig und Plötzig, Kreis Rummelsburg	1702 to 1766	
Ratzebuhr, Kreis Neustettin	?	
Rützow, Kreis Schivelbein	1811 to 1857	
See-Buckow, Kreis Schlawe	1657 to 1957	Not Complete
Stettin, Stadtkreis	1670 to 1940	Not Complete
Stolzenhagen, Kreis Randow	1786 to 1884	Not Complete
Wendisch Tychow, Kreis Schlawe	1617 to 1809	Not Complete
Züllchow, Kreis Randow	1889 to 1911	Partial

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Accessing the Church Books and Civil Records of Pommern

(Gunthard Stübs now continues his series about the archives and research of Pomerania. He is a Pomeranian genealogist who lives in Germany, helping many Pomeranian researchers with his thorough and accurate information on his websites, as well as his work as webmaster of Pommern-L. Internet sites are listed in this article and on page 40).

In the articles in the last two issues I gave you the basics about the church books and civil registry records of *Pommern.* With this article I want to give information on accessing these records for genealogy purposes.

Filmed records

Doing genealogy in *Pommern* is quite easy if the church books were filmed by the LDS/Mormons since then they can be accessed worldwide via their branches– so called Family History Centers (FHC)- where you can obtain the use of these films for a small fee for three months. You can go through the church books on microfilm- which requires that you are a bit familiar with the old German script that the church books are written in. Later, the records are easier, since the script is easier to read and information is often written down in tables.

Of the state archives (*Landesarchiv*) in Greifswald, Stettin, and Köslin, most records (but not all!) are available via the FHCs. The first two archives have published church book inventories:
Greifswald: "Rodig, Uwe: *Verzeichnis der pommerschen Kirchenb,cher im Vorpommerschen Landesarchiv Greifswald. Rostock: Temmen, 1996."*
Stettin: *Grzelak, Jerzy: Spis ksiag metrykalnych i ich duplikatow w zasobie archiwum panstwowego w Szczecinie. In: Szczecinski Informator Archiwalny Nr. 7,Szczecin, 1992.*

More up to date information about the records in Polish state archives is available in the book: *Laszuk Anna: Ksiegi metrykalne i stanu cywilnego w archiwach panstwowych w Polsce. Informator. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo DiG, 2000.* It also lists records from Köslin, Stolp, Danzig and Schneidemühl state archives.

Also filmed are the records of the *Evangelisches Zentralarchiv* in Berlin and of *Zentralstelle für Genealogie* in Leipzig. Both archives had published their Pommern records in the two books –
Berlin: *Stache, Christa (Bearb.): Verzeichnis der Kirchenb,cher im Evanglischen Zentralarchiv in Berlin - Teil 1: Berlin, 1993.*
and Leipzig.: *Wermes, Martina (Bearb.): Bestandsverzeichnis der Deutschen Zentralstelle für Genealogie Leipzig. Teil I: Die Kirchenbuchunterlagen der Östlichen Provinzen Posen, Ost und Westpreuflen, Pommern und Schlesien. Neustadt-/Aisch: Degener, 1994*-contains detailed information.

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President's Message

We received notice from Dennis Wehrmann that he will no longer continue to act as editor of *Die Vorfahren* section of the *Die Pommerschen Leute*. We will always appreciate his hard work and organizational skills. We will miss him and wish him much success in his future.

Connie Wills has graciously accepted the position as DV editor. She became interested in family history as a teenager when she asked her grandfather about his family. She began her genealogical research in 1989, completing a genealogy class in 1995 and has written a booklet on her father's paternal line. She will be able to continue Dennis Wehrmann's excellent work on *Die Vorfahren*. Connie's e-mail: cwills@earthlink.net. We want to thank Andy Wegner, a subscriber in Wisconsin, who has worked with Dennis in completing *Die Vorfahren* for this issue. He has been a 'godsend' and will continue to work with Connie and with David and Lorraine Gaulke. John Weidenheft has accepted the position of recording secretary. A great big welcome to the newcomers!

We are in process of revising the DPL pages on the FEEFHS web site, assisted by several volunteers. We received assistance and permission to photocopy a book about the Pomeranian farmers of 1939: *Landwirtschaftliches Addressbuch der Provinz Pommern*. You can obtain the information, for a small donation, by writing to IGS, address on this page. Request pages you wish from the index at http://feefhs.org/de/pom/gi/lapp/lappidx.html.
Still others have offered to proofread the DPL and to index some of the Pomeranian ancestry books in the IGS Library. We are in process of contacting those people who had submitted family history in early issues of DPL. We want to verify their addresses and in this way when you request information from the Surname Index on FEEFHS web site, you will be getting correct information.
Publicity has increased and we have many new subscribers. We continue to need your volunteer time. Please do not forget to attend a genealogical conference in honor of the 20th anniversary of DPL. Information was in the Spring 2002 issue. I hope to see you at the Federation of Genealogical Societies in Ontario, California, August 7-10.

Toni Perrone e-mail: tperrone@cwia.com
President of the Pomeranian Special Interest Group.

July 21, 1 p.m. Pomeranian Meeting, Burbank, CA. Beth Marshall will present "Walking In the Footsteps of our Ancestors in Mecklenburg Vorpommern" at the meeting of The Pomeranian Special Interest Group, IGS Library, 1310 West Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, CA. All are welcome.
November 3, 1 p.m. Pomeranian Meeting, Burbank, CA. Jean Nespund will provide an orientation to the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library and Gwen Christensen will assist in Pomeranian resources available in the library. These talks will be followed by a workshop where you can use the library for genealogical research and possibly meet others researching your surname or village!
June 30, noon to 6 p.m. Pommerntag, Mequon, Wisconsin. Genealogy displays, research, food, dance groups at City Park, Mequon, WI. Pommerscher Verein Freistadt, P O Box 204, Germantown, WI 53022-0204 http://www.execpc.com/~pommern

July 19-21 FEEFHS (Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies) Conference Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. FEEFHS: P O Box 510898 Salt Lake City, UT 84151-0898 http://feefhs.org/conf/02reg/program.html

August 7-10 The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Ontario, California
P O Box 200940 Austin, TX 78720-094
http://www.fgs.org/2002conf/FGS-2002.htm.

Minnesota Pomeranian Group meets the fourth Tuesday at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, Mn, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.. Contact: Jan & Jerry Savage 1132 Welcome Circle, Golden Valley, MN

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You may research the many Pomeranian resources at the **The Immigrant Library** by mail. Send a SASE to the above address for listings. Or go to: http://feefhs.org/igs/frg-igs.html/

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It is not that easy to get information out of the numerous unfilmed records. First of all, that happened to the church books in *Vorpommern*, which are still located at the vicarages. The only way to access these records is: a) to visit the vicarage (make a date with the parson before!), b) to hire a professional researcher who visits the vicarage for you (rather expensive) and c) to write to the vicarage (snail mail) and ask for certain church book entries.

Asking other people to do the research (b and c) implies that you will get charged afterwards. Usually the parsons of the vicarages will tell you in their response how much money you have to send, which depends on the time they took. If you have a limited budget, you have to be quite precise about the information that you must give and in the questions you ask. The response on letters to the vicarages may take a few months (be a bit patient).

If you can, you should write in German and expect a reply in German, too.
The addresses of the *Vorpommern* vicarages are available: http://hinterpommern.de/genealogie/ and later in the new database (see below).

Also, the church books at the *Landeskirchliches Archiv Greifswaldare* are not filmed. These are mostly church records of the eastern part of county Naugard and a few other vicarages from Hinterpommern. A short overview of their holdings was printed in *Schnell, berblick Kirchenbuchbestand. Greifswald: Landeskirchliches Archiv der Pommerschen Evangelischen Kirche,* 1995. To get information from these records you have to write to the archive (address: Landeskirchliches Archiv, Rudolf-Petershagen-Allee 3, 17489 Greifswald, Germany). You can write in English and will get your response and a billing.

Last but not least, many civil registry records in Poland are also not filmed by the LDS; they filmed the state archive holdings in the 1980's. Information about the records at the state archives (1901 and before) can be found in the above mentioned book (*Laszuk/Ksiegi*) or on an internet database at: http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/index.eng.php.
To access the records, you have to write to the state archives in Poland and pay the bill via the Polish consular.

The holdings of the numerous civil registry offices in Poland (1902-1945) are available in the book *Brzozka, Tomasz: Deutsche Personenstandsbücher und Personenstandseinträge von Deutschen in Polen,. Niemieckie ksiegi stanu cywilnego w Polsce. 1898-1945. Frankfurt am Main: Verlag für Standesamtswesen, 2000.* There is also a Polish version where you can also find the office addresses.

Records not available

While you still can access the unfilmed records from a distance, often you can not do that with some of the none-state-archives. These are at first those archives where it is not known which records they own; I only mention the Diocesan Archive at Cammin and the new Diocesan Archive at Köslin. They have *Pommern* church books but nobody knows which ones and we can only wait until they become public with this information.

Also, there are those few church books in the local vicarages in Poland, which were not brought to the central church archives, are scarcely available. The same is valid for the church books in private possession in Germany. Here we can only wait and hope that the originals of copies will become accessible via other institutions.

Church book and civil registry records database

Since the above mentioned books and any additional information are not accessible for everybody, it is my goal to place information on the existing *Pommern* church books and civil registry records onto an internet database and make the information available for any *Pommern* genealogist with internet access.

This database is already online, but still under construction, and certain information has yet to be added in the next weeks and months to complete it.
The added advantage of the database is that all who have new knowledge about the whereabouts of additional *Pommern* church books can easily contribute.
This is the site that has been well used: http://pommerndatenbank.de/ *Gunthard Stübs*

Editor's note: If you have internet access, you may want to join Pommern-L, a mailing list where many researchers of Pomeranian ancestry ask and answer questions. No charge to join! Gunthard Stübs is the webmaster. To join, go to:
http://list.genealogy.net/mailman/listinfo/pommern-L

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David Storch

documents

[Jan. 8, 1983]

↑ postmark date

Cheryl and David
February 12, 1983

Cheryl Lynn Banister
and
David Wayne Storch
have chosen the first day
of their new life together
as Saturday, the twelfth of February
Nineteen hundred and eighty-three
you are invited to share in their joy
as they exchange marriage vows
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Bible Baptist Church
Heather Lane and Earl Drive
Joliet, Illinois

Reception immediately following
at the Church

[Mar. 1983]

3/83

David + Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for the beautiful placemats and napkins. We have a smoked glass table and they are just lovely! Thank you again.

In Christ,
Cheryl + Dave

[DEW's notes from a phone call] [Mar. 31, 1997]

Call to David Storch - 3/31/97
1-815-741-4596

1116 Lemont Ave, Joliet 60435-3968

I tried to call his mother, but couldn't get a number.
She has moved back to Joliet:

Edith, wife of Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908) → Mrs. Edith Storch
410 Hutchins Phone: (815) 726-9963
Joliet, IL 60435

He had heard about my Christmas letter to his mother, but hadn't seen it and didn't know the details.

I told him about finding my second cousin (once removed) in Germany after 125 years separation and that he is coming to this country in June, ending up in Milwaukee on Thurs. June 26 and flying back to Germany on Mon., June 30, and that he hopes to meet many of his relatives.

I urged him to try to come to Milwaukee with his family, maybe on Saturday. He said they would all be driving to Disney World June 1-18, and that Cheryl then has to go to Charlotte, N.C., on business and will not be home on the June 26 weekend.

David's wife, Cheryl; their son, Jonathan

I suggested maybe he and Jonathan and his mother (Edith) could go to Milwaukee and maybe also Debbie. He said that might be a possibility and he would talk to them.

Dave's sister, Debbie

I also got Debbie's address and phone number:

Mrs. Dave Te Grand
Rt. 5, Box 347 Phone: (708) 301-5176
Lockport, IL 60441

I asked if he could tell me anything about Jack's + Kenneth's children.
Jack's son Greg, lives at 153 N. Lancaster Dr.
Bolingbrook, IL
Phone: (815) 759-2741

Jack's son Bill is in Arizona
Jack's son Andy is in Chicago, playing in a rock band, just got married.

I said I would write to him and give him more information and that I hoped he could work it out to go to Milwaukee.

[Apr. 7, 1997]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
April 7, 1997

Dear David,

I'm glad that I was able to talk to you the other day. I hope you will give serious consideration to my suggestion that you and others of your family try to go to Milwaukee on the weekend of June 27-30, when our newly-discovered cousin, Dr. Friedrich Nemitz (a dentist), will be there.

He is coming to this country with a tour group from Germany. The highlight of their trip is an annual event called the Pommerntag (Pomerania Day) on Sunday afternoon, June 29. I'm enclosing a couple of sheets that tell about the event and its location, as well as information about the motel where we'll be staying.

Pomerania is the German area where my grandfather and your great-grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, was born in the town of Dammen. Dr. Nemitz's great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, was married in the same town. Wilhelm and Ferdinand were brothers. Pomerania is now in Poland, and the Pommerntag is one event that tries to bring together each year some of the descendants of Germans from Pomerania.

I think I told you over the phone how Friedrich and I were brought together by Mrs. Martha Riggle of Wichita, Kansas. It's an amazing story, but I won't go into all the details now. You'll find the basic facts in the letter I wrote to your mother at Christmas.

Friedrich and I have written to each other several times, and he usually makes some reference to the fact that he is looking forward to meeting as many relatives as possible. When I first heard he was coming to Milwaukee, I decided that I had to go there to meet him, and I hoped I could get other relatives to go there, too. Now it looks as though we really will have a mini Nemitz reunion.

John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922)

Harvey Schroeder (b. 1937)

So far, I know that my brother John and his wife Janice and their son Jay will be going from Saginaw, Michigan (where I grew up). Another relative, Harvey Schroedar, and his wife Bonnie will be going from Lansing, Michigan. He is from the Tomke line. Grandfather's sister married a Tomke. Harvey has a nephew who lives in Milwaukee and is the principal of a Lutheran school there. We're sure that he and his wife will be able to meet Friedrich and the rest of us some time during the Pommerntag weekend. If you and Jonathan and Debbie and Dan and your mother can make it, that will make quite a little gathering. I'm also trying to get a few there from the Iowa Nemitz family. They are the descendants of Grandfather's brother, Ernst Nemitz.

Beecher, IL

When I was growing up, our family felt very close to the Storch family. Your grandmother Louise and my mother Edith, of course, were sisters and always kept in touch by correspondence. And every Christmasaa large box with presents for everyone in our family would arrive from Beecher, and we would send a similar one to Beecher. After we got ouracar, I remember we took several trips to Beecher, so we got to know everyone personally.

I always liked your father, and I think he liked me, because we kept up a more or less regular correspondence for many years. So you can see why I'm especially hoping to see you and the others of your family after all these years. Both your mother and Eloise have written about what an outstanding boy Jonathan is, so I hope he can come along.

If you don't want to stay overnight, you could come on Saturday morning and go home early Saturday evening. If you can stay overnight, you could attend church on Sunday morning and then take in some of the Pommerntag before going home late Sunday afternoon.

In her last letter Martha Riggle wrote: "One suggestion I might make would be that one of your relatives might take you and him to Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt on Sunday morning. It is the original Pomeranian church in Wisconsin, established by the Old Lutherans in 1839. The present church building dates to the late 1800s. From Freistadt it is only a few miles to the festival grounds."

I think Friedrich will enjoy that, because he said in one letter, "I'm very happy that you are a Rev. I'm a dentist, but also a lay priest in the evang. Luther. church, and also a churchelder. In this week we have alliance-prayer-week." (He now writes one sentence in English and right under it the same sentence in German, and I do the same thing when I answer. It's hard work, but very good practice.)

Well, as you can see, I am very deeply immersed in this whole process, and I hope I have stirred up just a little excitement in you. I look forward to getting at least your preliminary response before too long, because I will be in England from April 30 to May 17, and I'd like to hear from you before I leave. I don't remember if I told you over the phone that I am going to England for the Tenth Anniversary of the Witheridge Society. It will be in Devon, where all the Witheridges stem from. We all get our name from the little town of Witheridge there.

Yours sincerely,

[June 15, 1997]

DAVE, 6/15

JUST A NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW JONATHAN + I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME UP TO MILWAUKEE 6/27-6/30. SINCE I SPOKE TO YOU I'VE HAD EYE PROBLEMS + START LASER EYE SURGERY TOMMOROW AND WITH CHERYL GONE, I'M IN NO SHAPE TO DRIVE MUCH. I GAVE THE DETAILS TO DEB + DAN BUT THE MAY BE GONE ON VACATION THAT WEEK. SORRY, BUT THE TIMING WAS JUST BAD + WANTED YOU TO KNOW.

DAVE

Mr. David W. Storch
1116 Lemorr Avenue
Joliet, IL 60435-3969

The Doris Day Animal League
111 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20001

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MR. DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVE. S.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
55405

Eloise Storch

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[1942]

To
Elizabeth + Dave
Apr. 23, 1942
I Peter 1:5

On back of photo

Miss Eloise Therese Storch

The Trustees and Faculty of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago invite you to the graduation exercises, to be held in the Torrey-Gray Auditorium, 840 North La Salle Street, Thursday evening, April the twenty-third, nineteen hundred forty-two, at seven forty-five o'clock . . . The address will be delivered by the Reverend John Hess McComb, Minister of Broadway Presbyterian Church, New York, New York.

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ADDRESS BY THE REVEREND JOHN HESS MC COMB
Minister of Broadway Presbyterian Church, New York

HYMN

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SONG

One with the Lord, and one with one another,
Joined by our faith to Christ, the Elder Brother;
Blest is our fellowship, ever growing fonder,
Promise of the better things in glory over yonder!

God bless the School that D. L. Moody founded,
Firm may she stand, by foes of truth surrounded!
Riches of grace bestowed may she never squander,
Keeping true to God and man her record over yonder.

CHORUS

Glory over yonder, over yonder,
When Jesus comes in glory,
We shall part no more. (Repeat)

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Beecher — Mon.

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DEW's note

Dear Elizabeth and David

In a week or two, the Lord willing, I plan to return to Cedar Rapids. I'm still hoping to see you before I leave. Do you suppose you could find time to come out to Beecher for a day? We'd all be very happy to have you! Any day that is convenient for you will be satisfactory for us. Just drop us a line and let us know when to expect you.

Cedar Rapids, IA

Beecher, IL

I am feeling much better: and my doctor says I may return to my work anytime I please. Gosse I'll have to take it easy for some time. Well, I've had 2 months to learn to do that! It will be good to get back to my boys and girls.

Hoping to see you

Eloise

[June 6, 1958]

Thursday
6/6/58

My dear David and Elizabeth,

We were delighted to hear that you will be coming this way soon! It seems like ages since we last saw you. Often, we've wished we could have another re-union — that's one way to see one's relatives!

Wayne and Edith and Mom and I are planning for you to have dinner with us Sat. night — and to stay with us overnight. We'd be very happy to have you stay here for church too: but we'll let you make that decision.

We'll be looking for you Saturday afternoon: and planning for you as you travel this direction.

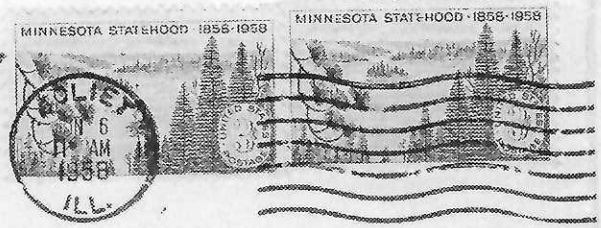
Lovingly, Eloise

Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908) and Edith, his wife

"Mom" = Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

558 Clay
Joliet, Illinois

Air Mail



Rev. and Mrs. David Witteridge
2425 Irving Avenue S.
Minneapolis 5
Minnesota

[Sept. 1961]

9/61

[New job in Pennsylvania]

"Girlhaven"
P. O. Box 350
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings from the heart of Pennsylvania, where I am now located.

After seeking the will of the Lord for months, I accepted His call to Girlhaven, a Christian home for underprivileged teenage girls. Three weeks ago, I packed up bag and baggage and took off in my '51 Buick for a new adventure in Christian service;and here I am, one of a big happy family in a lovely, old home which fairly hums when all fifty girls are around.

It wasn't easy leaving Ridgewood Baptist Church, my family and friends; but I have proven that His Grace is sufficient as each day I become a bit more attached to this place. Just watching God work in the lives of these girls is a challenging thing, and I am thankful He chose me to have a part of it.

My duties are varied, often different each day. They include sewing name tapes on clothes, checking the work each girl is assigned as her part toward keeping this big household running, getting the girls up "bright and early", tucking them in at night -- not so bright but still quite early, and writing the scripts for and doing all the beforehand work on the radio program, etc. My hours are varied too, sometimes from 6 to 8 a.m. and 3 to 10 p.m. and once a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oh yes, I have two days off each week. If you live near here, come see me or maybe I could come to see you, when I have two free days.

This is a lovely country; but I haven't seen much of it yet. One of these days I'll go adventuring. The town of Hollidaysburg has quaint, old buildings and lovely, old homes. Some of the stores look exciting too. Guess I'll do some "looking."

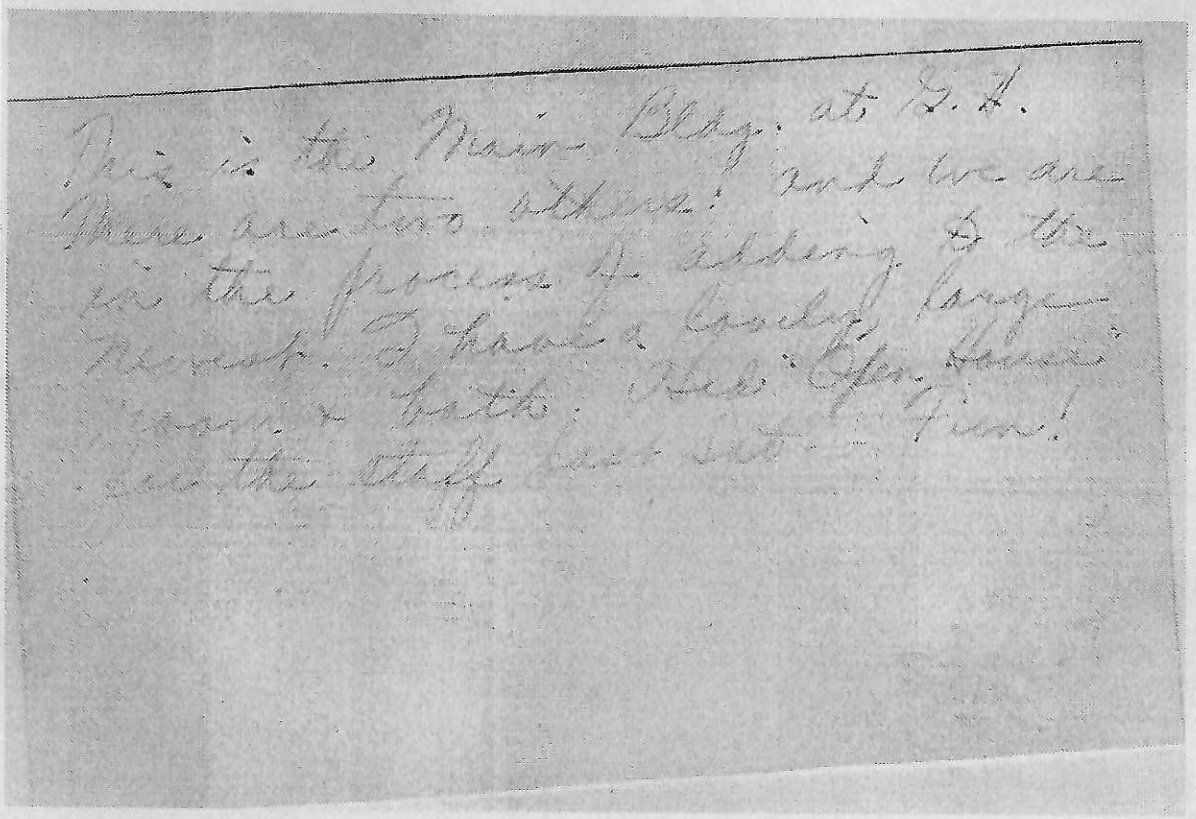
Now if you will accept this as an answer to your letter in my file, I'll be even with the board and eagerly awaiting your next letter to me. I do have time to write letters and Lord willing, I plan to make good use of it.

In His Love,

Eloise

[Inserted in a Christmas card]

[Christmas 1962]


This is the Main Bldg. at R.H.
There are two others and we are
in the process of adding to the
room so I have a good large
room + bath. Yes Christmas
is the stuff but so fun!
See the stuff last year

[Back side of picture]

[Her room was the 2nd floor corner on the right]

[May 1963]

Death of William Allen Witheridge (b. 1881), DEW's father and Eloise's "Uncle Will"

May - '63

1514 Second Ave.
Joliet, Illinois
Monday

Dear David and Elizabeth,

My heart was sad when I heard of the Home-going of Uncle Will! Just the other day, we were talking about him; and I was wondering how he was doing. It seems so strange to think of all the close relatives in my Mother's generation gone to be with the Lord. Your Father was very much one of my favorites: and I shall always remember him as a great Man of God — very kind and gentle. May the Lord be your comfort in this time of sorrow. I'm so glad "we sorrow not as those who have no hope"!

I am back in Joliet — waiting upon the Lord to lead me into future service. If you ever get to Chicago call me or come see me. How I'd love to visit with you and talk and talk about you and the family.

Love,
Eloise

[Christmas 1964]

New job in Chicago

1964

To all my friends, far and near.....

Another year has passed; and the only way I can catch up on my correspondence and get a greeting off to you is by way of this letter. I trust it will serve to "bring you up to date" on my "doings" of the year.

In January of '64, it looked like He MIGHT be leading me back into Child Evangelism. I was willing to return to that work; but I felt a strange un-easiness about the call to Michigan. Just as I was about to say,"Yes", I received a call from Pastor Scott at Midwest Bible Church in Chicago asking me to consider a teaching position in their Christian Academy. An interview with Pastor Scott and Mr. Nicholls, the Principal, brought me face to face with the assurance that this was of the Lord. I went home with my arms loaded with seventh grade books; and began teaching the following week!

The first few weeks were pretty rugged! There were several "problem" children in the room; and they tried my patience to its limit. But God was faithful; and, as I began to love these young people, He began to work in their lives. What a thrill it was to see personalities change...to see Christians begin to live for Christ...and to watch discipline problems fade away! It was a wonderful year; and I hated to see it come to a close.

Summer was a very busy time for Eloise. My formal education had been sadly neglected; so I had to go to Summer School. The week after school closed, I began a course in Political Science at Wheaton College..doing a semester's work in eight days. I really worked! My grade wasn't anything spectacular; but I was challenged to THINK. After a couple weeks of recuperation, I went back for four weeks in "Teaching Elementary Music". This I enjoyed! The "A" I got made me forget the hardships of the other course.

While I was in this latter session at Wheaton, John and Jo and the children were in the East for six weeks. I really missed them; but kept busy studying, doing housework, making a shift, and "mothering" the boys' turtles. I didn't have time for any kind of vacation; so may try to find time for that next summer.

Last year, I roomed with one of the married teachers, and went home week-ends. Since I didn't plan to go back there this year, I had to look for an apartment. The Lord led me to one right across the street from school; and I moved my things into it in August. I didn't have a bed, but slept quite well on an army cot until my sofa arrived. Little by little, I've added to my furnishings; but there are still many things to be acquired.

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Whoever thinks teaching is a "snap" has this thing all wrong. I work after school at school, and all evening at home. I direct the choir this year; and am busy preparing for a Concert Dec. 18. It's LOTS of work; but I love it. Wish YOU could be here! I must also prepare for a program to which parents have been invited on Dec. 22. Then there's the matter of the 3 R's! I keep busy; and am very thankful for day by day physical strength. In this respect, the Lord has been most gracious.

On Sundays, I still teach a Teacher-training class in the Ridgewood Baptist Church in Joliet. That takes hours of preparation, too. So...if you wonder why you never hear from me, just re-read this letter..and try to imagine what I am doing when you receive it.

Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908)

I'm rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord to me and my loved ones. Though most of them are quite well at the moment, Edith (Wayne's wife) is facing surgery on Dec. 18. I think that's a horrible time to go to the hospital; but I'm sure that on Christmas Day, she will be glad that it is all over. I spent Thanksgiving Day with John and his family at his "in-law's" home on the south side of Chicago. Fun! Ken's wife, Marge, had more surgery on her leg (varicose veins); but is back at her job in the drug-store now. Ken seems to be quite well in spite of his ulcer. Joan is now in nurse's training; and quite grown-up. And John's Pat is a very lovely young lady in her last year of High School. All of which makes Aunt Eloise realize her age!

John William Storch (b. 1921)

Kenneth Lee Storch (b. 1903)

I'm sure you've had a busy year, too. Hope I get a note or letter from you telling me all about it. God grant you His very best in 1965!

In His love,

Eloise

P.S. Almost forgot....My Chicago address is 4762 West Cornelia, Chicago 41, Ill. I'm still "At home" at 1514 Second Avenue, Joliet, Illinois. Write sometime!

E.T.S.

[July 21, 1966]

July 21, 1966

Dear Dave and Elizabeth

Will you accept a "Thank you" at this late date? I hope so — I do like the Christmas picture very much! It shall remind me of the pleasant evening I spent with you. Hope I get to Mpls. again sometime. I haven't seen my friends since I left there in Jan. — and I miss them!

I've had a busy year — school closed June 10 & I began work at "Compassion" on June 20. Took a week off to rest — didn't go anywhere, but found myself occupied most of the time. I had

a tour with my Chorus — and sang at a wedding. (Plan to sing at Joan's wedding on Aug. 13)

The week-end of the 4th, I took a trip with Wayne's family. Did you know that Wayne had major surgery again in April? He had another malignant growth — this time, on his leg. The glands in the groin were removed: which necessitated his standing or lying down for 6 wks. He still has trouble with his leg — has fallen on that knee <u>twice</u>. Otherwise, he seems quite well — has even gained some weight. The doctors still hold out no hope for his complete recovery: At the same time, they wonder at his endurance! It's of the Lord, I know!

I'm enjoying my work at "Compassion" — mostly, because of the people with whom I work. Three of us are helping them get the zip code numbers on all records. It's a wonderful work: with over 170 orphanages in Korea & 300–350 evangelists. A group from Korea is now on tour in U.S. — Wish you could see and hear them! These children are so dear!

Greet the boys for me — and if you ever get to Chicago, call me! Trust you are having a good summer.

Love,
Eloise

P.S. — Got off the track — I've went to Missouri on our trip — Saw some beautiful country.
E.

[Christmas 1966]

Christmas 1966

My dear Friends,

As I sit down to write my Christmas letter, I am surrounded by all the "fixings" of the season. Just looking at them reminds me of the first Christmas and makes my heart rejoice that I am His and can know the wonder of His presence in my life. There is no snow on the ground, but Christmas is "in the air" — I trust you are rejoicing in His coming, too.

1966 has been a busy year! I am still teaching seventh grade at MCA — wrestling with the problems of early adolescents. My class of 33 extroverts keeps me "on my toes." There is much busy-ness with decorations and preparation for our program. My Choir is working hard to perfect the numbers we are singing for the program. We got some extra practice singing at a Missionary meeting last week.

Last summer, I worked at Compassion — an organization with over 170 orphanages in Korea. What a challenge it was! I now have my own little Sung Chan Soon — a dear, little girl of 9 who loves music and writes me such affectionate letters. As I am able, I still work at Compassion on Saturday. Recently, Ann Landers mentioned Compassion in her column. Over 1,000 inquiries have resulted from that article! That was very effective, free advertising!!

Two nights a week, I tutor for 2 hours; and lest I get into mischief — or find myself with "time on my hands" — I have Pioneer Girls another night and am taking a Sociology course from the University of Illinois. I have to make time for Pioneer Girls and the tutoring; but the studies get neglected. I do the reading (chapters and chapters), but have a hard time getting at the writing.

John and Jo Fellman (of Minneapolis) – see Christmas 1973.

My friends, John and Jo Fellman, had an automobile accident in August – from which Jo is slowly recovering. She just spent another two weeks in the hospital having extensive therapy and complete bed rest. My Thanksgiving visit there lengthened into 10 days so that I could stay with the children while John had to be out of the city. I always enjoy true visits with my friends – and look forward to spending part of the Christmas vacation with them.

I'm still playing the organ in the little Evangelical Free Church (of which I am now a member). It is there also that I work with the Colonial Pioneer Girls. The Lord is dealing with girls and we are eager to really introduce them to the Savior!

My brothers and their families are quite well at the moment. Wayne had more major surgery in April: another malignant mole – but we are trusting the Lord for complete healing. In August, Ken Spunger's daughter was married and had Aunt Eloise sing at her wedding. This was quite a thrill since I had sung at her parents' wedding.

Now I must hurry this letter on its way to you so Christmas will get there before it does. May the warmth of His love fill your hearts and homes and make you glad He came into the world to save you and me!

Lovingly,
Eloise

[Christmas 1968]

1968

☆ "Unto you — a Savior! — Rejoice! ☆

Dear friends — far and near,

Three to form, I'm writing my yearly letter just before the Christmas rush... and trusting it will reach you in time to say, "Joyeux Noel!" The setting is not conducive to writing a cheery note; but I will not let that deter me. In striped, wrinkle-pressed, much-too large robe, I'm waiting for the next group of X-rays — my usual gall-bladder, colon, and stomach! I'm weak and hungry; but there's not a thing I can do about that right now... nor about the diagnosis I'll receive later in the week. My confidence is in the Lord, and He doeth all things well!

Yesterday, one of my affluent students bought a beautiful Christmas tree for our room — and I'm sorry to miss the trimming of it today. After 2 years, my 4th graders have caught up with me — and we're all enjoying the reunion. They are very active and out-going — full of questions. I am learning much!

Last summer, I decided to do something different... I taught summer school at MCA. School closed on Friday and I had my first session on Monday. We worked hard for 3 weeks and then had an intermission of about 3 weeks. I related by washing walls and curtains and cleaning closets, etc. I also had 3 very good days at Phenton Ranch where I taught the Bible

in morning and evening sessions. What a joy it was to see the Lord work in girls' hearts and lives!

In August, one of our teachers gave me her car while she and her husband were on vacation. It was fun to be able to make a few short trips to areas near Chicago. And best of all, I took a trip around Lake Michigan. That's beautiful country! My brother, Wayne, and his family went with me; and we had a most enjoyable time.

At church and school, we're busy preparing Christmas programs. My Chorus is doing fine, but I can't say as much for one of my special groups. We'll just have to work hard and trust the Lord to help us sing to His glory. I still play the organ at church — and that means practicing some new Christmas numbers.

And now, because Christmas will be here before I'm ready for it, I must get this letter on its way to you. It brings my deep affection and best wishes for a blessed holiday season.

In His love,
Eloise

Trust this finds you all well & rejoicing in this blessed season! My X-rays were negative: so I'm rejoicing in that! Spent Thanksgiving with Wayne & Edith. On Fri. we all got together to celebrate Wayne's 60th birthday. Had such a good time! John had a heart attack in May but is back at work & doing fine. May be in Minnetonka for Christmas

[Christmas 1972]

Christmas – 1972

"There's a song in the air" – a song of joy and thanksgiving for the Gift of that first Christmas. May It be your rejoicing at this wonderful time of the year!

To bring you up-to-date on me, here's a resume of my life in 1972. Early in the year, I entered upon a new venture – a business of my own, Amway. It's been an interesting and rewarding experience! My list of "Amway users" has grown, and I'm sponsoring my first distributor. I am thoroughly "sold" on the products – just sorry I didn't get started earlier in life. I wish all my relatives and friends could get in on its benefits. Our newest product is Nutrilite – makes you feel like a new person!

Side job selling Amway products

Last summer, I spent the month of July in the beautiful Ozarks at Rock Haven Bible Camp – my second year there, and it was rewarding. I taught The Word and tried my hand at directing during Junior Girls' Week ..... I prefer teaching!!! Marie Olsen took me to see several interesting places – including the School of the Ozarks and Eureka Springs.

After Camp, I had a time of rest while I "baby-sat" with a H.S. student while her family was on vacation. She worked, so I was alone

Haven't been to Marion for a couple years. I spent Christmas with friends in Pa. last yr.

all day. I could play the organ; watch color TV; listen to the stereo; read; write letters; or just be lazy. It was great!

The time passed quickly; and before I was ready for it, school was in session. I have 28 charming, challenging 7th graders. The pressure is not as great as it was last year, and I'm very grateful. I've had the joy of sharing Christ with them daily; and so far, three have trusted Him as their Savior. Could anything be more thrilling than that?!

The Lord keeps me "on the go". I still teach my adult Bible Class where I rejoice to see the Word work in lives. Wish I could manage more classes. I believe this is one of the most effective ways to reach people for Christ.

I spent the Thanksgiving holiday with my brother, Wayne, and his family in Joliet. My plans for Christmas are in the making. I hope to open my home to someone who has nowhere else to go.

I trust you will have a blessed Christmas and a very challenging and rewarding 1973. Trust you are all well and enjoying the peace of the Lord.

In Christ's love,

Elvira

[Christmas 1973]

Christmas 1973

My dear friends,

If this letter arrives after December 25th, it's because I had to wait for a "snow day" to have time to get at it. I wrote it on Tuesday when a mixture of rain and snow was the order of the day -- and I'm re-writing it on Saturday, as I watch beautiful snowflakes cover the housetops like icing on a cake. It really feels like Christmas, and I'm wishing you an abundance of Christmas joy.

1973 was a good year! Things went well in school and in my Amway business. Students of former days dropped by or called to tell of God's working in their lives; and this is always an encouragement. Several in my classroom trusted Christ as their Saviour, and some showed spiritual growth. This is what we pray for daily and what makes me rejoice in the privilege of serving Him.

I spent most of my summer trying to build up my Amway business; and was rewarded with several new distributors and distributors sponsored by my distributors. I really enjoy Amway and the people in our "Amway Family" -- and some day, I hope to live on the money I make in my business.

Right after school closed, my friend Dorothy Butler and I went to Minneapolis. We attended an Amway meeting, and I visited my friends, the Fellmans. The last week of August, we went back to Minnesota to visit Dorothy's family and attend a missionary meeting. On the way home, we stopped in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I contacted friends I hadn't seen for fifteen years or more. Some of you who receive this letter were among them! and I want you to know it blessed my heart to be with you for even that brief moment.!

My life was richly blessed last month when I attended Bill Gothard's Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar. It was "rough" teaching all day and then taking off for five or more hours each evening -- and all day Friday and Saturday. But the Lord gave strength and made each session such a challenge that I'm looking forward to future seminars.

Aside from dental work; an infected bone in my finger; and now a bit of a challenge with a fungus infection in two fingers, I've been quite well this past year. Must be that Nutrilite Food Supplement I'm eating! Did you know that Nutrilite is now one of the Amway products?

I trust this letter finds you well and experiencing the all-sufficiency of the Lord. May He bless you richly and make you His messenger of Peace in 1974.

Joyfully,

Eloise

How are all the W's? Busy, I suppose. Wonder what the sons are doing? And how your work for the Lord is progressing? These troublesome days, I'm glad I'm His!

1974
[Christmas 1974]

"In the fulness of time, God sent forth His Son" — to be my Savior; and that's why I'm rejoicing at this Christmas season. The years come and go quickly; but His blessings remain — and I'm wishing you His very best this Dec. 25, 1974!

The year just past has been a good one — in spite of some physical problems and a virus that likes me so well it doesn't want to leave me! It's pretty hard to escape colds and "flu" when 32 young people are coughing and sneezing my direction all day. But Nutrilite and "flu" shots have helped so far — and I'm counting on them for the future.

I have a great class this year — very outgoing and warm. They aren't the greatest students, but they're challenging! We're having a party Friday — that will be a happening, I'm sure. They make a production out of everything.

I had hoped to have a vacation this past summer, but all I managed were a few days in Minn. and Io. They were restful days; and that's what I needed. The rest of the time, I worked at my Amway business. I have so little time for it during the school year.

Though my 3 brothers aren't far away, I seldom see them, so I was pleased when John planned a family reunion. We met at his home in Northlake and caught up on all the family happenings. Wayne's David and Debbie are both at Cedarville College in Ohio and John's three boys are tall teen-agers ... guess what that makes me?!

Still have my Bible study group on Tues. night. We're studying "What Christians Believe". Did good to re-evaluate one's beliefs and commit oneself anew to God's Word. We have a new couple, young in the Lord, who are a real blessing to us old-timers!

I trust this finds you rejoicing in the Lord — and looking for His soon appearing. Maybe in 1975?

In His love,
Eloise

Her brother Wayne's children, David and Debbie

John has 3 sons

How are all the Witheridges? I don't get to Minn. as I used to — there for 2 days last Christmas — staying home this year. I spent Thanksgiving with Wayne's family. John had a mild heart attack in the spring but seems fine — he praise the Lord! He & his family are showing interest in spiritual things — & this rejoices my heart! His daughter, Pat, was at the reunion. She's a dear! Ken hasn't been well — but seems some better. Where are your sons? Have a blessed holiday!

[Christmas 1975]

Christmas 1975

My dear Friends,

It's almost Christmas and time to remember the coming of our Savior -- And, to greet those we love but don't see often. I wish you a blessed holiday season filled with the joy of His presence.

There have been no earth-shaking experiences in my life in the past year, but a lot of little incidents which have made life worthwhile. Just a year ago, a group of us started a Missionary Fellowship. Our plan is to hear from, pray for, and give to missionaries some of the things their finances don't cover -- refrigerators, furniture, vacuum cleaners, etc. In September we went to Minnesota to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the "parent" group. Great blessing!

We had a week's vacation at Easter; so Dorothy Butler and I took off in search of warm weather ... which we found in Memphis. Oh, it wasn't HOT, but it was warm, and the trees, grass, and flowers were lovely. We had a restful time and returned to snowy Chicago.

For six weeks during the summer, I worked with a group of students who needed help in math. Two days a week wasn't too tiring, and it must have helped 'cause my students are remembering <u>some</u> things we drilled and drilled on.

I have a large class this year (34) with six or seven unsaved students who are very much un-disciplined. I've had to claim the Lord's love, patience, and understanding -- and often I find myself wrestling against "flesh and blood" -- But I'm learning who the enemies <u>really</u> are! Pray that the unsaved will come to know the Lord -- my heart is burdened for them.

I am still in the Amway business. In October, I had five demonstration parties. My living room looked more like Christmas than it does now 'cause I displayed our Christmas items. I'm asking the Lord for distributors -- anyone interested??

In my <u>spare time</u> (?)I'm studying Spanish (with tapes and book), knitting (wristlets and "hug-me-tight" for my aching shoulders), giving organ lessons to my neighbor, and reading -- when I have a minute.

How I praise the Lord for enough strength to keep going! May you, too, know this blessing. Let's keep going for Him till He comes.

In His love,

Elbiree

Wonder what you folks have "been up to" in 1975?? It was a good year for me: and I trust it was for you. After a difficult time, Edith is back teaching music in our church's

day school. Ken hasn't been too well, but seems to be better. Sandra's son was shot (while "fooling around" with friends and a gun) & is paralyzed (can't use his legs) and in the hospital. We are asking the Lord for recovery!

John's son, Bill

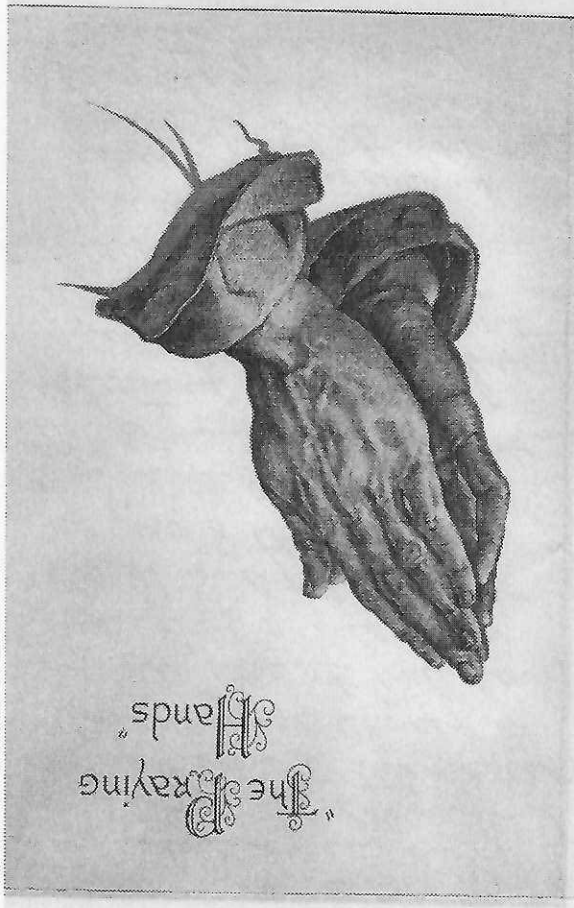
Johns oldest boy, Bill, left the nest to go to college in Mount. — John's business, like most, isn't doing too well — but Mary is working full time and that helps.

I'll be looking for your letter to get the Witheridge News. The Lord bless you, every one!

Love,
Eloise

[Nov. 21, 1976]

Death of John William Storch (b. 1921)



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Is indeed a true disciple of our blessed Saviour's creed
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Nov. 21, '76

Dear David and Elizabeth —

This is just a note to tell you that John went to be with the Lord on Nov. 11. He had had two mild heart attacks in the last 6 yrs. — but this came on during the nite and was so massive that even 3-4 of the best heart specialists in the city (working 8 hrs) couldn't save him.

Mary, the boys, Pat — all of us were really shaken by his sudden death — our comfort is in the knowledge that we shall see him again!

Pray for Mary — there are so many things to settle (the biggest being his business) Bill,

John's wife, Mary, and daughter, Pat

the oldest is a Soph. in College — He plans to transfer to a school closer to home (was at Milliken) Doug. (6'4") is a Sr. in H.S. and Andy is in 8th grade.

I'm not teaching at MCA — but will be starting something new for me. I'll be teaching music at Medenhl Baptist Christian School — 2 days a week. I went to Joliet for a few days to watch Edith & learn from her. Wayne is retired — but keeps busy. Ken is not very well — didn't get to the funeral.

I'd be very appreciative if you'd pass this message on to Louise and John — just about forgot — I saw Florence + Adolph Anderson last Mon. nite at Evelyn Philpot's. Had a good visit! They said you had been in Europe. Hope to hear about that in your Christmas letter!

Love,
Eloise

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917) and Adolph Paulford Anderson (b. 1908)

Evelyn (Mrs. Ronald W.) Philpot

[Dec. 12, 1976]

4762 W. Cornelia Ave.
Chicago Illinois 60641
December 12 1976

Christmas greetings in the name of our wonderful, un-changing Savior.

1976 was a year of many changes for me -- the first being my resignation from teaching at MCA. After 12 years I felt that I had done all I could for the Lord there because I was not at peace in the situation. It would have been a difficult decision to make had I not felt it was of the Lord.

I wasn't sure what the future held but I wanted to serve Him, and my first opportunity came when I was called to substitute at Medinah Bapt. Christian School in Medinah Il. My friend Dorothy Butler teaches there -- so transportation was provided. From "subbing" I went to the Learning Center where I worked one day a week with students who have reading and math problems.

When the music teacher had to leave because her husband was transferred to Okla., I was asked to take her place. This was a real challenge to me, and I've found it most interesting and rewarding -- especially working with the very young children. They are so un-inhibited and not at all like 7th graders!

Then on Nov. 11, my youngest brother, John, went to be with the Lord. He had had two heart attacks, but seemed to be doing fine -- until the 3rd hit him in the middle of the night. Several heart specialists worked for 8 hours to try to save his life -- but to no avail. He leaves his wife, Mary, 3 teen-age boys and a married daughter. Though I still can't believe he is no longer here, I rejoice in that he is spending this Christmas in heaven.

This last July I spent some time in Washington D. C. Two friends and I attended the Christian Anti-subversive Seminar for 3 days. The messages were brought by men "in the know" about Communism, and I feel I learned a great deal about the enemy of all people. We saw the fantastic fire-works on July 4 and did some other sight-seeing. This was my vacation, and I enjoyed every bit of it.

I'm still involved with Amway -- and more than ever involved with World Book. I was the school "rep" at MCA; now I'm an Area Mgr. -- have 2 nominees who have done better than I the past quarter! Like Wayne (who retired from the U.S. Weather Bureau in Aug.), I wonder how I ever found time to go to work every day! I keep busy -- and quite well except when a sinus infection strikes me -- as one did last Wed. I've felt miserable for 5 days -- but hope to go to school tomorrow.

I trust that all the changes in your life have been rewarding; and that you too are rejoicing in the un-changeable Christ!!

Wayne
Nemits
Storch
(b. 1908)

In His love,

Elouise

Christmas 1977

My dear Friends,

Long ago, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" -- and since I'm one of those He came to save, Christmas holds a very special meaning for me. As always, I enjoy the carols, the decorations, the excitement of this happy season!

Last year was a sad time for the Storch family. John had gone to be with the Lord in November, and Wayne had a coronary on Dec. 15. I was in Joliet for ten days, and on Christmas Day we helped Wayne open gifts in the intensive care department. Later we grabbed a few minutes to sit down together to a dinner provided by friends. As I write this letter, I'm grateful that Wayne is up and around and daily gaining strength. He takes two or three walks a day and keeps active at home. I will spend Christmas with them.

Presently, I am a "lady of leisure." At first, this was a very difficult role for me, but the Lord has brought me to a place of contentment. I'm still studying Spanish with my tapes and books and working on Dorothy's stamp collection. The latter is an absorbing occupation which I thoroughly enjoy!

My newest interest is the volunteer work I do at Bethesda home for the aged where I help in the infirmary. Most of the patients are in wheel-chairs, so I chauffeur them up and down the halls and to special activities. Some need to be fed and others need just a listening ear. A friend and I went Friday to wrap gifts for them. Being able to help them brings much joy to me!

I'm not teaching this year, but I'm hoping to do some "subbing." In the meantime, I'm trusting the Lord and praising Him for past blessings -- including you, my friends. May this be the BEST CHRISTMAS EVER !

Rejoicing in Him,

Elaine

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)
and Adolph Paulford Anderson (b. 1908)

I had a nice visit with Florence and Adolph Anderson last winter. Hadn't seen them in years — and it's been a long time since I've seen you. I don't get to Mpls. as often as I did. My friends were in M. in Nov.
As your family gathers for Christmas, may the Lord be in your midst!

[Christmas 1979]

Christmas 1979

My dear Ones,

At this season of the year, I feel constrained to say,"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift".....the Gift of God which passeth all understanding. May your thoughts also be turned toward Him at this holiday season.

The Lord has blessed me in many ways the past year. I finished teaching music in Jan. and went to subbing and working in the library 3 days a week. LOVED the Mondays and Fridays when I could stay at home and do the things I liked to do; re-finishing furniture and working on Dorothy's stamp collection. I also liked getting my laundry and cleaning done on Fri. so I could be free on Sat.

But all that changed when I was asked to work full-time this year. I've really had to trust the Lord for this 'cause I wasn't at all sure I'd have the strength to do it. He's been faithful, and now I don't even miss the days off. My greatest joy comes from teaching 8th grade Bible! I had some of those rascals in music and found them very difficult. Now I really love them and enjoy my hour with them. I'm asking the Lord to use His Word to do a great work in their lives.

I'm also working in the learning center where I work with children who need special help. I'm also in charge of the library. The latter has kept me busy because I have no help but students. Put one of Elizabeth's books in the library

Did you ever go to the Dr. for a simple thing like a cold and discover you had some problems you didn't know you had? My first trip revealed high blood pressure(now under control). My second demanded X-rays which showed diverticulitis(not bad, and also under control)My third took me out of school with pneumonia. Then, I was com-

pletely baffled by a rash on my hand,...which turned out to be shingles! After a few weeks of doctoring, all I have to show for it is some pink skin! My medical diary is very interesting!

One of the joys of living out here was having a garden which provided us with tomatoes, beans, broccoli, cucumbers, and squash. Both of us enjoyed planting, watering, and eating our very own vegetables.

I had three interesting week-ends: one with my brother, Ken, in the hometown of Pectone; one with friends in Joliet; and one "house-sitting" for a school board member. I enjoyed their lovely home and pearl-gray Cadillac! I called this a mini-vacation.

Now I'm like the children, looking forward to Christmas. I may stay right here, but I'll enjoy every minute of the two weeks! I'm a "hunt and peck" typist, so please forgive the many mistakes. Just remember I love you and wish you God's very best at this wonderful time of the year.

In Christian love,

Eloise

1979 has been challenging for me — I had to adjust to living with someone, and that wasn't easy! And then getting back to full-time work was a bit difficult — but the Lord has been good to me and I enjoy the variety of my work.

I keep in touch with Wayne + Edith by telephone — he doesn't have much pep — but has come to accept his condition + is more content. Edith + Debbie are busy teaching.... David is still in Joliet, will fly to Tenn. for Christmas.

Kenneth and his wife, Margaret

Marge had more leg surgery — but is back to working in the drugstore — part time. Ken just sits! Did you know he had a slight stroke? His life seems so meaningless.

Mary has had many problems with the heart since Albert's death — my heart goes out to her! Patty got a divorce + is in Calif. Her life changes!

"Hope you are all well —

Ann,

This will be the craziest letter you receive!

1980

My dear, dear Friends,

Her brother, Kenneth

" Joy to the world, the Lord is come"..and that's why I'm rejoicing at this holiday season! He has seen me safely and bountifully through another year, and I'd like to tell you about it. Please bear with my "hunt and peck"typing. (It will take a Big bear!)

Kenneth's health

Last year, I spent Christmas Day with Ken and Marge in Peotone..drove out there in heavy rain, but was greeted by sunshine when I arrived. We called Wayne and talked to the family and then heard from Sandra in Arizona. Both Tenn. and Ariz. reported lovely weather!

Wouldn't be surprised if they returned to Ill.

In Mar., Edith's sister called to say they were going to Tenn., and to ask me to go with them. It looked impossible, but we prayed and I was given the "Go" signal by both the principal and the Board...so I began packing!!! We left here in a terrible storm and went through hail, rain, and snow all the way. But when we arrived in Johnson City, the temperature was 70 and the sun was shining. They live in beautiful country, surrounded by the Smoky and Blue Ridge Mts. I enjoyed every minute of the 5 days we spent there and it was hard to get back t work. My biggest problems are arthritis & sciatica - Sure hurt at times!

For a while last summer we thought we might have to move because the owner of our building wanted to turn the apartments into condos. But again the Lord heard our prayers and moved the landlord to give us another lease. So we got to stay and enjoy the vegetables in our little garden...tomatoes, beans, carrots, and onions. Even froze beans!

In the middle of August, I was in the hospital 4 days for tests and X-rays. I didn't get to finish one series because the machine broke down. So with my promise to come back in a month, I was sent home to jump right into Teacher's Institute at our school. Classes started the following Tues., but I helped with registration on Mon.(By the way, I did go back to the hospital the last week-end in Sept. and got a good report.P.T.L.) Finally got a car ('77 Buick Skylark) after being without one for 2 yrs.

I have the same schedule this year that I had last year. I teach Bible in the 8th grade, help students in the Learning Center, and have charge of the library. Right now, I'm having fun spending $1,000 given to the library by a group of women who had a Christmas Boutique. A committee of teachers will help me choose books, filmstrips, and tapes they can use in their classrooms. My work in the library keeps me busy as I have lots of "gift" books to classify and some worn books to mend or discard. I like this work; but most of all I enjoy teaching The Word! Guess that will always be my favorite subject!

(Detour)

If the weather co-operates, Wayne and Edith will be coming to Ill. for Christmas, and I'll be with them at David's...he is still in Joliet. Sure wish I could drop in on YOU! But since I can't, you can be sure I'll be thinking of you and wishing you a blessed Christmas and a joyful 1981!

In His love,

Eloise

Hope heart here to well since his stroke. He just sits. Makes me sad to see him

Elizabeth, I have one of your books in the library. How many have you written? Have a blessed Christmas & a happy new year!

[Nov. 12, 1981]

1259 Churchill Ct.
Roselle, Il. 60172

11/12/81

My dear Relatives and Friends,

It's not time for a Christmas letter, but it is time to wish you a truly blessed Thanksgiving and send you my new address. I'll include a joyful Christmas wish and "kill 3 birds with one stone".

We discovered in June that our landlord was still determined to sell our quad; so we began looking-my ALMOST least favorite pastime. When we knew when and and where we'd be moving, we began packing. Friends from school came with a trailer and moved us in two trips. All went well, and my only regret is the loss of a Hummel...my one and only!

We're settled in now and I'm busy at school. So far, it's been mostly processing books and having classes to learn library skills. This week, I'll be working at schedules for the students I'll be helping in the Learning Center.

I've had some full week-ends visiting my brother, Wayne, in Joliet and Ken in Pontone.(Made a side trip to Beecher to see my Dr. My bursitis and arthritis are making themselves felt these days!) Yesterday, I attended a church library conference in Wheaton. Got some ideas for the arrangement of the library in a new location...we hope!

Right now, there's a lot of sickness in our school..various types of "flu". I'm trusting the Lord to keep me well. That's a lot to ask 'cause it usually doesn't by-pass me. Maybe, this time? I'm very thankful for His goodness to me: just to be able to go to work 4 days a week is something for which I am deeply grateful! Sure do enjoy my Fridays!!

I trust this letter will find you in good health and remind you that I'm thinking of you at this Thanksgiving season. I thank my God on every remembrance of you!

In His love,

Eloise

This is a Thanksgiving and Christmas greeting all bundled up into one! May I be the very first to wish you a joyful Christmas. Then I shall relay and anticipate your newsy letter.

Sing praises unto the Lord.

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[Death of Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908)] [Dec. 15, 1981]

12/15/81 Mon. P.M.

Dear David & Elizabeth -

This is just a brief note to tell you that Wayne went to be with the Lord last Thurs. (Dec. 10). He was in the hospital as the result of a stroke suffered shortly after he came home from the hospital - where he had been for a week suffering from heart failure.

Wayne has had a lot of sickness, and we expected him to recover as he has before - but that was not God's plan.

Tho' we sorrow - it is not as those who have no hope! He is with the Lord - well and happy. And we shall see him again.

What a reunion in heaven - yours, folks & my folks!

Love,
Eloise

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[Christmas 1982]

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"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN."
Isaiah 9:6

Eloise's stroke

Once again it is time to greet relatives and friends and tell them how good the Lord has been to me in the past year. My heart is overflowing with thanks for almost complete recovery from a stroke I suffered last February 9th. After four weeks in the hospital; two weeks in the Rehab Center; and five weeks in Joliet with Edith, Debbie and David -- I was able to come home and take care of myself -- with Dorothy's help and encouragement.

Then I had three months of therapy for the terrific pain of bursitis in the afflicted (left) shoulder, and now I'm on an exercise program. I can lift my arm above my head and use my hand for most things. (Buttons still bother me at times, and I still drop things once in a while -- but I'm learning patience.

Best of all, I'm driving my car and working in the school library two days a week. It's great to be able to do this! Can you see why I am praising the Lord and very thankful to be able to greet you in His wonderful name at this blessed season?

Her brother, Wayne

Last Christmas we were saddened by the death of my brother, Wayne. But we just felt he went Home for Christmas, and one of these days we'll see him again and share the joys of eternity. I enjoyed the fellowship of his family Thanksgiving week-end; and I'm looking forward to being with them on Christmas.

May you and your loved ones know His joy at Christmas and in the New Year. If you are ever in this area, do come to see me. We'll have coffee and talk about all the things we've shared in the past.

Lovingly,

Eloise

Her brother, Kenneth

P.S. Spent a week-end with Ken and Marge. He's not a bit well — battling high blood pressure too — seems to run in the family!

[Christmas 1983]

Christmas 1983

My dear loved ones and friends.

Christmas is Christ's birthday, and on this special day, we should take time to thank Him for coming into our world to save us from our sins and be our constant help in every time of need.

1983 was a year of many changes and traumatic experiences for me; but "through it all" He has been my help. In Jan., Dorothy and I learned that the townhouse in which we were living had been sold. So - here we go again, looking for a place to live! Dorothy's former room-mate, Helen Latham, decided to join us and on April 15, after much looking, we moved into a house they are buying in Wheaton.

I've been working 3 days a week this year and the traveling to Medinah from Wheaton was something I didn't anticipate with joy. I had a car accident on Oct. 5, and that increased my nervousness about the long drive.

Then on Nov. 6, I stubbed my toe on a raised piece of cement and took a tumble that gave me a black eye, a scratched face and lens, bruised knees, and anaching body. I've now recovered from the fall, but due to the great fatigue I was experiencing and all these happenings, my doctor said I must "get away from it all." I haven't done quite that, but I am on a leave of absence from work until the end of the year. Then I must decide whether to go back to work or retire-Won't you pray with me that I'll know the Lord's leading in this matter?

I spent Thanksgiving with Edith and Debbie in Joliet and will be with them for Christmas also. Ken and Marge are having a hard time right now. Ken is so weak he spends much time in bed and Marge has an open sore on her leg which causes much pain. Pray for them too.

May Christmas be a time of great blessing and joy for you and yours!

In His love,

Eloise

Eloise

427 S. Erie
Wheaton, Il. 60187

[Evelyn Philpot (Mrs. Ronald W.)] [Sept. 24, 1984]

9/24/84

Dear David —
Evelyn Philpot called me today to see if I had any info. re her grandmother, Emma Schroeder. That was one piece of info missing on the material Wayne gave me. If you have any, I'd like to give it to her.

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

My second reason for writing is that I've taken your advice! I retired at the end of the school yr. and on Oct. 3, I'm moving into a Retirement Complex in Joliet. My new address will be:

Eloise's retirement

1315 Powell Ave. apt. 816
Joliet Il. 60433.

Pray for me as I pack, move, and get settled.

My third piece of news (?) Ken is very bad — sleeps most of the time; eats very little; and is beginning to suffer pain. He's still very hard-hearted & rejecting the Lord — this breaks my heart!

Eloise's brother, Kenneth

I trust this finds you, Elizabeth, and your sons all well.

This doesn't require an answer — but if you have time drop me a note — & above all, Pray!

Love,
Eloise

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[Nov. 7, 1984]

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November 7, 1984

Dear Eloise,

We're glad to hear that you have retired and are able to take life a little easier. You must have had quite a time moving, and we hope you are settled by now.

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

It's hard to believe that your welcome letter came over a month ago. I'm sure you've been wondering why you haven't heard from me. I won't try to recount all the things I've been doing, but I've been too busy until now to stop and look up the information about Emma Schroeder.

See next page

As you see, I've compiled a short account that includes all I know about Emma. You will want to send one copy to Evelyn and keep the other yourself. I'm not sure this adds any information to what Evelyn already knows.

It appears that the last correspondence I had with Evelyn was in 1975. I'm afraid she may have moved since then, so I'd appreciate it if you would send me her address, as I'd like to write to her again. I assume that her mother may have died in the meantime.

I'd also like to have Kenneth and Margaret's address, as I don't seem to have an up-to-date one. I'd like to send Kenneth a card or note. I'm sorry to hear he is so ill.

Their mutual grandfather, Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

Another thing I want your help on is a short biographical sketch of Grandfather Nemitz I'm working on. Unfortunately, I've mislaid it at the moment; but when I find it, I'd like to send it to you for any additions, corrections, or comments you can make.

That's all for now. I hope you're feeling well, and I look forward to hearing from you again.

Love,

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[Nov. 7, 1984]

Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

Emma Nemitz Schroeder (Mrs. William)

Emma Nemitz was born June 6, 1869, in Germany. She was presumably born in the town of Stolp in Pomerania, as that was the birthplace of her older sister, Bertha. (Stolp is now in Poland and is now called Slupsk.) Her parents were Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz and Theresa Jacobs.

See note below

When Emma was about four years old (1873), she came to America with her sister and parents. The family lived for a short time in Chicago then moved to a large farm five miles east of Manteno, Ill., where her father worked for the owner, John T. Parker. After a few years her father rented a farm between Manteno and Peotone, Ill., not far from the Parker farm. In 1885, when Emma was 16 years old, her mother died.

Emma married William Schroeder about 1890. They lived in or near Peotone and had three children--Ernest, Ida, and William. Emma died in the Kankakee Mental Hospital September 7, 1901, and was buried in Peotone.

- David E. Witheridge, Nov. 7, 1984

Editor's note
The family actually arrived on the ship Freihandel from Bremen on July 20, 1872, a fact learned by Dad on Sept. 14, 1996. See p. 53 of folder 2.2.
TFW, June 9, 2023

[Christmas 1985]

"Glory to God in the highest"
—Luke 2:14

1315 Rowell Ave.
Joliet, Il. 60433
Christmas 1985

Greetings to all My Friends,

At this season of the year, it's so good to think of Christ - not only His birth, but also His death and resurrection and all He has done for us in the past year. May you count your blessings as you reflect on the past year and anticipate 1986!

I've just completed one year at Salem Towers; and I'm still "settling in"! I can say I know some of the 245 people here - most just by first name. All the tenants on my floor are very friendly; and I appreciate that. My apartment is cozy and well-filled with new furniture I bought after I got here... and I am beginning to feel "at home."

This is a great Mission Field and I thank the Lord for the opportunity He has given me to serve Him here. Each Thursday, 15-20 women (and one man - the husband of one woman) meet with me to study God's Word. We have completed Genesis and Romans, and are now in Acts. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will use the Word in the lives of those who hear it each week! Please pray for me as I teach it.

I just had a birthday which my loved ones helped me celebrate. My sister-in-law , Marge, spent that day and 3 more with me, and we got caught up on all the news. It was great! The next night, I ate out with Edith and her family - and again I had a good time. It's not bad getting older when one has such loving relatives! Edith, David, Cheryl, and Debbie do so much for me, and I really do appreciate them. I'm looking forward to Thanksgiving at David and Cheryl's, and Christmas with Edith and Debbie.

I still love to read; so I try to get to the public library once every two weeks. Since I have a cataract forming on one eye (have 20/20 vision in the other, P.T.L.) reading is getting more difficult. Though I have very little hearing loss, I'm sttending a lip-reading class once a week - just in case! And it's fun because we have a lovely teacher and the fellowship is good.

When you find this letter in your mailbox, I trust you will take a minute to pray for me - and I will do the same when I hear from you! My heart is always wonderfully blessed at Christmas time! Trust yours is too. Just a yr. ago Ken passed away and I'm the only one of my immediate family left. Sure glad for my relations here in Joliet. I spent most of my Sunday afternoons with Edith & Debbie.

Blessed Holiday Greetings,

Eloise

Eloise T. Storch

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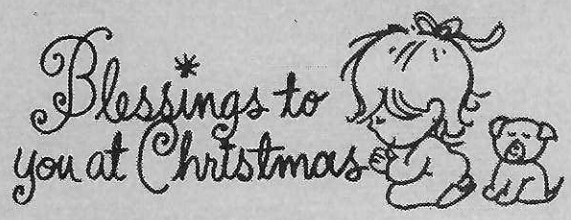
[Christmas 1986]



CHRISTMAS 1986

"THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"

The best gift of all is God's Son - given to us on that first Christmas so long ago - May you, my loved ones, rejoice with me in Him this holiday season!

I don't know about your year, but mine was eventful. On August 25, I had cataract surgery, including implant. The report I got the day after surgery, and all the tests since then prove it was a great success (the words of the Dr.) My sister-in-law, Marge, was with me the day of the surgery & 4 days after it. She cooked our meals, put drops in my eyes, picked up things I dropped ("no bending, Miss Storch"). I enjoyed her fellowship at that time. My only complaint now is a feeling of strain - the optician thinks this is due to dryness (it's in both eyes). So I'm back to putting drops in my eyes (I ought to be good at it; I've done so much of it since the operation!)

My next problem was a growth on the bridge of my nose. The dermatologist removed it, and the biopsy said it was "Basal cell carcinoma" - in plain English, skin cancer. On December 1, I had further treatment, and the Dr. says I should have no more trouble. I look real "cute" with a band-aid on my nose! I'm very thankful I can wear my glasses, 'cause I do a lot of reading: for my Bible study and for my own pleasure.

My Bible study - now that's not a problem, but a real blessing! It's the highlight of my week and a very real opportunity to serve the Lord. The attendance holds up - and the interest is good. We are now in the Gospel of John. I pray the Lord will use His Word to change lives in 1987.

I had many good times in 1986. Though Edith and Debbie moved to Richton Park, I still get to spend time with them on Sunday - and I'm thankful for that! We were together on Thanksgiving Day and the next day, when we celebrated my birthday and Debbie's. Now, I'm looking forward to Christmas breakfast with David and Cheryl!

If the weather isn't too bad, Dorothy and Helen plan to come and get me for New Year's Eve and day, and a day or two afterward.

Apart from my usual aches and pains, I'm fine and rejoicing in the ability to see, hear, and get around to care for all my needs. May your hearts be filled with His joy at this beautiful time of the year! I'm thinking of you as I address the envelope for this letter.

Love,

Eloise

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you at this holiday season! Wish I could see you: don't you ever come to Ill.? If you do, remember me!

[Jan. 15, 1988]

just a note

Hip replacement

January 15, 1988

To all my loved ones who may be wondering why you haven't heard from me - there's an explanation. On October 29, I fell and broke my hip. Since then, I've been in the hospital and the Salem Village Nursing Home, trying to recover from a hip replacement. I always heard major surgery "takes a lot out of a person". Well - it did me - at least 15 pounds! But my Dr. says, (after X-rays), I'm doing well; and when I said, "Then why do I have so much pain?", his response was, "You broke your hip!". I'm using a walker and getting around my apartment. (My family brought me back here on Christmas Day - a very merry Christmas!) I praise the Lord for the progress I'm making, tho' at times it's seemed very slow. . .but then, I have no need to hurry!

I trust this finds you well; and I wish you a very good 1988.

Lovingly,

Eloise

Had a session with the therapist yesterday. He explained the hip replacement procedure; told me why I have pain; gave me some exercises; and started me on the cane. I need confidence! Pray!

[Updates for Eloise on various topics covered in the index] [Dec. 12, 1988]

Dear Eloise,

We hope your year turned out better than it began! We were distressed to get your note about your fall and your hip replacement, and we hope it has continued to mend, so that you are comfortable and able to get around easily.

I had some surgery myself last spring. The doctor discovered I had a massive growth in my chest, which turned out to be a four pound hepatic cyst. That's like a membrane or balloon filled with fluid. The operation consisted of inserting a needle and tube through my side into the cyst and draining it. Fortunately it turned out not to be malignant, ~~infection, no pain-itis~~ but it was painful for a while while my "insides" readjusted their locations when that big thing was removed! I'm better than ever now, and can breathe more easily.

Shortly after that we took a one-month trip to Britain from the middle of May to the middle of June. After about a week in the London area we hired a car and drove 3,000 miles through England, Scotland, and Wales. We enjoyed seeing all the lovely places and visiting many relatives and friends.

On August 19th Tom and Virginia presented us with a granddaughter — Rebecca Elizabeth — who was 2½ mos. premature and weighed only 2 lbs., 2 oz. Virginia developed pre-eclampsia again, and when her blood pressure began to shoot up, they had to take the baby at once or both the mother and baby would have died. Rebecca developed beautifully, and they took her home at eight weeks. We went to Chicago for Thanksgiving and enjoyed holding her and seeing how well she was growing. She's now about 8 lbs.

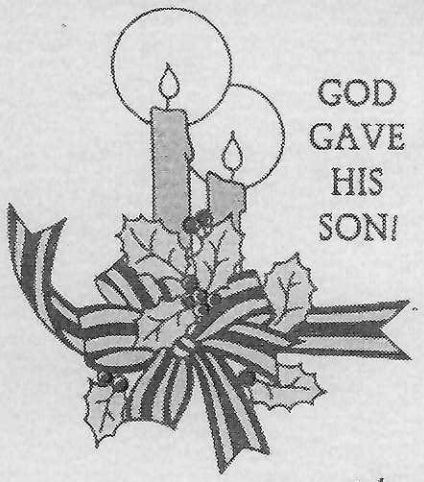
The other pictures are from our trip to Michigan in 1987. I had a note to send you these, but don't think I ever did. Frances Zomke and Esther Plamp are our second cousins, and Lena Zomke is the widow of their brother Martin. Anita Schmidt is their first cousin and our second cousin. The gravestone is of Henriette Nemitz, Grandfather Nemitz's mother. Until last year I never even knew she had come to America. This also gives our great-grandfather's name: Heinrich Nemitz.

Martin Herman Emil Zomke (b. 1901)

We hope you have a much better Christmas than last year and a pleasant and rewarding New Year.

Love, David + Elizabeth

[Christmas 1988]



CHRISTMAS Joy

More hip surgery

CHRISTMAS 1988

Greetings in the Savior's Name,

A year ago, I sent you a note; and now it's time for another one. A note is all I need to tell you it was a difficult year for me. . . but the Lord has been with me all the way!

After the first surgery on my broken hip, I had a lot of pain and no improvement. My M.D. wanted a second opinion. He set up an appointment for me with another bone specialist. After more X-rays, a needle in the hip to check for infection, and bone scans, he decided the prosthesis was loose.

So___ on June 27, I had that one removed, and another one put in. After 2 weeks in the hospital and 2 more in the nursing home, I came home to begin another period of recuperation! For 3 months, I had very little pain; but a couple of weeks ago, I started to have pain again. Maybe I tried to do too many things like bending, etc. I'm going to the surgeon Monday to see what he thinks. I'm thankful I can get around with my walker, and I walk the hall with my cane. But it's difficult to wait for full recovery. I guess I'm asking too much.

My family and friends have been so helpful, and I'm very thankful for that! I trust you have been well and are now looking forward to the Christmas season. May the joy of the Lord fill your hearts!

Best Wishes,

Eloise

[Christmas 1989]

1989

JOY TO THE WORLD !

ESPECIALLY TO MY LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS !

Though I'm still walking with a walker and suffering pain once in a while at various places in my hip & leg, I praise the Lord that I'm able to take care of myself and get around and out. Due to the therapy I've been having at the Village across the street, I can now walk up and down steps.

I've had several new tests in the last several months - one of which disclosed a ruptured disc in my lower spine. I finally got brave and told the surgeon I thought that leg is now shorter than the other. He didn't agree or argue or measure it - just released me! Have a pad in that shoe now.

In spite of my problems, 1989 was a happy year for our family. On August 11, David and Cheryl had a dear, little Jonathan David. He's a real "doll" and growing beautifully! Than, on October 21, Debbie was a lovely bride in a very pretty wedding to a fine man, Dan LeGrand. Talk about changes! But aren't you glad the Lord doesn't change?!

So I approach 1990 with my trust in Him. Who knows what good things He has in store for us in the new year!

God grant you <u>many</u> blessings!

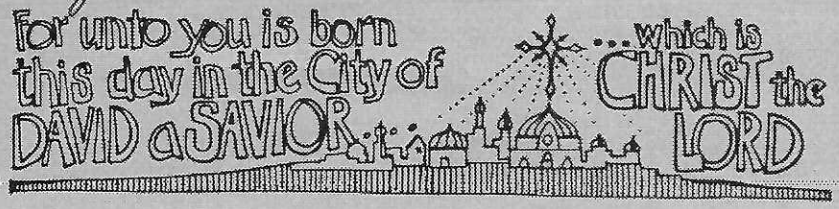
Jonathan David Storch (b. 1989)

Debbie Storch (m. 1989) and Dan LeGrand (m. 1989)

In His Love,

Eloise

Haven't been outdoors much lately - Too cold! I hope to go to Edith's for Christmas. If I can't get up the stairs they'll have to carry me! (Mary, Doug, + Andy were at the wedding. Bill is in Ohio now. Pat (Patricia) just got married. So many changes. For me, too, as I get older - 79 in Nov. - Trust you are all well.



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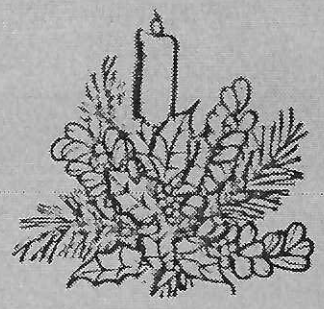


DECEMBER 1991

It's time to celebrate Christ's birthday. May it be a day of rejoicing for all my loved ones and friends!

The years pass so quickly, it's hard to keep up with them. I'm praising the Lord for the fact that I'm able to do some things that I couldn't do last year; and I've "graduated" from the walker to the cane! I've had a few problems. I fell twice because of the medication I was on. But, I didn't suffer more than one bruise on my arm - no broken bones! Last month I spent a lot of time on my back on a heating pad because of sciatica - that hurts!! But I'm better now and thankful for that!

I don't get to church very often because I have to count on various people to take me, and I can't sit too long - still use a cushion. When the weather's bad, and it's wet or snowy underfoot, I fear walking with a cane. I do, however, hear 3 or 4 messages on TV on Saturday and Sunday.

In spite of my aches and pains, I can still teach my Bible study every week. Just finished Daniel - quite a challenge! Next, I'm going into I Corinthians. If you think of me on Thursday, pray for me.

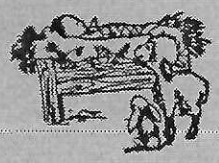
I'm planning to spend Thanksgiving Day with Edith and her family - I always enjoy that! David's son, Jonathan, is such a sharp little 2 year old - talks a blue streak, knows the letters and numbers, etc. On my birthday, he sang "Happy Birthday, Aunt Eloise" to me! He can also sing a song in Spanish. We're all so proud of him!

This letter is my project for today, so I'll close with a "Merry Christmas to you", and may 1992 be the best ever for you - maybe the Lord will come!

Much Love,

Eloise

I need your prayers - for I've been "light-headed" all when. Tomorrow, I'll try to get an apt with my Dr.



"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21

[Christmas 1992]

1992

Have a good time celebrating Christ's birthday!

Wish I could "drop in" on you to share the blessings. Several friends have written to ask if I'm still here - Yes, I am and praising the Lord each day for His blessings and strength. I couldn't have done it without Him! Every Novemeber 13, I look back at the year and try to count the blessings - and I am surprised, as the hymn says.

I'm still living at Salem Towers, and I don't get out much, (except to see one of my doctors!). But I'm satisfied to be in this apartment from whose windows I see many lovely things. And the Lord has supplied help for the things I can't do.

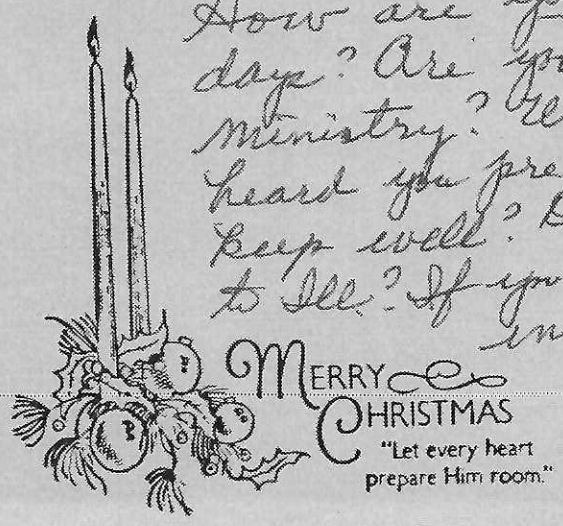
On Thursdays, I still have my Bible study, and I rejoice in that privilege. I've had several physical hard times this past year; but the Lord has brought me through them, so that I've never had to cancel a Bible study.

I'm sure the Lord has been your help too, and I trust Christmas will be a very special day for you and yours.

Rejoicing in Him,

Eloise

How are you doing these days? Are you still in the ministry? Wish I could have heard you preach! Do you keep well? Do you ever get to Ill.? If you do, come to see me! Eloise



Certificate of Adoption

Know all men by these presents, That

Eloise T. Storch

has been admitted into the

Ancient Family of Abraham

and is entitled to all benefits, honors, and rights that pertain to those who have fulfilled the Law through faith in the Jewish Messiah.

Henceforth: the bearer of this certificate is to be considered fully Jewish and an heir to the Promise through circumcision of the heart.

Sealed by the Blood of Jesus Christ

ישוע המשיח

חנני

Thought you might be interested in this. Don't know WHO sent it —

[Christmas 1993]

1993

Christmas

May your Christmas be a day of great blessing. . and the New Year better than ever before!

This year has been a good one for me - few aches & pains; just those caused by the rainy weather. I'm a good barometer. Some days, it's hard to walk because of the arthritis in my hip. . . and on those days, I also have difficulty with the pain in my arthritic hands. But it could be worse - I haven't had to stay in bed; so I praise the Lord!

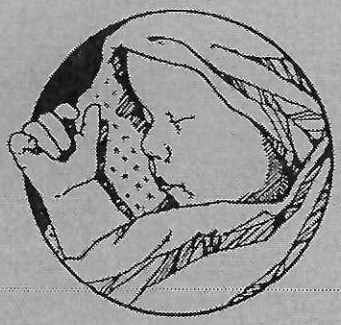
I've had some trouble getting someone to shop for groceries. I had a couple from my church for a while, and then her heart gave her trouble and they had to end some of their activities. But the Lord provided a young woman I like very much. He always has the answers, doesn't He?

I still have my Bible study. We're in the book of Romans, and that's a real challenge. I got 4 books from the church library, and I study them before I do any other reading. Speaking of reading - that's my pleasure! We get books from the public library and have a library here, so there's plenty to read.

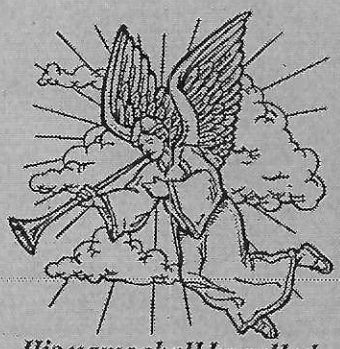
And now I must close, wishing you a blessed holiday and a blessing filled New Year! May the Lord use you to be His witness in 1994!

Rejoicing in Him,

Eloise



Our Savior is Born



His name shall be called... Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

John Storch

documents

[July 9, 1941]

[DEW's advice to his cousin John William Storch (b. 1921), on continuing his education]

Snell Hall ← University of Chicago
July 9, 1941

Dear Jack:

I was sorry that we were unable to continue our conversation in regard to schools for aeronautical engineering and the possibility of your continuing your education. Since I could not be sure when I would see you again, I thought I would write you a few of my ideas in this regard.

First of all, I believe that people who have an interest in, and the ability for, higher education along a definite line should be encouraged. It is wrong for a person not to make the fullest possible use of whatever talents he may have. The big problem in so many cases, mine included, has always been how to finance it. You know, of course, that we were in the depths of the depression when I ~~came~~ went to college. I wish I could tell you some of my experiences, but all I can say is that for someone who really wants to go, there is always a way. It always seemed as though God were guiding my path. I'm sure you have no idea how many students are earning their way through school.

But back to yourself. I feel that the first thing for you to do is to complete two years of work in a junior college. There is no other way to get college work so cheaply. The first two years are about the same for all kinds of engineers, but if you know where you want to finish, it is best to check with their curriculum. As I told you, the University of Michigan has a special course in aeronautical engineering, with one of the best ratings in the country. The tuition is relatively low, too, even for non-residents. The University of Illinois does not have such a course that I know of.

The biggest advantage of a junior college is that living costs are low because you live at home. What about transportation when you do not have one in your own town? When I went to junior college there were 85 of us driving back and forth from Saginaw to Bay City every day, a distance of 16 miles. By filling the cars and dividing the costs we were able to commute for about $1.25 apiece each week. You have a car, and what I should like to see you do is to find some other young people near you who want to go to junior college but do not have transportation. Surely there must be some recent high school graduates who can't afford to go away to school, or who could be convinced of the advantages of junior college.

In the library here there is a book listing all the junior colleges in the country, and I found three that I think are near enough, and which you no doubt know about. The closest, of course, is the Thornton Junior College in Harvey. The tuition there is $150 a year for non-residents, and they have 44 pro-

engineering students. You could pick up students anywhere along the way. However, they do not have much available in the way of scholarships. Only one person received $100 as a scholarship, and 18 received a total of $1,[illegible] from NYA jobs.

Another possibility is Joliet Junior College, which claims to be one of the oldest in the country, and perhaps is a better school. Their tuition, however, is $200 for non-residents. They have about 75 pre-engineering students. Their scholarship situation is much brighter, and you might stand a better chance, since you are in the same county, aren't you? According to their reports, 19 students received $2,500 in scholarship aid, and 78 received $2,100 from NYA jobs. You might pick up students from Pontiac on the way.

Not much farther than Harvey is the Morgan Park Junior College at 2153 W. 111th in Chicago. Their tuition also is $100 a year, and they have 50 pre-engineering students. Although they gave 21 students $6,500 in scholarship money, and 34 of them received $2,[illegible] from NYA jobs, you might not stand as good a chance as the local people. I don't think it would be any farther than Joliet, though.

Perhaps your own high school has some scholarship money available. You should see your principal about this and also about others who might be interested in junior college.

In addition to investigating all the scholarship and loan possibilities, you would no doubt want to work part time, and, of course, during vacations. If you cannot find such work yourself, most schools try to help in that regard. My contention is that even if you should have to carry a reduced load of studies and thereby go to junior college three years, you are working toward your goal. If you knew you were going to do this in September, you could save a lot toward the first year's expense this summer.

It may be that you could only see your way clear for the first year, or even the first semester. It would still be absolutely the right thing to go. No student who makes good scholastically and who is willing to work will be allowed to drop out without an effort on the part of the administration. I told the same thing to a friend of mine in Saginaw who had just enough to start at Ann Arbor, and when he got there he earned more than he needed by part time secretarial work.

You should write at once for catalogues, to these three junior colleges and to the College of Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. I should like to see you get started this fall. If you can stop in to see me sometime (try to let me know so I'll be around) please do so. Write me if you have any other questions.

See next page →

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1917)

Aunt Louise, will you forgive me if I attach my thanks to this letter? I had a grand day last Friday talking with all of you, and your meals were excellent. In regard to the Saginaw trip, if you are afraid you won't all go and you want to go with me the week-end of July 27, I'd be delighted to have you. I hope Wayne gets along all right--let me know what happens.

Sincerely,

← See previous page

Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Ill.
Tuition — $200
Engineering students — 75
Scholarship aid — 19 received $2,300
NYA jobs — 76 received $2,100

Thornton Junior College, Harvey, Ill.
Tuition — $150
Engineering students — 44
Scholarship aid — 1 received $150
NYA jobs — 18 received $1,328

Morgan Park Junior College, 2153 W. 111th, Chicago.
Tuition — $150
Engineering students — 59
Scholarship aid — 21 received $3,500
NYA jobs — 34 received $2,363

[Jan. 24, 1942]

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rademacher

announce the marriage of their daughter

Norma E.

to

Mr. John W. Storch

on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of January

nineteen hundred and forty-two

at Kahoka, Missouri

At home

Chicago Heights, Illinois

[June 20, 1947]

20 ~~Mar~~ June 47
Don't even know what month it is.

Dear Dave —

Believe me, Dave, if I were you, I would disown me. Perhaps you can remember, from John's experiences, how hard it is to get me to write a letter. I'm truly sorry I'm so late but somehow I've always considered "I'm sorry" a poor excuse or consolation for not doing something.

I only hope we didn't cause you to change any of your plans or arrange them to suit our

The question of christening John's baby

convenience. I guess about the simplest way to say this, Dave, is to say Norma wants the baby christened. I can't think of anyone I'd want more to do it than you but I fully appreciate your position. I don't want to create any hard feelings because we really hoped you'd be able to do it. In this respect, (christening) I wish you were anything but a Baptist altho I can't quite understand why the Baptists won't christen a baby. Since we've come

up against this problem, I've been looking thru the references in our Bible and I've come upon several verses that would deem Christening a desirable thing if not a necessity. I'm not trying to teach the Bible to a preacher, Dave, but it seems to me that in every belief or creed, certain things are interpreted to suit that creed. That's one reason I guess I've never joined a particular church. For instance - when a verse says, "And when she was baptized, and her <u>household</u>

as it does in Acts 16 verse 15 — I like to think it means her household and not excluding babies. How about Mark 16 - verses 15 and 16 or Matthew 28 verse 19? Please don't misunderstand Dave, I'm not trying to be smart or sarcastic - I'd just like you to explain these things to me in your way. We mean it when we say we'd certainly like you to Christen our baby:

I hope this poor excuse for a letter and explanation finds you, Elizabeth and the baby in good health.

↑

James Penney
Witheridge
(b. 1946)

We're all doing fine here. Little Patricia is the joy of our lives. Why don't you climb in that Oldsmobile and come out to the Heights some time?

Patricia Louise Storch (b. 1947)

← Chicago Heights, IL

I'd like to say again, Dave, that I hope we didn't cause you any inconvenience and I'm sorry I'm so tardy with this letter. I suppose I have no right to expect you to do better, but write soon.

Your's

John

As you see — I never re-write a letter. You get the original manuscript — mistakes an all, hi!!

[Sept. 10, 1947]

September 10, 1947

Dear David,

Could you tell me where we can write to find out about going to school at Ann Arbor? I'd like to find out how the housing situation is for veterans there and jobs for veterans wives, etc.

I'm still trying to get John to go to school. He doesn't think we could manage. Other veterans and their families are doing it and I'd like to find out if we could. The future

Issue of her husband, John, pursuing his education

looks sad as it is, and the only thing to do is go to school if possible or back to the army.

Did you have your second vacation yet? Don't forget to stop at 1643 School St.

Would appreciate hearing from you on this school business as soon as you have time.

Sincerely,

Norma

How's the baby? Patricia is fine.

Norma Emma Rademacher (m. 1942)

[Undated]

↑ early 1950s

ELECTRO

JOHN W. STORCH, Assistant Sales Manager

ELECTRO PRODUCTS LABORATORIES, INC.
6125 WEST HOWARD ST., CHICAGO, ILL. 60648/647-8744/AREA 312

Resume of Past Experience and Qualifications

of

John W. Storch

Peotone, Illinois

Birthplace	- Beecher, Illinois	Weight	- 170
Date of Birth	- September 29, 1921	Height	- 6 ft.1 in.
Marital Status	- Married	Health	- Excellent
		Race	- White

U. S. Security Clearance - SECRET - U.S.A.F.

Date of Availability - Approximately thirty days.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Dave: This was prepared when the Ford Motor Co. lost its contract to build J-57 jet engines and closed the plant putting 13,000 people out of work. I was there seven years. I was released Nov. of 1958.

John W. Storch

Resume of Past Experience and Qualifications

From: September, 1953
To: Present date

Employed by: Ford Motor Company, Aircraft Engine Division
Chicago, Illinois

Position of: Service Engineer "A" - Field Service Department

In charge of: Service Engineers acting as a liaison team between Ford, Aircraft Engine Division and the United States Air Force and several airframe manufacturers. Liaison consisting of screening all reports of discrepancies from the field on the R-4360 engine and the J-57 afterburning and non-afterburning engines, and coordinating effective corrective action with the Production Department, the Quality Control Department and the Product Engineering Department. Initiate all action with the United States Air Force concerning field campaigns and notify the U.S. Air Force when campaigns are completed. Coordinate activities with the Product Engineering Department in expediting corrective action with the vendors when they have discrepancies with their parts. Give technical advice to the technical writers in the Technical Publication Section. Answer all questions on technical problems sent in by our Field Service Representatives. Attend Technical Data Conferences at Pratt & Whitney, with the U.S. Air Force in attendance, to discuss Engineering Changes in Design on the engines mentioned above. Act as the Aircraft Engine Division Representative at vendor's conferences.

From: November, 1951
To: September, 1953

Employed by: Ford Motor Company, Aircraft Engine Division
Chicago, Illinois

Position of: Electrical Technician - Quality Control, Test.

In charge of: The original installation and initial calibration of all test cell instrumentation in both the reciprocating and jet engine test cells and the group of hourly instrument inspectors working for Quality Control, supervising each calibration thereafter. Also acted as test inspector for Quality Control, which required knowing all the specifications and schedules for testing both types of engine.

John W. Storch

Resume of Past Experience and Qualifications

From: November, 1950
To: November, 1951

Employed by: The Electrolizing Corporation, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Position of: Experimental and Research Plating Technician

In charge of: Operating a pilot plant which consisted of setting up the original fixtures, calculating the area and current density required for new pieces and determining the quality of the finished part in an effort to determine the feasibility of processing the piece through normal production methods. Also determined the number and rate at which the piece could be plated in production and was in charge of the operation and personnel involved.

From: December, 1946
To: November, 1950

Employed by: Forster Textile Mills, Chicago Heights, Illinois

Position of: Head Traffic Clerk

In charge of: All employees in the Shipping Department and routed everything shipped from the mill.

From: December, 1942
To: January, 1946

Employed by: United States Army Air Force - In the United States and the China, Burma, India Theatre.

Position of: Pilot, Instructor and Airplane Commander.

In charge of: After successfully completing all phases and schools of Aviation Cadet training, was selected from the graduating class to attend the U.S.A.F. Flight Instructor's School. Instructed several classes of Aviation Cadets at the basic flying school at Marana, Arizona and held position of Flight Commander. Completed B-24 transition training and went overseas as airplane commander in charge of a crew of nine men. Flew three hundred hours combat time. Discharged in January, 1946 and was a member of the Air Force Reserve until 1955.

John W. Storch

Resume of Past Experience and Qualifications

From: June, 1940
To: November, 1942

Employed by: Victor Chemical Works - Chicago Heights, Illinois

Position of: Operated Pilot Plant in Research Laboratory as Assistant to Chemical Engineer.

In Charge of: Operating a pilot plant producing new products later to be produced in large quantities in the plant. Assisted Chemical Engineers in determining method of production and analysis of final results.

From: October, 1939
To: June, 1940

Employed by: Continental Bridge Company - Peotone, Illinois

Position of: Arc welder.

In charge of: There were very few supervisory duties connected with this position.

John W. Storch

Resume of Education and Training

1956 Ford, Aircraft Engine Division, Field Service Refresher Course.

1954 Ford, Aircraft Engine Division, Field Service J-57 Jet Engine School.

1953 Sperry School on the Ignition Analyzer conducted at Ford, Aircraft Engine Division.

1951 On-the-job research training on Electro-Plating. The Electrolizing Corporation, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

1947 Received Class A amateur radio license. Built own transmitter and Variable Frequency Oscillator and have been building own equipment since.

1945 United States Air Force B-24 Transition Training School for Airplane Commanders. Albuquerque, New Mexico,

1945 United States Air Force Flight Instructors School, Marana Air Force Base, Marana, Arizona.

1944 United States Air Force Advanced Flight Training. Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

1944 United States Air Force Basic Flight Training. Lancaster, California.

1943 United States Air Force Primary Flight Training, Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Arizona

1943 United States Air Force College Training Detachment, Texas Tech. Lubbock, Texas.

1940 Government sponsored civilian pilot training.

1939 Course in all types of arc welding. Joliet Township Vocational School. (nights) Joliet, Illinois

1939 Peotone High School, Peotone, Illinois.

Grade school and three (3) yrs. of High School in Beecher.

[Created by DEW and John Storch] [after Dec. 8, 1962]
↑ creation date

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full John William Storch (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth Sept. 29, 1921 - Beecher, Ill.

Date and Place of Death

Address, if Living 325 Victoria Drive, North Lake, Ill. Date

Father's Name in Full John Storch (middle name?) None

Mother's Maiden Name in Full Louise Theresa Nemitz

Married to (1st) Norma Emma Rademacher (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage Jan. 24, 1942 - Kahoka Missouri

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death Patricia Louise - b. Apr. 17, 1947, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Jan William - b. Aug. 28, 1954, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Marriage Ended by Divorce Date April 27, 1956

Married to (2nd) Marianne Tibstra (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage September 29, 1956 Chicago, Ill.

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death William John b. Nov. 16, 1957 Harvey Ill.; Douglas Craig b. July 17, 1959 Hazelcrest, Ill.; Andrew Kevin - b. Dec. 8, 1962 Elmhurst, Ill.

Marriage Ended by Date

Education, with Places and Dates:

Occupation, with Places and Dates:

Other Places of Residence, with Dates: 1921 - 1942: Beecher, Ill. 1942 - Mar. 1956: Chgo. Hts., Ill. April 1956 - Sept. 1956: Peotone, Ill. Sept. 1956 - Dec. 1957: Oak Lawn, Ill. Dec. 1957 - Feb. 1959: Peotone, Ill. Feb. 1959: Northlake

Religious Affiliations:

Other Experiences or Activities:

Recognition or Honors Received: WWII Air Medal with two clusters DFC

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Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl. - place

ANCESTORS OF

1 Andrew Kevin Storch
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse:

3 Marianne Tibstra
b. 1-28-37
pl. Evergreen Park, Ill.
d.
pl.

2 John William Storch
b. Sept. 29, 1921
pl. Beecher, Ill.
m. 1-24-42 - 9-29-56
pl. Chicago, Ill.
d.
pl.

4 John Storch
b. Nov. 11, 1878
pl. Peotone, Ill.
m. June 24, 1902
pl. Bay City, Mich. (?)
d. July 14, 1956
pl. Joliet, Ill.

5 Louise Theresa Nemitz
b. April 13, 1877
pl. Mantena, Ill.
d. Sept. 15, 1959
pl. Joliet, Ill.

6 George Tibstra
b. Sept. 29, 1893
pl. Holland
m. 12-24-
pl. Chicago, Ill.
d. Dec 12, 1954
pl. Evergreen Park, Ill
b. Thornton, Ill.

7 Minnie Hommes
b. April 14
pl. Chicago, Ill.
d.
pl.

8 John Storch
b. c. 1840
pl. Schleswig (Germany)
m.
pl.
d. pl.

9 Eliza
b.
pl. Bavaria (Germany)
d.
pl.

10 William Nemitz
b. Aug. 3, 1835 (or 1837)
pl. Dammer, Germany
m. 1864
pl. Germany
d. Jan. 3, 1921 pl. Beecher, Ill.

11 Theresa Jacobs
b. July 20, 1843
pl. Dammer, Germany
d. Dec. 24, 1885
pl. Mantena, Ill.

12 Tibstra
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

13
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

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b.
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d. pl.

15
b. d.
pl. pl.

16 John Storch (?)
b. pl. Holstein (Germany)
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
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Kenneth Storch

document

[Apparently never answered] [Mar. 12, 1964]

Kenneth Lee
Storch (b. 1903)

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
March 12, 1964

Dear Kenneth,

You may have heard that I am trying to piece together the elements of our family history. It is a very slow process!

Could you enlighten me on a few items? What was Grandfather Nanny's full name? We seem to have some differences of opinion on the spelling of his first and middle names.

Secondly, what were the date and place of his death? Also the date and place of Grandmother Nanny's death?

Finally, do you have the addresses of any of our relatives in Bay City — the brothers or others? Somehow, I have lost track of all of them.

I'd appreciate a prompt answer to any of these questions you can answer easily, even if you have to hunt for some others.

Thanking much for your help.

Sincerely,

Dave Withrow

Louise Nemitz

documents

[July 15, 1941]

Beecher, Ill.
July 15th/41

Dear David.
Just a few lines to let you know Wayne is coming in to morrow morning. So if you have any time to spare, he will be very glad to have you visit him. I think they plan to keep him in bed for at least 15 days.
Am so sorry I won't be able to come in to see him very often.
But will come as soon as I have some one to take my.
I will be very happy to go home with you

Wayne Nemits Storch (b. 1908) having surgery, apparently in Chicago, where DEW was living

WWII gas rationing

"Home" must mean Saginaw, MI

when you go.
Unless it should be
that Wayne has had the
operation by then.
I will let you know
more definite a little
later. What day will
you be leaving?
Thanks so much for the
kind letter to Jack.
He is giving it much
thought - but right now we
must all help Wayne.
We are praying that
the Lord will undertake
for him - and that he will
be well after this is all
over. I may get to see
you when I come up to see
Wayne. Love
Aunt Louise.

John William Storch (b. 1921)

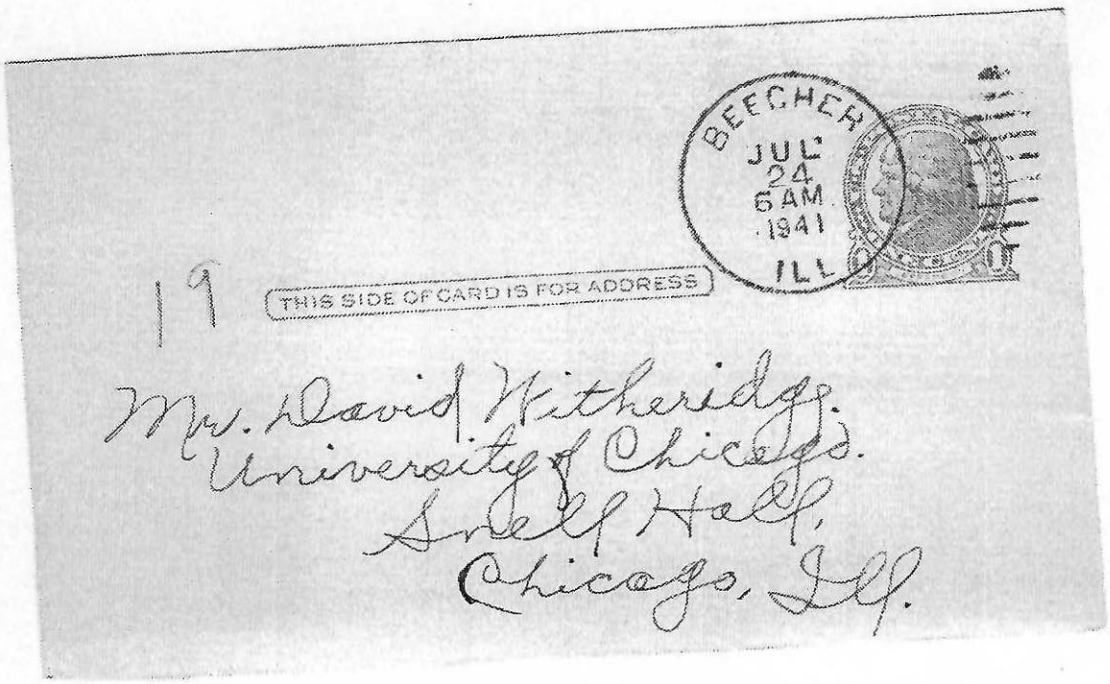
(See July 9, 1941, letter in John Storch section of this folder)

[ca. July 24, 1941]

Dear David. Beecher, Ill.
Wed. Eve.

It seems that we can't find out just when they expect to operate on N, so I am giving up going with you Fri. I had thot, if they should wait until next week - I should go - but I should not like to be away if he was to be operated Sat. Tell your mother I am sorry I need not go. And thanks so much for wanting to take me. I do appreciate it - and thot it lovely of you. Give my love to all. Hope you have a very pleasant time. Thanks again -
Aunt Louise.

"Your mother" = Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883), Louise's sister



Note the 1¢ cost of a U.S. Mail postcard back then.

[June 22, 1942]

Residence of DEW's parents in Saginaw, MI

2540 Yorchon St.

See next page

June 22, 1942

Dear Aunt Louise,

DEW called to be Assistant Minister of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago

What do you think? We expect to have a church in Chicago! That is, we are expecting to be called as assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church. The church council has voted unanimously, and we are just waiting for final word as to the outcome of a general vote of the church, which was to be taken yesterday. But this is just a formality, we are sure.

We are thrilled, of course, for this church, as you may know, is right on the edge of the campus of the University of Chicago. We have been trying to get a church in a college town, but we had no idea that it would be such a grand one. Not only that, but the church is willing to have me take some courses on the side at the university, so that in about six years I shall be able to get my Doctor's degree.

The only thing that has us worried is what kind of place we shall find in which to live—that is such a crowded area and rents are so high for decent places. So as soon as we get the final word from the church, we want to come to Chicago, to see if we can locate an apartment that will be open by the first of September, the date when our work will begin. We do not know exactly when we shall come, but it will probably be within the next two weeks, for Dr. Schlosser, the pastor, leaves for his vacation after the Fourth.

What I think we shall do is to leave in the morning and drive to Beecher and spend the night with you. Then we can go in to Chicago early the next morning and spend two days there. I have never stayed all night with Uncle Will, so I don't know whether he can put us up or not, but we'll ask him. The evening of the second day in Chicago we can come back to Beecher and then leave for Saginaw the next morning. How does that sound?

As I say, we don't know when we shall be coming. If it is this week, we shall come on Wednesday, for I have to be back to preach here next Sunday. If it is next week, we shall probably leave Monday. All we can do is to let you know as soon as we are sure. If for any reason this will not be convenient for you, please let us know immediately.

We are anxious to see you, and have so many things to say, that there is no use writing any more now!

With love,

Elizabeth and Dave

← See preious page

[Google Maps view of
2340 Mershon St., Saginaw, MI,
as of Sept. 2012 — home of
DEW's parents in 1942]

[Nov. 5, 1942]

Beecher, Ill.
Nov. 5th '42

Dear David and Elizabeth.
We were so glad to hear from you, and thanks so much for the kind invitation.
Am so sorry to say we will not be able to come in Sun.
Jack is sick in bed with scarlet fever, and I have been so anxious about him. I feel so badly about it - because I am not able to go to visit him.
Norma says he is getting along very well tho.
Another reason too. Jack was home here last Sun. and my Mop.

John William Storch (b. 1921) has scarlet fever

Norma Emma Rademacher (m. 1942)

he came down with the fever.
So we think it best not to go
anywhere for a couple of weeks.
So please excuse us this time,
and I will still be looking for-
ward to hearing you preach.
Let me know again, when you
are preaching, and will hope we
can come next time - the Lord
willing. You come out anytime
you can get away.
And please pray for Jack's
recovery. Always glad to hear
from you - Much love,
Aunt Louise.

P.S.
We were so happy to still keep
Wayne with us - for a time
at least.

Her son
Wayne

[Dec. 10, 1942]

[A mother's wartime worries for her sons]

Beecher, Ill.
Dec. 10th '42

Dear David and Elizabeth.

Just a few lines to say that Jack is well again, and has gone back to work. Of course he looks very pale and is quite weak, and so thin. We are so happy to have them out again. And thank the Lord that he got along so well. Prayers surely were ans. Some cold weather we are having, I never like it. How are you enjoying your work by now? Suppose you are getting acquainted with a lot of the members. Will you get to go home for Christmas? You will be able to get more gas, as I hear Preachers get more, than others.

So you folks can come out to see us, even tho' we can't come in.

Eloise will be home next Tues. or Wed. I am all excited about it - can hardly realize that she is coming.

You must come out while she is home. If you are busy on Sun. just come anytime. Have you seen Uncle Will's lately? Suppose they are busy these days, seems everyone is. How do you like shopping in Chicago, Elizabeth? I am not doing much.

2/ Suppose you hear from your mother every week - how are they? Will John be able to go on with his studies after the 1st of the yr.? Wonder where this will lead us, and when it will end? I just can't see anything right, in all those young men being killed. Jack will be going before very long. I am so thankful that he is still here.

Don't forget to let me know again - when you preach - I will try to come this time.

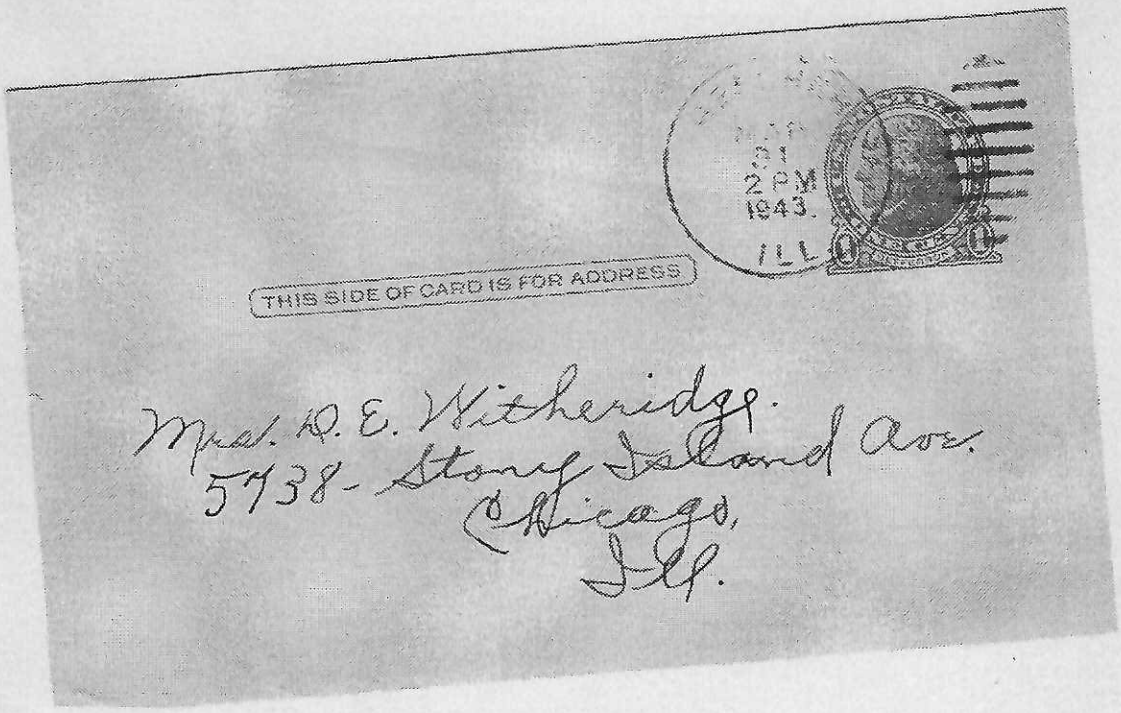
Eloise and I are coming in one day before Christmas - if we have time - we may come in to call on you - but you let me know and you come out here.

Wayne is still working, but never knows when he will quit.

Much love,
Aunt Louise.

[Louise's note to EPW about getting together; also worries about son Jack, who was in the service] [Mar. 31, 1943]

Dear Elizabeth. Beecher, Ill.
Just received your letter, Wed. noon. and am sorry to say - we are not coming in till Fri. Wayne has to go in then - so I will wait and go Fri. instead. Will call you Fri. then we can make other plans.
Should have liked to have gone with you - but it seems, we can't get together. Will be looking forward thru to seeing you tho soon. We have had so much sickness since the first of the year, and have been so worried about Jack. but he seems to like it better now. Love, Aunt Louise.



[Dec. 16, 1943]

Dear David and Elizabeth.
How are you, often
think of you.
Write us a long song
day - when you are not
so busy. Will you be
going home for Christmas?
How is Peter Pan, how
many words can he say?
Eloise will be home next
week - but no Jack.
He is in Ariz. now.
Had a card from John
Come out when ever you
can - or when ever you have
gas. Always welcome.
Love from all.
Aunt Louise.

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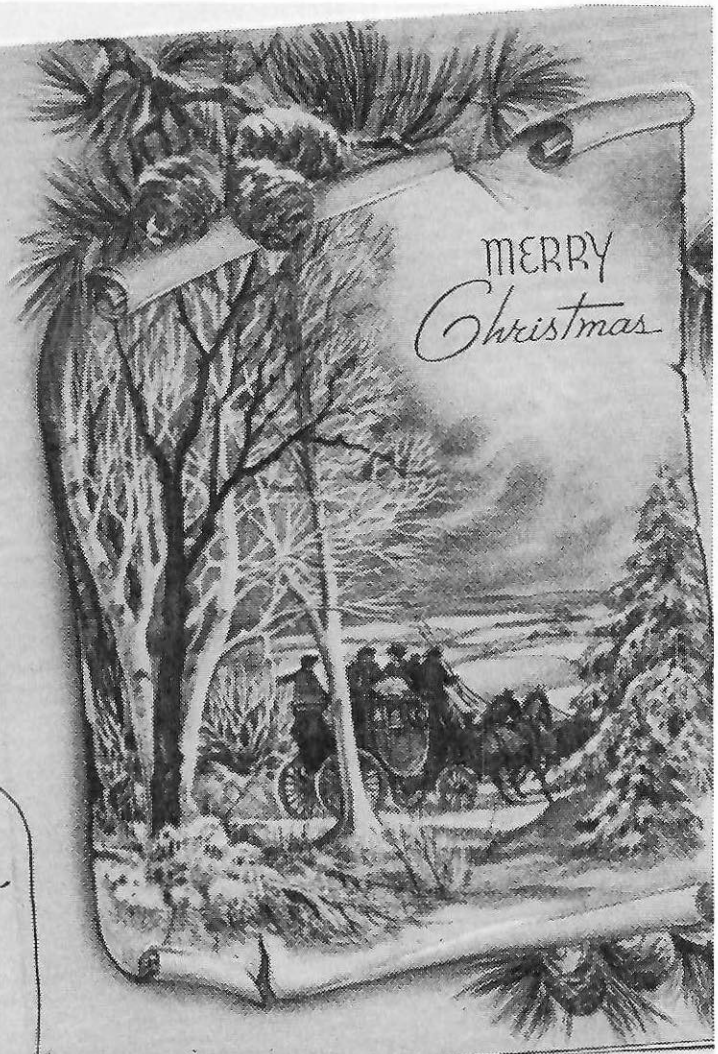
Peter Pan was a parakeet



"Jack" = Louise's son John

Probably DEW's brother John

[undated]
↑
between Dec. 1943 and Nov. 1945

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Beecher, Ill.
Tues. 9. M.

Dear David and Elizabeth.

Glad to hear that your mother is coming, and we will try to come in Sat.

Haven't had a chance to talk it over with Wayne, but am sure he will try to stop off after work.

Eloise came home yesterday, she is not feeling very well. So she will be able to come with me - I hope.

Isn't this some weather, rain, and more rain.

I should love to have your mother come out to visit us, won't she be able to, at all? How will you folks be able to have us all? Don't you go to fussing Elizabeth, you know no one does nowadays.

Well, I must stop and get lunch. Will be seeing you something Sat. afternoon. And thanks a lot.

Love, aunt Louise

[Nov. 15, 1945]

11-15-45

Beecher St.
Thurs. P.M.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

So glad, and also surprised to hear you are really coming to visit us. Will be looking for you Mon. Hope you can stay all day so you will be able to see Wayne also. We have Jack home again, and we are so glad and thankful

2. that he was able to come home. He came two weeks ago.
I tryed to call you several times when we were at Will's but never any and. Have you seen them lately? Eloise will be home Wed. wish you could have seen her also.
Suppose you are both as busy as ever. Are you still going to school Reve?
Well you can tell me all the news when I see you. Hope John hasn't had to go overseas. It seems the war is still on in China. I will be counting on your staying for dinner Mon. eve. And come as early as you can, Mon. a.m. Love,
Aunt Louise

"Will" =
Louise's brother,
William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880),
who lived in Chicago

[Oct. 1, 1946]

Beecher, Ill.
Oct. 1st '46

Dear Elizabeth.
I kept waiting to write you till we had our grandchild so, to-day she arrived.
Another girl - not a small one - she weighs 10 lbs.
Those little Kimono's I had may not fit. Marge had to have caesarean birth.
The last week they decided to have her go to K.K.K. Hospital again, as it would be better for Kenneth to go to visit her every eve.
Now we hear no one but Ken may go to visit her.
Her mother does not like that - nor do I.
Am so thankful its over, and they are alright.
So you see, I won't get to visit you for a little while.

"Marge" = Margaret Kruger, wife of Kenneth Lee Storch (b. 1903)

Fortunately, "K.K.K." means Kankakee (IL)

I am planning to come in th' some day soon to see how Alma is getting on. Will call you, and if I should stay over night will surely call on you folks. Pad is back in the store has been there a week. He gets pretty tired, but we are hoping he will get his strength back soon. This cool weather is not so good for him. I am cleaning house - am not doing too much this fall. Have you started your rug? We still have no meat and not much else either. I have my last bouquet of asters in the house. I will miss the flowers. So glad you and David came out - always like to have you - so come again soon. You must come to see our new baby. Eloise likes her new home very much, am glad she does. Hope you both are well, and not working too hard. Will see you when I come in - Love, Aunt Louisa.

Eloise Therese Storch (b. 1910)

[DEW gets a call to be minister of First Baptist Church, Marengo, IL, The editor ("Tommy") stays in Chicago at Mercy Hospital with a (fortunately temporary) stomach ailment.]

[July 13, 1948]

7-13-48

Beecher, Ill.
Mon. Noon.

Dear Dave and Elizabeth,
Will told me you are moving, am so glad that you are going, but sorry to hear about Tommy. Hope he is much improved by this time. Is something wrong with his stomach, or only that they haven't found anything to agree with him? Was sorry not to have seen you all, but we were all sick with sore throats, and colds. So many had it at that time. Wish you could find time to come out before you go farther away. If you can, do try to come.

This weather is too much for me, hope it rains. I hope you folks will be very happy in your new home and work. The Lord bless you in it, and let us hear from you - but come out if all possible. Love,
Aunt Jennie.

P.S.

Will you be able to take the baby?
We will pray for him.
Eloise has been at Moody Inst. for 3 weeks, will be home Sat.
She took a short course in Bible study.

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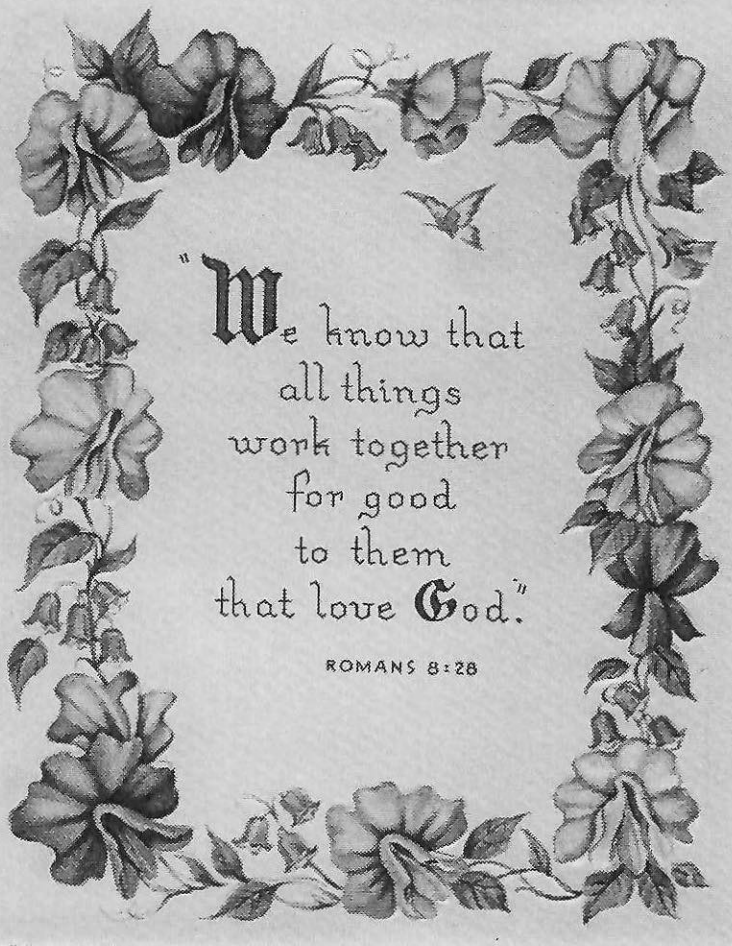

[Apr. 4, 1949]

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Beecher, Ill.
Sun. Eve.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

I had thot of seeing you long before this, but so far hadn't been in to visit Will. I had thot of going last week then John fell and hurt his bad knee, and is laid up for a while. But when I come in Will is bringing me over some eve. for a while. I will call you. Hope the babies are fine, and growing.

Will has his 2 room apt. rented, but so far hasn't sold his house. Am glad spring is here, after all the cold weather. I will be cleaning house soon. Am not very happy this spring. Almalita likes Ark. and is very happy. Will is the lonely one. Hope you are all well and don't work too hard. This money is for Tommy get what ever he needs. Its a little late but never mind that. Will see you soon -

Much love,
Aunt Louise.

"Will" = Louise's brother, William.
"Almalita" = Will's daughter, Almalita (Lita) Lucille Nemitz (b. 1926)

"Tommy" = the editor, TFW (see previous document)

[Louise and John move to Joliet, IL]

[Feb. 19, 1952]

Joliet, Ill.
230 - Harwood St.
Feb. 19th '52

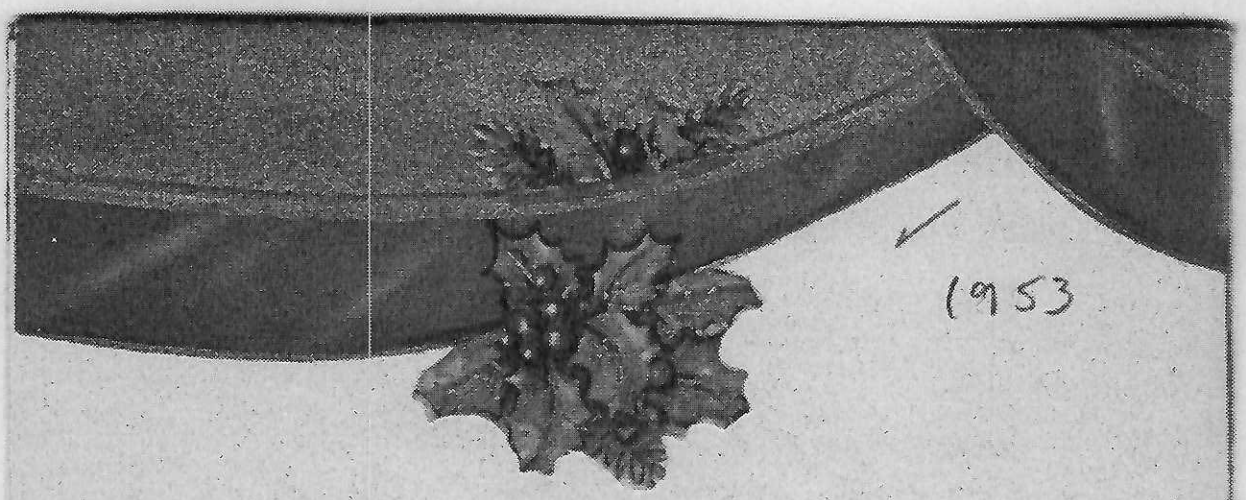
Dear David and All.

Am sorry I haven't written sooner, thot of it many times, but one is always so busy. I was so glad to get your note and the picture of the boys. The boys are growing so fast, you will soon have young men. The house looks fine (what we saw of it) I know you are all happy there, and it is so nice you like your work and everything.

We are so happy for you, and praise the Lord that He led you there. And you like it there as well too Elizabeth. We like Joliet very well, also our house. W. and E. are very busy, E. has only 3 eves at home, always some meeting at the church. At Christmas time she was rushed so much, she was sick after the program. W. likes his work very well. Then eves he has a lot of work around the house, but it won't always be so. And now, his friends are wanting their radio's fixed, he hates to say he can't do them. I am so glad we are here for Wayne's sake, alone, as he has some nice christian friends here, and he is in the choir, and also in a music choir

U. John is a lot better, and has gained weight. Am hoping he will be able to help me some, come spring. I keep going, but am not too well, I get so tired and ailing. But I am so thankful that I am this well. My right hand is still quite stiff, can't do as I used to. Look, how I write.
We like this church here very much, the people are very friendly.
We will be joining it very soon, Eloise has done so. She likes it here, and her work. Ken's and Jack's are fine and the children are well. Jack and Patty were here last Sat. Norma was out delivering her products, she is still busy selling Stanley prodct.
I must tell you - Jack has finally found a job he likes, we are all happy about that. I can't explain his work - but its in an Airplane parts - factory, and he was lucky to get a job as an inspector. He had to take quite an exam. but he had no trouble passing. Ken comes to Joliet every Fri. to sell to his dealers, so we see him quite often, he still likes his work, and doing well.
Uncle Will was here last weekend, he comes quite often, we like to have him, he always cheers us up. Wish you could come to visit us, do come if you can.
I miss my Beecher neighbors, don't have any here. I don't like the stores here, after having a store all those yrs. You folks write us often whe you have time. Much love from us all.
Aunt Louise.

[Christmas 1953]



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Dear David, Elizabeth & Boys.
How are you? Hope all are well.
We keep about as usual.
Suppose you are very busy
this time of year.
We are again house hunting.
Sold our house. Its very hard to
find a place. Are both boys in
school? Patty's in 1st Joan in
2nd grade. Sandra in 8th.
Write us some day.
Love from all
Aunt Louise, U. John
Doris

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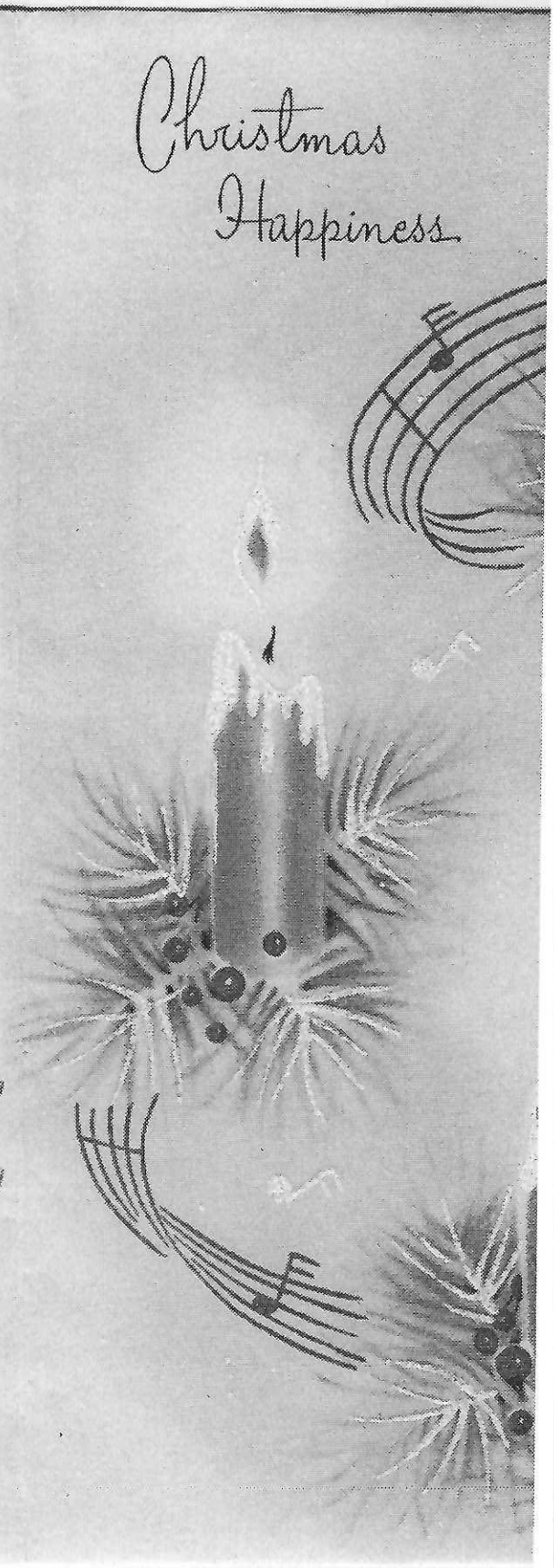
[Louise's husband, John Storch (b. 1878), had died the previous year.]

[Dec. 11, 1957]

Dear David and all Dec. 11th '57
Seems ages since I heard from you folks. Hope all are well. Suppose all are busy, and the boys are growing up fast.
I should love to see you again. Are you still at the same work?
I am not a bit well. Am always so weak. Had 3 pts of blood transfusions again in Nov. Elsie keeps pretty well and is so busy at this time. I do very little nowadays. But the Lord has been good to me and I know He always will be. As ever, with love
Aunt Louise.



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[June 12, 1931]

Beecher, Ill June 12, 1931

Dear David,

Well, we are back in Beecher again. We are in the country again as Louise would say. We were gone for such a short time that it seems as tho we had never been away from home. It was pretty ~~cold~~ warm yesterday so I feel kind of tuckered out today.

I thought I would write to you and give you some information on pennies. (There is something wrong with this paper, I don't know whether you'll be able to read this writing or not). First of all I'll give you a list of U.S. Mints. United States Mint at Philadelphia Organized 1793, No mint mark.

Branch Mints

O" New Orleans Organized 1838; suspended in 1861; reopened 1879
D" Dahlonega, Ga., " 1838; discontinued 1861.
C" Charlotte, N.C. " 1838; " 1861.
S" San Francisco " 1854
CC" Carson City, Nevada " 1870 Discontinued 1893.
D" Denver " 1860

1¢ and 5¢ coins are coined at Phil, San Fran, and Denver mints. So much for that.

Small cents were coined from 1856 to 1930. Indian heads were discontinued with 1908 which is S mint. There were some double issues.

1856 Flying Eagle, nickel cent. 1859 to 1862 inclusive Indian Heads.
1856 Flying Eagle, pure copper. 1863 Indian Head Copper Nickel.
1857 Flying Eagle, nickel cent. 1863 " " Bronze.
1858 Flying Eagle, nickel cent. 1864 to 1908 inclusive Indian Head.
1858 Indian Head 1909 to 1930 " Lincoln Head.

Large Copper Cents 1793 to 1857 None in 1815
Philadelphia mint only.

1793 - Wreath, Strawberry Spring over date - first month $250
1793 - Chain, Ameri (instead of America)
1793 - Chain, America
1793 - Wreath
1793 - Liberty Cap
1794 to 1796 inclusive Liberty Cap
1796 - Fillet Head
1797 to 1857 Large Cents.

That gives you a complete list of large and small cents. Of course the older ones are hard to get but the Lincoln heads should be obtained easily. I hope you can secure all of them. I'll send you a couple of those that dad spoke about.

We received a letter from Uncle Will this morning inviting us up Sunday to Almalita's birthday party. Pretty good eh? They have a party every year for each of the girls. I guess we are going and will take Clarence along. Clarence has left the farm where he has been working and is going to Chicago for a couple days, so we will take him along Sunday. Haven't found out why he left as we haven't seen him since returning home.

Well, I suppose you will soon be painting. I'll be looking for you down here in August. Drop me a line when you decide to come. Guess I'll sign off for today. So long until tomorrow (Lowell Thomas)

Your cousin
Wayne

sell some to the teachers around Beecher. Of course you fellows believe in Life Insurance I imagine and so do we and several others in Beecher, but there are some people around here (Old Lutherans) who don't carry any at all. If I can reform some of those it won't be bad, eh, what?

I am still adding to my stamp collection slowly. I have a new way to add to it. I am dealing in stamps in a small way and thus get a few cents to use for stamps for my personal collection. I am enclosing a circular which gives the list of stamps I sell. I have had quite a few answers to it, having had 100 circulars mailed by a mailing agency.

Well I think I'd have to close now as I want to answer another letter and get my car ready for the trip this afternoon. Lets try to keep up a correspondence thruout the winter. Of course we don't have to write every week or so but at least once a month, so I'll be expecting a letter from you before Sept. 30th. Yo hum.

As ever

Wayne

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10 Diff. comemorativs	.10
10 Canadian War stamps	.10
5 Diff. Precancelts	.05
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15 Diff. Netherland	,05
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WAYNE STORCH

BEECHER. ILL.

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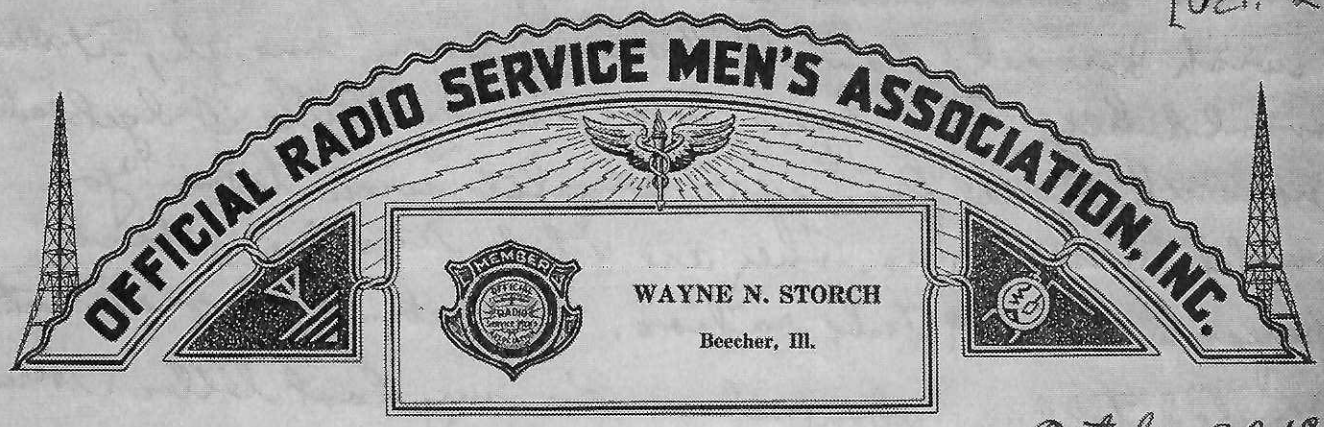
[Oct. 28, 1931]



October 28, 1931

Dear Dave,

Well, I suppose by this time you are pretty well situated in School at Bay City. In your next letter, tell me how you are getting along and how you like the School.

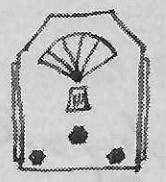
It seems rather queer to see Louise in Chicago. You know, we didn't get to see any of you folks for a year at least and now we've seen and been with Louise several times in the last couple months. I guess she likes it fine, anyway her actions say so.

DEW's sister, Louise Alice Witheridge Mark (b. 1913)

I have sold only $4000 worth of Insurance to date, but have several good prospects. I could sell two policies tomorrow if the persons could get the money. They both have money (wages) coming but not coming fast enough. Ha! Ha! If things would pick up the Insurance business would be a lot better, because people are beginning to realize that Life Insurance is a property as well as a protection.

The radio business has been pretty good this

month. I have had 21 radio jobs so far this month. I wish I would have that many every month, it sure would help. We have some dandy little Midget radios now that sell for $24.50 complete with tubes. You ought to have one. They are 4 tube radios which perform like 9 tube radios. The cabinet is modernistic. Maybe I told you about them in my last letter. Here's what they looks like.



Have you seen any of the new stamps? If you get a chance put one on the letter you send to me as I haven't a cancelled one. I am not monkeying with the stamps much now. Too busy. I have full charge of a Hallowe'en Carnival which the Epworth League is giving Friday nite so I keep the road between Beecher and Peotone pretty hot.

How is your radio working? You ought to build it over, but I suppose you have no time for that. Eloise has a boy friend going to a radio school in Valparaiso, Indiana, who has a transmitter and we have been listening for him the last couple nites. My receiver doesn't work so good as the Coils are makeshift, so I guess I'll build some better ones.

Clarence is with us right now. Don't know how long he'll be here. He got his money today so I suppose he will be leaving soon — maybe. Well I guess I'll sign off now. Write soon and by Nov. 15 As ever

Wayne

[Nov. 29, 1931]

Beecher, Ill.,
November 29

Dear Dave,

Well, I marked your letter "Answer Nov. 29th." so here I am right on the dot. It seems as tho I have about a half doyen letters to answer today, so I had better get started, eh what?

I was glad to hear all about your school, at Bay City. You are taking some rather "stiff" subjects aren't you? I imagine chemistry is interesting, I didn't take that. I wish now that I had taken chemistry instead of English. Four years of English was not required when I went to High School (Way back when). Your school hours are plenty long aren't they — that is figuring your departure from home and your return.

So you didn't get a Yorktown stamp at your P.O. I didn't know they were out either until our Postmaster told me he had 100 of them. He said he would save them for me, so I can get all I want of those. He has 50 Red Cross also which I can get any time.

Speaking of the midget radio, you have our circular by this time, so you can see what it is like. Louise liked the performance alright, but I guess she didn't like the cabinet, at least the color. You ask if our midget is comparable with most

good sets on the market. We are not afraid to compare it with any midget up to $35. It has good tone, selectivity, volume, and good construction. Only good parts made by some of the best radio Mfrs., are used. It carries a factory guarantee of 90 days as do General Motors etc. Altho it has only 4 tubes, it performs as well as lots of 5 & 6 tube radios. The only thing a 6 tube set will do, that our four will do, is tune in distant stations with volume. We get Milwaukee, Cincinnatti, and St. Louis regularly. We have had stations in California, Texas, Kentucky, W. Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Tenn. and Minnesota this midget, altho we do not guarantee distance.

If you want a good distance-getter, good tone quality etc I would advise spending $50 for a Philco 7 tube superhetrodyne midget. It is a big midget, has very good tone and being a S. Het is very selective. We had California and Mexico here in Beecher like Chicago stations on the about radio. I could make you a price on the Philco (This is a new model not old) Express Prepaid to Saginaw for about $45. Sometime when you are down town go into a store & listen to a Philco. That is enough for radio. If you don't want to buy a $50 radio, I would advise buying one like ours.

How is the basketball team getting along. I suppose you will be playing real games soon.

a C.W. (code) outfit, but later on can change it to phone. It takes more power to send talking than it does to send code. I am not going to spend a cent on a transmitter. I will either build one out of parts I have or trade my Silas Marshal radio for one. Probably you aren't interested in radio.

Well I believe I had better sign off now. The next time I write Xmas will be over, I suppose. The days sure are flying away lately.

The radio business is not so bad. I sold a midget in Beecher this month and have two people who are going to buy before Xmas. I am taking on a new line, repairing electrical appliances. I have never advertised this (until last week) also I have always repaired ours and the neighbors. The same day the Beecher Herald came out, a neighbor brought over his electric automatic toaster to be repaired, so you see "It Pays to Advertise".

Well, so long until next time.

As ever

Wayne

[Jan. 14, 1932]

January 14, 1932

Dear Dave,

I think it is about time to answer your letter of Jan 1. Of course we expected you to be surprised. I know we would have been startled, if you had called us by telephone.

I am very glad to hear that you received such high grades at school. Of course, I suppose that isn't unusual for you. (I'll take the quarter next time I see you. Ha! Ha!)

How is your arm? How are the rest of your folks? I hear Louise is more busy now than ever. Mother and Ken were in Chicago yesterday and talked to Aunt Alma. We haven't heard from Louise since she came back to Chicago.

Alma Leona Grimes (b. 1892)

We sure are having some very mild weather for this time of the year. We haven't had any snow to amt to anything. It is a little colder here tonite and very damp. I am listening to Mount Vernon Hills, Virginia right now. I make a few adjustments on my short-wave receiver and am then able to tune up to about 200 meters

This station, I am listening to, has a power of 10,000 watts and comes in here pretty good on my 4 tube radio. I usually listen to Canada, New Jersey, New York, and Chicago on 45 meters in the afternoon (if I am home). Stations on short waves come in better here at Beecher in the afternoon.

I am gradually getting parts together for my transmitter, but haven't rec'd my license yet. I rec'd a list of all amateurs of U.S. and I find that Saginaw has 13 listed and probably has a couple more because I know of several amateurs, whose calls aren't listed, probably because they rec'd their license since the book was printed. Do you know any of these Saginaw amateurs?

Ralph H. Carpenter – Charles M. Rick – Raymond M. Manchester
V. N. Voelk – Frank F. Seltzovik – Alvah F. Bissonette
Ellis K. Dahlin – James F. Hayes – Harold J. Thurlow
Henry S. Bronson – George A. Kendall Jr. – Paul Bretzyer
Leo F. Strassel 950 S. 12th St.

How is your basketball team getting along? Beecher has three teams – High School, Light Weights and Heavy Weights. So far the teams

have been able to lose almost all games. This is the first time that Beecher ever had a basketball team of any kind and the teams have been playing only two months or so. They played Peotone Tuesday nite - so Eloise, Dad, Jack and I went along to see Peotone defeat the lights 35 to 9 and the Hearies 45 to 4. Aint dat sumpin?

The four Peotone churches are going to put on a program Jan 20th to show people how terrible a war would be, now that we have such modern arms etc. On the program is a one act play entitled "Gas", in which I was given a part last nite. Think of it, we have only until a week from last nite to study and practice our parts. Of course the play isn't very long but any play requires practice.

How is your Hupmobile holding out? My Elev has a knock in it right now which a mechanic says is a wrist pin knock. I think I'll have it repaired soon as I don't

want it to get very bad. We use the car quite a little. We have driven it 25,000 miles since I bought it, July 1930. The new Chevs are good looking cars, aren't they? What kind do you think William will buy, when he buys.

How is your penny collection coming? Have you secured any new ones lately? I have 50 different dates. I have all the dates from 1895 to 1931. I obtained 1859, 1860, and 1861 the other day, by trading some duplicate Indian Heads. If you have any duplicates I'll trade you the following dates 1904, 1903, 1896, 1901, 1881, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1906, if you need any of those dates. Or you can have any of the above dates at 1¢ each. They are all Indian Heads. I need these dates — 1894, 1892, 1891, 1887, 1885, 1884

How do you like the new stamps? They will be used during 1932 only. A stamp dealer told me to save all of them I could as they will be valuable in a few years. I have broken up my stamp collection and am saving only special countries (U.S., S. America, C America, Cuba etc.) I have about 1000 different stamps in my catalog cataloging at about $50.00. Notice the enclosed circular. I have obtained some good stamps from them in exchange for lots of cheap ones I'd sent them. Well I must sign off now.

We are a little interested in your long Xmas vacation. Your carefully worded but short report. Write soon.

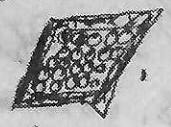
[Feb. 21, 1932]

at home

Sunday P.M. Feb. 21

Dear Dave,

Thanks for the Indian Head pennies you sent in your last letter. I am sending the following dates in exchange — 1908, 1896, and 1881. The latter is pretty badly worn but since you needed that date, and it was the only 1881 duplicate I had, I thought I would send it. When I get a better one, I'll let you know and if you haven't found a better one by that time, I'll send it along. I need a 1891 — have you one? I can also use 1885 and 1884. I have duplicates of 1901, 1900, 1901-1909 inclusive. If you need any of those I'll trade you for dates you have that I need or any duplicates you have.

My coin book says not to clean coins. Rare coins are worth more if they aren't cleaned than if they are. I have been keeping mine in a cardboard box, but am figuring on putting them in a little tin can soon after I get the complete collection I am going to put them in a picture frame or something like this  . Some sketch!

Glad your arm is O.K. So you had a cold too. I am just getting over one that I have had for two weeks. This is bad weather for catching cold. (that's good)

Do you remember the Red Cross stamp issue? They are in much demand now. Also the Yorktown. I would like to get ahold of a bunch. I should have saved more of them but didn't. One fellow is already offering 8 unused commemorative stamps for only 10 used Red Cross or Yorktown stamps. I have about 35 new Yorktown which are worth at least 5¢ each now and will be more valuable later on.

We are figuring on organizing a Young Peoples Society at the church here tonite. It is pretty hard to get people to go church, here in Beecher. They are more interested in dances, card games etc etc. We are having pretty good attendance at church, however.

I have my transmitter almost finished. The fact is it is finished but I have to alter it a little because it will work only up to 55 meter, while I am required to operate on 80 or 85 meters. I have to erect a new aerial for my transmitter also.

It seemed like a spring day, here today. The sun was very bright and it was quite warm.

I received a part in a play to be given in April. We are going to start practicing Tuesday nite. Tomorrow nite I am going to take Eloise + some other girls to Steger where the Beecher Girl Basketball team (Eloise included) is going to play Chicago Heights. This is their first attempt

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at playing an outside team. They are pretty good, considering the length of time that they have played.

I am figuring on working pretty hard this week. Our church is going to be decorated and I have been given the job of scrubbing all woodwork, seats, floors etc. Hot Dang!! I ought to make a little money at it as I am to get 30 or 35¢ per hour. It will not be such a nice job, since the church hasn't been scrubbed for about 2 years. (oh my!)

Well, it's getting dark, supper is almost ready and I am about exhausted, so to news etc. I hope I haven't bored you too much. I am glad that you can find time to write to me as I am always glad to hear from you.

Eloise and I are figuring on going to Chicago Sat and take ~~Tomorrow~~ to the NBC studios in the Merchandise Mart. Wish you were in Chicago also.

See you next month. (Television - Ha! Ha!)

As ever

Wayne

P.S. I just wrote Mr. William Witheridge on the envelope. Now I'll have to dig out an envelope.

[Apr. 24, 1932]

Beecher, Illinois,
April 24, 1932.

Dear Dave,

Well I guess it is about time that I write to you again. It seems as though I have been so busy the past month that I havent had time to answer a few of my letters. I have been helping with the house-cleaning and between that and some radio work I have been busy although to look in my pocket-book you would think just the opposite. Of course the house cleaning does not pay anything so that accounts for the low funds. We are almost through with house cleaning so that is sumthin.

Yes there is a 1909 Indian Head penny. I beleive the first Lincoln pennies did not come out until the latter part of 1909. I dont suppose you have one as you probably thought as long as you had a 1909 Lincoln that there was no other 1909 penny. I have about 100 duplicates and have several 1900 and 1909 so I will send you one of each in this letter and you can send me any dates you want in exchange or if you have any dates I need, send them. I have all the dates from 1870 to 1930 inclusive and also 1876, 1884, 1885, 1859-1883, 1857, and 1858 so you see I dont need so many to make my collection complete. However I dont suppose I will ever have all of them as the 1858 is worth about $5. I expect to get some of the other dates though.

The young peoples society here is not so good. We do not have very good attendance as the young people of this town are used to going to dances and parties etc. on Sunday evenings. However the few who do come regular get a blessing out of the meetings. We intend to go over to Peotone in May to take charge of the Epworth League meeting at our church there. I am the only male that attends the meetings regularly.

Our play went up in the air. Some of the persons who had parts could not stand the hard work. They were too much interested in Basketball at the time to practice. I never saw such a bunch to kill time at play practice. They never got there on time to begin with and then had to sit around gossiping. I wonder how your play turned out. ???

DEW's brother, William Nemits Withenbe (b. 1910)

Sorry to hear that William was given a vacation for ??????. Probably he is back to work by this time. He better go over to Detroit and help Ford build those new cars. Ha Ha. I wondered the other day whether his freind Vanek was laid off too. I would like to talk to him over the air if he still has a station. I have been looking for a station up there near Saginaw or in Saginaw. I worked a fellow in Muskegon last week and have worked several in Mich.

No Louise did not say anything about anybody coming for her in June but probably I just didnt hear it. Anyway I hope you get to come too. You didnt say whether you would drive your car or the girls'. Well anyway we will be glad to see you and wish the rest of your folks could come too. Let me know more about the matter in your next letter.

This is a dark and gloomy day here today. We had a little rain this morning and also a little during the night. We went up to Roseland last night to a mission where a young preacher, who held Evangelistic meetings here a short time ago, was the special speaker. He spoke on the Reality and the reasonableness of HELL. We heard the same sermon here when he was in Beecher but it didnt hurt to hear it again. Since he left here we have gone three different places where he was preaching. He is only 24 years old but he sure knows his Bible.

Well I suppose you are wondering how come the typewriter. I traded a fellow a radio I didnt want anymore for this typewriter and I think it is O.K. The ribbon isnt very good but the typewriter itself is O.K and I make good use of it. You should not have any trouble reading my letter this time. If you do it is the typewriters fault. One thing about it I can save paper during this DEPRESSION. So if I write only one page to you you must remember that I can write twice as much on one page with this outfit as I could with pen and ink.

Ham radio

Well since March 8 when I went on the air with my radio station I have worked stations in 21 states. I have cards from 48 stations that I have talked to. Over Please.

Talk about Scotch,I am going to write on both sides of this sheet.Well we must economize you know.Oh yes I have worked stations in Texas,Georgia, S.Carolina,R.I.,Mass.,S.Dakota,Mich.,etc.,etc.I beleive the furthest one was Rotan Texas which I figure is about 900 miles from here.I expect to work stations in California some day as the weather conditions lately have not been so_good.Next winter I should do better than I am doing now altho I receive very good reports from stations I talk to.If I ever get some pictures taken of this outfit of mine I will send you one.It is a junk outfit but works like a clock(Not Ingersoll either).I wish you had time to build a short-wave radio or adapter but I dont suppose you could find the time.Maybe Bill could while he is home.You could build a one tube short-wave adapter out of old radio parts and then hook it to your present radio to amplify it.If you would be interested I would be glad to make up a circuit for you and send it to you.I built a sw radio for a young feller in Beecher and he has quite a time with it.It works fine too although we used no special parts.He had an old battery radio which I rebuilt for short waves.Probably you have no radio at all now????

I forgot to list above the dates I need in Indian Head cents.I dont imagine you have any of them though as they are the rare ones.However if you have any of these I will swap you;1877,1878,1884-1885 inclusive.

Well I dont know of another single thing to tell you or ask you so I guess I will have to QRT as we say over the air.I will say 73s now and hpe to cuagn soon OM.See if you can figure that out.That is Ham talk.Ask Bill if he knows what a Ham is.Well 73s es cul.

Your cousin,

Wayne Radio Station W9FOO.

P.S. If Bills freind still has a radio station tell him to call me some time and I will send you a message through him.

[Undated]

Dear Dave; Thursday 7:30P.M.

Almost a month since I received your last letter so I start my punching on this antiquated piece of machinery.It probably takes me a little longer to write you a letter this way but I know you will be able to read it whereas if I writ it with a pen you might not be able to read half of what I writ.I hope you understand those two words of Andy's that I used in the above sentence.

Ham radio

You asked in your letter How come I got your answer to my radio message thru Wis.Well you see W8ESA of Saginaw sent it to a fellow at Kenosha as he did not know when he would be able to get ahold of me for I did not send the message to him when I sent you the msg but sent it to a radio friend in Lansing.The best part of it was that I hooked up with W8USA the same night he sent your msg to Kenosha.I was listening on my radio and heard him calling a general call so I answered it and here I found he was the ham in Saginaw who had taken my msg for you and had then taken the msg you gave him and sent it to Kenosha.When he came back to me he said,"I just sent a msg for you to Kenosha"I didnt hear the fellow in Kenosha for a couple days so I did not get your answer as quickly as you got my msg.W8USA would have given me the msg that night we talked with each other but he was so weak and the weather was so bad that we did not finish our talk. So much for radio message.

I wonder if your school is out now.Probably if it is you are tinkering with your radio.You talk about rebuilding your radio.Well I just received my Radio Craft magazine today and in it there is a fine little receiver that looks very interesting.It is only a one tube radio but works a loudspeaker.It uses a new type tube,a pentode which uses 6 volts or so.That is you can run it on your present storage battery if that is what you are using.I dont remember whether you are using a storage battery or dry cells.This receiver is for the regular broadcast band.The magazine claims that stations in Pittsburgh,Cleveland,Hartford,and Springfield were tuned in at New York City and came in good enough to work the loudspeaker.Of course you could add one or stage of audio amplification,as William did to your other radio,and hear stations in Chicago etc.This radio requires a crystal which you may now have.If you would be interested in it I would send you the dope on winding the coil and also the circuit etc.If William is home he would know how to hook it up I imagine.The only thing you would have to buy would be the tube which costs $1.85 wholesale.Maybe you would not want to buy anything for another radio.In that case you would just have to build a radio with the parts you have and that can be done easily.I built a short-wave radio for a young fellow in Beecher out of an old radio and he has could results.Of course a small radio on broadcast band is not very good for separating stations unless it has the latest type tubes.However if you are satisfied with Detroit and Bay City you can stick together a two-tube radio out of the parts you have,which will run your loudspeaker pretty good.Well I am always at your service when it comes to radio done.

Your play must have been good alright if you could give it again. Probably you made some money yourself on it the last time.Turning professional eh?Well a fellow sure has to take all the money he can get now days.All he can get is right with an accent on get.Ha.Ha.

About the ham talk.73s means the best of luck.Es is Spanish and. Oul means "See you later".Understand????Well we use a lot of those abbreviations to save time.If we stopped to spell all words completely we would never get through.I will give you an example to show you how much time can be saved by using ham abbreviations.Here is the long part of it,"Well Old Boy I guess I will have to sign off now so will say best of luck and hope to see you again soon.Here is the way we say that.W1 OB,gess Ill hay to QRT so will sa 73's and hpe to cuarn en.Quite a bit shorter isnt it??Guess you will have to turn over now Dave as the

"Ham talk"

[Sept. 21, 1932]

Beecher, Ill.,
Sept. 21, 1932.

Dear Dave,

Will take time out to write you a letter in answer to yours of Aug. 6. Wouldnt take much to make it two months since I received your letter eh? I dont know of any excuses for me not writing unless they are, I have been too busy and havent had much to write anyway. I have been very busy even though I havent made a lot of money.

First of all I have a job, for a few weeks anyway. I am watering greens at the golf course here in Beecher. I work from 5 P.M., or sometime around there, until I get the greens all watered which is anywhere from 1 A.M. until 5 A.M., depending on weather, condition of sprinklers etc., etc. I have just had the job, it is not a position, for just a week. I had some very nice moonlight nites last week but so far this week it hasnt been so nice. I didnt have to work last night because of rainy weather yesterday. I will work tonight though because things are drying up already. Dont mind the hum ribbon OB, I may get a good one someday when I get a lot of money.

Besides the above work I have a little more radio work now because of cooler weather. I have had 24 radio jobs since Aug. 1 which is good for a little town like Beecher. I awaiting right now for replacement parts and tubes for a couple other radios. Well I wouldnt care if I had about 5 radios each day to repair-it would be fine then.

Of course I spend quite a little time on stamps etc., too. This does not pay so well. Funny! Well I am handling first day and special event covers now and like it very much besides making money at it. I have about 8 here now to send off for the two new stamps which come out next month. They are two commemoratives, Wm. Penn and Daniel Webster and are to be first issued Oct. 24 in east only. They will not be sold in other postoffices until a few days later and then only a few will be issued so I am going to buy up some right away. The unused Yorktowns I have, I am now selling for 5¢ each and have no trouble getting it. They are goldmines, as one philatelist said because there were only a few issued. I just sent off a few covers yesterday for the special event Sept. 26, which is the renaming of a postal station in Washington. I get 8¢ a cover and 15¢ for one of each of the above commemoratives. Besides that I write a column for the Beecher Herald each week for stamp collectors. Besides that I am organizing a stamp club here in Beecher for young and old. We are going to have our first meeting Sat. So much for that.

I took my stamp album and a coin display to the Will County Fair this year and rec'd 3rd prize on former and 2nd prize on latter. Not so good but good enough for first time. Maybe I can get better prizes next year, if there is a next year. Have you seen the new quarters? I have a couple but there does not seem to be many of them in circulation. I heard that only a few were issued so I am going to try to get all I can and hang onto them.

Well I suppose you are hard at your studies again. And Bill is back to work eh? That sure is fine. Hope they keep him on steady now. Maybe things will pick up someday but it sure doesnt look so good. One thing, no matter how bad things get I never worry. Probably I should, but that doesnt do a bit of good anyway so why do it?

Well Eloise is at school in Chicago too this year. We havent seen Louise this year so far, but of course school has just started. Mother was up to Moody the other day sewing for Eloise. Eloise sure likes the school and the work there. I am taking a correspondence course from Moody myself and like it very much. Some more work.

We dont have church here now, which you probably know, but we have a car so can go other places. It is a whole lot better though when you have a church in your own town, right wahr??

Well it is almost time for me to get ready for work so I guess I will sign off for this month. Will try to write more next time. If I cant get the new stamps in Beecher next month, I might send you some money to get me some in Saginaw as they will have them there. Will you have time to do that?? They wont have them in Saginaw until about Oct. 23 or 24.

Give my regards to rest of fam. — Sincerely yours, — DONT GET SEASICK

Wayne's sister, Eloise

DEW's sister, Louise

(both in school in Chicago)

Wayne Storch,
Beecher, Ill.

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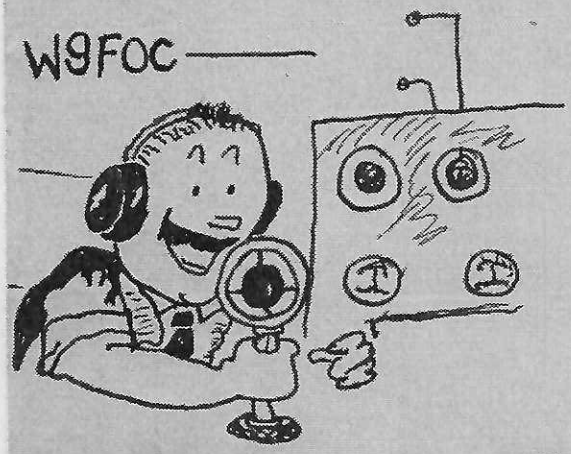

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Mr. David Witheridge,
940 S. Fourth Ave.,
Saginaw, Michigan.

[July 24, 1933]

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BEECHER, ILL.

July 24, 1933.

Mr. David Witheridge,
940 S. Fourth Ave.,
Saginaw, Mich., U.S.A.???

Dear Dave,

Getting by on humor during the Depression

First of all I want to warn you not to be sending me your application for a position with our organization. We have all the help that we need at present but I will keep you in mind and if we ever need extra help I will write you immediately. Ahem!

No doubt an explanation is needed here so I will begin by saying I am sailing forth into a new and strange business of distribution. As you will notice I am a member of the N.A.D.A. and that is sumpin. I have written many letters to national advertisers in hope of securing some work distributing advertising literature or samples in Beecher and surrounding towns. At the present I have a contract with a large distributing Co. in St. Louis to distribute Sears Roebuck Fall & Winter catalogs in Washington Township. I have several letters sent to the Donnelley Co. Chgo trying to secure the distribution of Montgomery Ward catalogs in Will County. The small job which I already have(we will probably get the catalogs tomorrow) will not net me much profit but it is better than nothing and will give us a reference. If I get the distribution of the other catalogs for Will County it will mean the distributing of 2700 catalogs and will be worth while handling. So much for that.

Well I wonder how the male quartet is getting along. Probably it is too hot for that kind of thing now but I suppose you do not mind the hot weather up there in Michigan. I have not heard you over the NBC chain yet and am rather surprised. I,ll tell you what I will do- I will give you an audition over station W9FOC and if you sound OK I will sign a contract with you for a year or so to be sponsored by the Storch Distributing Service. How's that? It isn't very often amateurs get an offer like that.

Oh yes I almost forgot to explain why I am not working at the golf course. Louise would probably wonder about that since I was working there when she left. This

On the reverse side →

(Notice: Cant afford to waste two peices of paper on you)

spring when we had so much rain I was employed by the owner of the golf course because there was so much grass to cut. It was a foot high lots of places and we had to use horses and mowers to make hay before using our regular mowers. After we had the grass cut down as well as possible I was laid off with a couple other fellows. At the present time there are only two men working steady on the course and one other who works there occasionaly. I heard today that the wages of these fellows had been cut again so they are getting only about 15¢ per hour. The man who works off and on is a married man with children and lives in a house owned by the owner of the golf course so he is probably working most of the time for rent. I may get some work there again in the fall if there is a lot of work to be done but maybe I will be busy doing something else then.

The oil well drilling here is at a stand-still and few people know what it is all about. There are two of the machines here now but no drilling has been done for several weeks. The promoter stated in an article in the Beecher Herald that they would resume drilling within the next 7 days so I hope he is right. If they hit a gusher I will send you a message by radio.

It became so hot upstairs that I moved my receiver and key downstairs and am now operating by remote control. It works fine from down there and is a lot cooler too. I am figuring on hooking up with the Amateur Radio Relay League soon so that I can handle more traffic. The handling of messages is a very interesting part of amateur radio.

Well guess that is all the news we have for Michigan this week so will close for tonight and hit the hay. Hope when you come to the Worlds Fair you will come out to see us. Until then Cheerio,

Sincerely,

Wayne

P.S. The printer made a slight error on the envelopes. If you find it we will send you a full sized jar of our------.

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THE HOBBY MART

10728 116th STREET RICHMOND HILL, N. Y.

[Apr. 8, 1934]

Beecher, Ill.,
April 8, 1934.

Dear Dave:

Well, what do you usually do to persons who wait five months before answering your letters? I of course meant to answer sooner, but-! Anyway I am now apologizing for the long delay.

Thank you very much for both of the letters, one from Saginaw and the other from your new residence. I suppose by this time you feel right at home at Ann Arbor. You will have to tell me more about that city when you write again or when you come to the World's Fair of 1934.

The Junior Y's Mens Club sounds good but I suppose you have forgotten that now while at Ann Arbor. That is one advantage of living in a fair sized city, such as Saginaw. The only thing the young folks of Beecher seem to be interested in is a wild time including dances, drinking, cards and movies. Since I do not indulge in any of those things I find my recreation by myself or with Jack in the form of golf, baseball (two cant do much in that), photography, radio and stamps. Quite a variety but at present I am doing little in all of them. I did my best toward a stamp club and it didnt last long. There is only one other fellow in town now besides myself who really takes stamp collecting serious.

So you teach your brother in Sunday School. Well so do I. My class includes boys and girls from 12 up. At the present time there only 4 members in my class but I sure hope we can grow pretty soon. That is one advantage of of being low in membership--you can always get bigger. It is pretty hard to get a large class of the older boys and girls in Beecher because they have no encouragement from their parents. When they become confirmed their Sunday School days are over and they are Saved, according to the churches here. The [redacted] people in Beecher are like Catholics when it comes to attending church Sunday morning and then serving the Devil the rest of the day. They didnt even wait until Easter was over this year to have a big dance just two miles south of town. When we came home from St. Anne, where Eloise and I were asked to sing, we had to pass the dance hall and we remarked at the great turn-out. Since Beecher is "soaking wet" you might imagine what the dances are like. I sure would hate to be in the boots of the ministers of this town. Only a couple days ago we saw the minister of the Lutheran church sitting at a table smoking and playing cards with the members of the Ladies Aid. Is your minister like that? Ill bet if he was the Witheridges would be joining a different church, I know the Storchs would.

I had forgotten that I ever sent you a radiogram. I have not handled any traffic since the middle of January because of the fact that it became too expensive. In fact I am not on the air at all right now and the only time W9FOO is on the air is at 5:30 P.M. each evening, except Sunday, when Ken has a schedule with a station in Hammond, Ind. on 160 meter phone. Ken has an operator's license and also a station license but has no station so he uses mine.

I had a lot of radio servicing work for a few weeks after January 1st but it has let up now. I made a little cash in February delivering catalogs for Sears Roebuck again. If I had catalogs every week it wouldnt be bad at all. They paid 1¢ per catalog more this year than last fall but the number of catalogs for Beecher was reduced from about 360 catalogs to 292. I have the three mail routes laid out now so that I drove only about one half as many miles as Ken and I drove last fall.

I have been doing some printing of pictures in the past two years and will send you a couple snaps when I make some more. I recently exchanged some stamps for some old postcards (for printing photos) and have been experimenting on them. I am inclosing a small photo and wonder if you can recognize the persons in the picture? This negative is very old. The other two persons whom I cut out of this photo are Aunt Alma and Uncle Will. That picture was taken years ago when Uncle Will and the rest were out here for Fourth of July or "sumpin". I obtained some sensitizer the other day and can now print pictures (photos) on cloth, wood, paper, leather, etc. I am going to put a small photo of myself on my QSL cards (cards we radio amateurs exchange).

Well I am working at the store in the afternoons at the present time because Stelling is on the Grand Jury at Chgo. If he has to serve on that jury as long this time as he did the last he will probably have to pay me for 30 days or so. I am spending the mornings in helping mother clean house. That's lots of fun isnt it?

It sure is nice outside today, just like a summer day. I am sore and stiff all over today, having played about seven innings of baseball yesterday. That was the first baseball I played for about 5 years and I made out only once at that. It was very hard work though since we had only 5 men on each team and therefore called for much running which was too much for me. I can hardly get in and out of the car today and Eloise and I have to sing at Momence tonight at the Baptist church.

I dont know whether mother told Aunt Edith or not about our going to a Baptist church now and then. Oh yes, Louise sang with Eloise and I down there one night. This church is a real live church and we usually attend BYPU before the evening services.

Well, Dave, I guess I am done for this time and I hope you wont wait as long as I did to answer.

Sincerely, Wayne

FORM NO. 22

PERFEX CORPORATION [July 9, 1934]

INTER OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

HEATING DIVISION

To_____ From_____

Subject_____ Date_____

July 9, 1934

Dear Wayne:

I have forgotten when I last wrote to you; so it must have been a long time ago? Lots of things have happened in the last few weeks.

DEW's summer job at Dow chemical

Since the middle of June I have been working at the Dow Chemical Company in Midland (about 20 miles away). I started there after being home only about three days. And is it ever a swell job? Its just like getting paid for going to school. My work is developing apparatus in the X-ray & Spectroscopy Department. If I meet anything which I do not understand, all I have to do is to go across the hall to the company library and study all I can find about the subject.

Constructing a tesla coil as part of a spectrograph

First, I constructed a tesla coil and other necessary apparatus for a high frequency spark gap set-up. It will be a source for the spectrograph, and we are trying it as such tomorrow for the first time. Then I designed and detailed an ionization chamber, the parts for which will be made in the plant machine shop. At the present time I am studying a very recent type of analysis--the magneto-optic effect. Tomorrow, or as soon as I have time, I shall make a sketch from which our equipment will be set up. I like the work very much.

Many people from Saginaw work at Dow, and I commute every day with a bunch of fellows who drive.

His sister Louise and brother Bill

The whole family is home again. Louise is back from school, and Bill is home now, too. His department at Lansing is not working much now, although production of Oldsmobiles is at a peak value.

Here's the latest news, however. We have just got an Oldsmobile Eight touring sedan, and it surely is marvelous. It is all broken in, having had 4000 miles on it; so all we have to do is to get in--and there we are! Bill says that LaSalle is using the Olds 8 motor in their car (they buy the motors from the Olds plant). This is one more indication of the high quality of our motor. Our Hupp was in such a condition that we wondered whether the man who drove it away would get back to the garage or not. I think we have about the classyest color that they make, too. It's called beige. It's a kind of tannish cream, if you know what I mean.

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PERFEX CORPORATION

INTER OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

HEATING DIVISION

To _____ From _____

Subject _____ Date 7/9/54

The last couple weeks of school were certainly busy ones. There were reports and note books to hand in, final problems to work, and studying for the final exams to do. Besides these, I was preparing a one-hour lecture for my English course, the title being "Manufactured Weather".

Nevertheless, I was well satisfied with my marks. I had six A's, totaling 17 hours credit (math., surveying, shop, mechanics, material testing lab., and electrical eng.). The other two hours credit were B work (English).

I was very glad to hear that Ken married his lovely lady, for I am sure he will be much happier now. Have you found the girl of your dreams yet? I'm having a hard time finding my ideal, but I still think she lives somewhere in the world. The problem is to discover her.

DEW's fraternity, the Hermitage

It occurs to me that my last letter to you was probably before I joined the Hermitage, a fraternity at Ann Arbor. The initiation was a grand experience--to look back on. Since it is not a national fraternity, the chapter at the U. of M. being the only active one, it is not expensive. I shall get much fellowship from the Hermitage, and it will be good training for later business associations. So my address next fall will be

1017 Oakland St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Louise is keeping house for a few days, as Mother is in Kalamazoo at the Baptist Women's house party. I know she will appreciate the rest, as well as the opportunity to get new ideas for our local society's program. She is the chairman of the program committee again this year.

I've only played tennis three times this year, but after I buy a new racquet this week I expect to do more. The Christian Endeavor Society is sponsoring a tournament starting next week, so I guess I'll play more then, anyway.

If you were to follow my example in answering, I have very little hopes of getting a letter before Christmas. But I know you will treat me better.

Yours sincerely,

[May 28, 1935]

Beecher, Ill.,
May 28, 1935.

Dear Dave,

It's been quite some time since I heard from you and you probably have been looking for a letter long before this. I have quite a stack of mail here on my desk which has accumilated in the past couple months because I have been so busy doing other things. Hope you havent left Ann Arbor when this letter reaches there.

We have just finished house cleaning here and it sure was a job this year. I have been cleaning wall-paper, varnishing woodwork, painting floors, pounding rugs, etc. Besides house cleaning I have had a pretty good amount of radio business, getting some from Ken and some from a friend who sells feed in this territory. Most of my spare time has been spent experimenting with my 160 meter transmitter and I just now finished fooling with it and rolled it into it's place alongside the cw transmitter. I have it all enclosed now so that it will not get so dusty this summer. I dont suppose I will operate it much this summer because it gets very hot up here in the attic.

Since calling you fellows that time I have been working quite a few stations on 160 meter fone. I even worked a station in Rich Fountain, Mo. on morning and was very surprised to find that the transmitter would poke out that far. However now I am operating with only about 7 watts input to the final stage and will be satisfied with working stations in such cities as Momence, Chicago, Gary, Aurora, Batavia, Downers Grove, Joliet, etc. I havent operated the rig on 160 meter cw lately as to do so makes it necessary for me to make slight changes in the power supply leads so that I have a separate filament supply for the final stage so that I can key that stage. However if you fellows would like to have me give you a call some evening before school is out I would be glad to do so, although I suppose you will be pretty busy from now on.

Eloise planned on having a picnic for her room today and because of the heavy rain we have had yesterday and today had to have it in the gym. Tomorrow her room will have a program and Friday school close for the summer. Jack graduates from 8th grade and I suppose John does too. Jack wants a bicycle and we are trying hard to find a used one but it looks hopeless. We dont see how we can buy a new one but maybe we can get a pretty good one cheap thu one of the wholesale houses. I wonder if bicycles are being used a lot up there in Michigan too? One man in Chicago Heights to whom I went to get a used bicycle said he had about 10 persons each day asking the same thing. Hi hi.

Kenneth Lee Storch (b. 1903)

Ken is still selling Delco products and has made arrangements with dealers in Chicago Heights and Kankakee to sell Frigidaires in Cook and Will Counties, Kankakee county too. He has sold 3 or 4 of them in the past month and has another prospect for one as the result of one of the sales in Chicago Heights. He has been selling some batteries, motors, water pumps, etc. too and has been making pretty good at it. He sure does do a lot of running around though. He starts out some mornings at Peotone going west and goes around through Chicago Heights, then Beecher and finally getting back to Peotone about midnight. Since he sells to farmers mostly, he has to have many appointments at night. I have given him some pretty good prospects, including one for a $500 light plant job which I think he will be able to sell after a little while. He could sell lots of batteries where the old ones are almost completely shot, if the people just had some money.

Well, I wonder if you have a job at Bay City this summer. It was near Bay City where you worked I believe, wasnt it? Do you think you will get out this way this year?

Violin

Say, do you play the violin anymore? I got mine out a couple weeks ago and put a new bridge on it and fixed up the tail piece on it and have been fiddling a little. I have a book giving the 7 positions which I have been looking at, but I never had any of that when I was taking lessons and it is very hard for me to play notes with different fingers than those I have always used, in first position. Can you play using the 7th position???

Eloise's class at Peotone Sunday School has been organized and will have monthly fellowship meetings the first one being June 10 at which time a young girl from Peotone and myself have charge of the program. We are having devotions the first hour and during that hour intend to study some book of the Bible or some Bible course. I have secured some young people from Momence to come up June 10th, one young man to speak and two girls to sing and play the trombone. The youngest girl, about 13 or 14 can sure play the trombone. Wish you and Louise were around here so we could call on you to help us over at Peotone. Eloise has around 14 in her class now and I have 8 girls in my Intermediate class. Eloise will superintend the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Daily Vacation Bible School at Peotone beginning June 3.

Well, wehave a new grocery and market in Beecher to take the place of one which went under during the past 6 months. It is located one block south of the store on the south west corner. It is run by a young man who used to work in chain stores and will do some harm to all the stores in Beecher but I believe it will hurt the A & P the most since the manager of that store is a Lutheran and the new fellow is too. Hope it runs the A & P out of town but I doubt whether it will run anyone out. We havent noticed any great change in our business since this store has opened. Nor have we noticed any increase in business since the

first of the year. The painters and paperhangers are very busy this spring, not because people have more money, but because the houses had been left go so long it was necessary to do something. Wonder how Uncle Will's business is??

Chain letters

Are people as crazy about chain letters in Michigan as they are in the rest of the U.S.? It sure is the limit when people start gambling like they do with those chain letters. And what do you think of persons who start their chain letters with "In God We Trust" and then depend on getting rich with an investment of about 25¢. I would rather earn my $1,500 than get it for 10¢. If people would put their trust in God and turn back to Him they wouldnt be having a depression. Depression or no depression, I have just decided in the past month to tithe and although I dont make much I can do a lot of good with one-tenth of what I take in.

FDR

We have never discussed or cussed the President and I just wonder what kind of an opinion you have of him? I never had any use for him, from the minute I heard of his stand on liquor. He might be able to give the people beer but he cant give them crops when they need them. I see where the AAA is to control crops for 5 more years and I suppose by that time the government will own all the farms, especially those belonging to the farmers whoare willing to be paid for letting their land lie unworked. It just makes many farmers more careless than they have been the past few years. There are farmers around here who dont even want to make their own sausage any more, they get some neighbor to make it and pay him for doing so. What sense is there in letting the land lie when you need feed for horses and cows, if you have to turn around and pay a big price for the feed you didnt raise? Ho me! The country "has went" to the dogs I guess.

I guess I had better close this letter before you fall asleep. Write to me when you get home, if you are busy at College. I have heard several stations talking to a station in Saginaw lately. Wish I had the power to work up there with fone. However if you ever get time when you are home to listen for me on code I might be able to talk with you thru that Saginaw station. If you still have that old one tube receiver you had you might revamp it and make a short-wave receiver out of it using the new tube, type 30, in it. You could hear me on that ok. 73s Dave and CUL.

Sincerely,

Wayne.

[Sept. 18, 1937]

RADIOGRAM
W8HAN

1408 Cooper St. K. A. Mack Saginaw, Mich.

Hr msg NR 77 fm W9FOC Beecher, Illinois CK13

To David Witheridge,
746 S. 4th Street,
Saginaw, Michigan.

HELLO DAVE STOP FINALLY RAISED
A MICHIGAN STATION STOP BEST
WISHES TO ALL

Sig
Wayne

Rec'd. 11;15 PM 9/18/37

[Nov. 30, 1938]

Beecher, Ill.
Nov. 30, 1938

Dear Dave:

It's been quite some time since I wrote to you and I dont remember whether I owe you a letter or whether you owe me one, but I am sure it is the latter. Hi hi.

Ham radio Army Amateur System

Have been wanting to write a letter and return those negs which Aunt Edith sent some time ago and when I was talking to that ham in Ann Arbor, who by the way was the one that took that msg from me, I decided to send a short msg to you. He asked me if I had any traffic for Michigan and I told him to wait a second and then I would have. Hi. I handled 48 msgs last month and have been active in the American Radio Relay League besides the Army Amateur System and that is why I have handled that many msgs. I was given a new job in the Army system this season as Net Control over 17 stations in this district which includes Chgo. Hope you can make out the abbreviations, it saves paper and time. Hi-am I Scotch? I have two nights per week on which I act in the Army Nets and on Thursday night I control my net and have to plan something for each week to keep the net going for an hour. We practice emergency drills, procedure of net drills and other problems to be worked out during the hour of drill. It is very interesting work and although I was net control of a net on 160 mtrs last season, this net operates on 80 meters and since I have operated with several speedy operators I have increased my receiving speed quite a bit and recently passed the 30 word per minute test. Of course there is no payment for services rendered, as in all amateur work, but it takes care of a lot of spare time, in fact I dont know what spare time is. This summer I enrolled in an extension course of the Signal Corps, a course in Cryptography and made a grade of 95.7 percent on the 14 lessons. We receive cipher messages at least twice a month on official broadcasts from Washington or Chgo and they dont tell us the key so we have to figure them out from scratch. So much for that.

Visit to the Hass family in Westby, MT

Well, you have no doubt heard about our trip this summer so I will just say that I enjoyed it very very much even though conditions out there are not so good. I like their climate very much and would like to spend a summer there, it is very dry and not so hot as in Illinois. The days are very long, sun sets at 9 PM and you can read a paper outdoor at 10:15 PM, sure seemed funny the first nite we were there. The land around Westby is very hilly and when driving from Westby, which is 8 miles air distance and about 12 miles by road, when you get within 3 or 4 miles of Hass's home you see it now and then you dont because of the hills. Hi.

We drove 3800 miles in 16 days, about 2800 being the real mileage from Beecher to Westby and back, the rest being driving around Montana and Sask. and in cities where we stopped. You are probably interested in what routes we used and maybe you have been on some of them on your many trips. We used the Dixie from here to the Lincoln and then took 45 until we reached 14 at Des Plaines, Ill. and then took 14 to Madison where we changed to 12 until we reached St. Paul then taking 10 across Minn. and as far as Jamestown, N.D. where we had to start are journey north-west on route 52. That route took us within about 35 miles of Westby. We had no flats on the way going altho we did have trouble the first day and had to stop in Madison, Wis. for 3 hours to have a new top put on the car, it rained so much the first day that the top leaked in about 5 spots. Hi hi. When we reached Westby, we were under the opinion that Ed lived only 2 or 3 miles from town and since it had rained the night before and we had nothing but dirt road, we were kind of worried when a fellow said "he lives about 8 miles straight north". Hi hi. Then when we kept going and going over a road which twists and turns a lot and didnt get there we wondered if we would ever get there when along came a car. After asking for directions we started ahead and got stuck in the mud where we stayed for a while until a Ford came along and pulled us out. Hi. Then we started again and after driving a while saw a place which we thought must be THE place and after driving about one mile into the place we discovered that we still had about 3 miles to go. Oh me. We finally got there at about 6 PM Saturday night after leaving Beecher Thursday morning at 4 AM. We didnt make such good headway the first day for two reasons, first the car had been overhauled and we had to keep the speed down to 35 mph for the first 500 miles and second it rained all day and we had that delay in Wis. We made up for it the second day tho and even tho we stopped in St. Paul to do some shopping we traveled all the way from Eau Claire, Wis.across Minn. and all the way to Carrington, N.D. a total distance of about 525 miles. If Jack and I had been making that trip alone we would have made it in 2 days and a half at the most. Hi. Jack and I spent our time shooting gphers and riding horses. I had never ridden before but sure enjoyed it. So much for the trip.

"Aunt Edith" = DEW's mother

Aunt Edith mignt have told you that I have gained a little weight in the past three months but if she hasnt I might say that I gained 17 pounds from 135 to 152 lbs and sure feel much better. However, I lost some last month due to a cold I had. I decided to have some cold shots this year and after the first one I caught a cold, or got it from shot, and took me a month to get rid of it. The Dr. gave the shots to me about 3 days apart which I think now was too close together. Hi. I let down on my medicine during the cold but am going to start in again now to see if I can gain some more, with my height I could weight 175 without being heavy. Hi.

Well, I am going to close now, have to get a package off to Montan for Aunt Bertha, mother is sending some clothes. I am not sending Christmas cards this year and would rather get

a letter from you too than a card. Hi. Remember that. Right now I will say I hope you and the reat of the family have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and will be looking forward to a letter from you Dave,

Sincerely,

Wayne

[Jan. 16, 1940]

Jan. 16, 1940

Dear Dave:

Almost thirteen months since I received your letter of last year and I sure feel ashamed for not having answered it before this. No use making excuses so I will try to do better in 1940.

DEW entering the ministry

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY

We sure were very glad to hear that you are entering the ministry. I will be very glad if you can find time to write me when you are at Rochester, we will be wanting to know how you are getting along. I am sure you will be a great help in winning souls to Christ and I hope the Lord will bless you greatly. Maybe some day the Storch Trio can sing for you in your own church, hi. That's kind of looking far ahead but you can never tell. Anyway Ill be looking for word from you when you get started at school.

John William Storch (b. 1921)

I dont know just what to start out with but I guess I will have to tell you what is going on in the Storch family. There have been a few changes since last year as Jack graduated and Eloise quit teaching. Jack started going to night school at Joliet last night, taking a course sponsored by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. He will go three nights a week for several weeks and out of the 50 or more enrolled in the course (Ground Course), the ten students receiving the highest grades will be given a scholarship in the Flight Course. All he has to pay is a fee of $10 and his transportation and the government pays the rest ($200 for each student trained) so it is a good opportunity for him to get into aviation as long as that is what he has always wanted. The folks are not very enthusiastic about it but Jack will find out before he gets through, I believe, whether he still wants to take up aviation. I sure hope he can be one of the ten highest, but he may not be able to take the flight course anyway because of bad eyes. However, there are lots of other things in aviation besides flying.

Eloise Therese Storch (b. 1910)

Eloise is in Chicago, I took her up yesterday to see her doctor and he said she would have to stay for more tests and possibly X-rays. She is far from being well and I sure am getting fed up with doctors. I dont have much faith in any of them and begin to think that they are all the same, namely, when they get you coming to them they keep you coming as long as you have any money left. Also they do a lot of guessing and jumping at conclusions. The latter habit is a bad one in any business, I have found that out in the radio business and can see it in auto repairing. The doctor told Eloise yesterday that if they couldnt get any definite results from the tests they are to make today it will mean the hospital. I guess we will just have to pray more for her.

Alma Leona Grimes (b. 1892) and William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)

Aunt Alma told us yesterday that Uncle Will had put in a full week of work last week so I guess he is finally getting along alright. I hope he doesnt have to go back to the hospital again.

Wayne's businesses

My radio business has been very good during the past year and at the present time I am having an average of 30 radios per month and I have had some pretty good jobs among them. By good jobs I mean jobs running from $5 to $10, but most of the jobs run less than $5 now with tubes much lower in price. I have increased my rate of charges though in the past year so that helps some. The decrease in tube prices and a decrease in discounts on tubes made quite a bit of difference in my tube profits which by the way are a big part of my radio profit. Some tubes dropped as much as 50% in list price which helps sales some but cuts down on profit per tube. Hi hi. I am getting some new businessin Peotone now too since a car dealer over there brought over an auto radio.

It looks like 1940 is going to bring me quite a bit of photo work as I have had to take pictures of some people who just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, two different small girls with their Christmas trees and yesterday twin boys 5 years old, all since the first of the year. Since I have taken those pictures I have had others inquire about my taking pictures in homes so I no doubt will be able to work up a pretty good photo business if I can produce good photos and I am getting pretty efficient now. I should be getting pretty good, I made over 900 pictures since May 1939. The way I work it, I take flash shots with my home-made synchronizer, which is much easier than using photofloods as I dont have to carry reflectors, tripods, etc. I charge them $1 (this charge will be increased as efficiecy in my work increases) for taking the pictures and furnish one 5 X 7 unmounted picture. Then I get 20¢ each for additional 4 X 5, 25¢ for 5 X 7, 35¢ for 8 X 10 enlargements. These extra prints are where I really make my profit, there isnt much in the making of the shots and negatives. However, this business will increase as other persons see the pictures I have already taken. The last three jobs mentioned above were secured entirely because the people saw the pictures I took of a little girl 2 years old. I have taken action shots at basketball games here and can now do a pretty good job of it, will send you some prints next time I write to you. There are two tournaments near here in the next two weeks, tomorrow nite Beecher plays in one at Crete and next week Peotone plays at another, and if I can get some good shots of these teams I can sell some pictures. The boys here want me to make a picture of the whole team before the season is over so I guess I will have to use a big camera I have, a 5 X 7 plate camera that I bought for $6. It is a big camera and sold for at least $25. Are you or John interested much in photography?? I wonder how William is coming with his movies?? Well I guess I had better get off of the subject of Photography.

I am not active in the Army or American Radio Relay League nets this year because radio work and photo work take so much of my time. I got my transmitter on ten meter phone about a month ago and was able to contact several stations in the states of Washington, Florida, Texas, New Mexico and Montana during the middle of the day, which sure was a thrill to me as I have never been able to work stations over 100 miles away on telephone. I may finally get to work some station in Saginaw on telephone. By the way, maybe I could arrange a schedule with a station up there if John still knows a ham. I was surprised one morning couple

"John" = DEW's brother

weeks ago when I contacted a station at Blackwell, Wis. on 160 meter fone and later found out that that city is about 400 miles from Beecher.

Maybe you wonder what I meant by the Storch Trio before. We have sung quite a few different places during the past year. Two weeks ago we sang at the Gospel Fellowship Club in Chicago where we enjoyed the speaker who was Uncle John of the radio. He is on the air each morning at 10 on station WCBD 1080 kcs. We also had a very nice time this fall when we spent a Sunday afternoon and evening with a group of Gideons who were holding meetings in Kankakee and St. Anne. We sang in the YMCA in KKK in the afternoon and in two different churches in St. Anne. They were dedicating bibles and since then have placed bibles in the public school in St. Anne, which is unusual as there are many Catholics in that town. We sing in the Baptist choir too.

"KKK" = Kankakee, IL

I have a few precancels around here some place and if I can locate them I will enclose them for John and will save any others I get that he can use. Wonder how he is coming with his collection? The stamp collectors around here are not very active. I am entirely through with stamp collecting and I know that I will never give up photography like I did stamps. Hi. I bought a used Eastman Recomar 18 camera for half the regular list price and like it very much, that camera will last me a lifetime, unless of course I should want to get something a little better but it will be a long time before I want anything else.

Well, Dave, I guess I have covered everything pretty well. Might say that I am well, and havent had a bad cold this winter due I believe to the fact that I have been taking Vitamin capsules since early in November and I intend to take them right thru spring. Hi. Last year I took shots and had worse colds than before. So this year I decided to try vitamin capsules and they seem to do the trick.

In closing Dave, thanks for the nice Christmas card, sure like it. I did not send a card again this year and have about three to answer with letters. Although it is a little late, I wish you the best of luck for 1940 and especially in your new venture. Dont forget to write me from Rochester.

Sincerely,

Wayne

[Dec. 21, 1941]

RECORDING

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

WAYNE STORCH

EXPERT RADIO SERVICE

PHONE 3542

BEECHER, ILLINOIS

December 21, 1941

David Witheridge
1100 So. Goodman
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Dave:

It doesnt help much to make excuses and I guess I have no good alibis for not writing to you sooner, but I have put off writing during the past month or so in order to give you the latest news on what I am doing. The only thing I can say is that I will try to do better after getting a letter from you.

Health issues

First of all, I am feeling fine and now weigh about 153 pounds, 4 pounds more than Jack and some 10 or more pounds heavier than Ken although I havent caught up with Dad yet, hi hi. I had a little cold for about a week in October but it didnt bother me much and since then I have not had a cold, which is really something for me. I think I told you about the itch I had before the operation and I probably told you it was better the last time I saw you. It is not entirely gone yet, I still have some trouble after taking a bath, but if it never is worse than it is now, I will be satisfied. The last time I went in to the clinic, and I had to continue going in once a week for awhile, then once every two weeks and finally once a month, Dr. Jenkins told me I should come back to see him in two months although I didnt have to unless I wanted to. That was on Nov. 22nd and just when I had three jobs to chose from and didnt know which one to take. He thought I was in good physical condition and would be able to work seven days a week if necessary, which one job required. He also told me he had hated to railroad me into the operation but that he didnt like to see fellows sick when they could be well. I sure am glad that I went to that clinic though and only wish now that I had gone years ago.

Western Electric

Last month I decided to look for a job and I answered some radio job ads and also stopped in at one of the radio jobbers in Chicago and the first thing I knew I had three opportunities. They were counter salesman for Allied Radio Corp., radio tester for Western Electric Co. and serviceman for a Chicago Heights radio and appliance store. I could have started at Allied Radio or in Chicago Heights at once but waited to see what W.E. had to offer. I finally decided to take the W.E. job and started work there Dec. 2nd after lots of running to the employment office, more about which I will tell you later.

The job was a defense one and I can not tell you what it was but it was testing radio equiptment but I did not stay there very long, in fact I resigned Dec. 5th, after coming out home the night before to see if the job in Chicago Heights was still open. There were several reasons why I resigned, among which are the working hours were 7 to 3:30, I would have to work 7 days a week which meant Sunday work, I would work different shifts, the plant is in a bad location and I would have to drive from south side as I would want to live in Cicero and last but not least the work was entirely different than I had expected and they wouldnt tell me just what it was until I was hired for reasons which you can guess. If I had had more theory I might have liked it better but I decided the best thing I could do was take the Chicago Heights job, I had already given up the idea of the Allied Radio job because it didnt look very favorable since it was a selling job and they did not promise a fixed salary, so on Dec. 8th I started in Chicago Heights as serviceman in the shop only and I like it fine. The job doesnt pay as much as the W.E. one did but after figuring the difference in board and room, it pays about the same and I am doing work at home too. One thing too that I didnt like about working in Chicago was the fact that I would have to give up my radio operating and now I have had to shut down anyway, hi hi. The Army Amateurs had to close down too but they are trying to get us back on the air to form a net of emergency stations. I really got a surprise Thursday of this week, the boss told me he was going to give me 5¢ an hour more than he gave me the first week and when I got my pay last night I found I had received my raise for the whole week, in other words I got a raise after one weeks work and although it is only 5¢ per hour it amounts to 2.40 per week which is about $10 per month. I had one hour overtime this past week and with the 10 readios I serviced at home I made a little over $36 for that week so I should be able to pay some of my debts in a short time. I also have a chance to make a little commission since this store sells stoves, radios, refrigerators, vacum cleaners, etc. and the boss will give me 10% commission on sales resulting from prospects I give them. One nice thing about this concern is the fact that the owner is a former fellow from east of Beecher and is known around here, which will help if I want to send anyone up there to buy something. One thing which made me feel good was that when he told me about the raise in pay he told me he was doing that because I had turned out so much work the first week and he liked my way of doing work. He said the fellow he had before would spend too much time taking to persons who came into the store and that is something I do not do. He offered me 15% off on anything we want to buy from him and altho some of the things he sells we can buy wholesale, there are other items like records, sheet music, stoves, etc. which we might want to buy and every little bit helps. I work from 8:30 to 5 right now and have been driving the old Chevie to work although I dont think I can do that much longer as she eats too much oil and I will be running on the rims before long, if you get what I mean. Hi hi.

Chicago Heights job

I said I would tell you more about running after the W.E. job and here goes, I had a funny experience there. The first time I went in to see about the job I took the test and got 40 out of 44 questions and then they gave me more information about the job and told me to think it over and let them know when I

would be in again. I went in on Tuesday and took the physical exam passing OK except for above normal temperature, something which surprised me since I was feeling alright. They said I should come back again Friday and I did, only to find my temp. up again when in the hospital. I then waited until Tuesday of the next week and in the meantime had Dr. Van Voorhis here check my temp. morning and afternoon two days and the morning before I went in to Chicago again. It was always below normal so I thought it should be OK at W.E. too and they started me working that day although I have been wondering since whether it was really normal the third time or whether they took the word of Dr. VV, because the Doctor smiled when he took the thermometer out of my mouth but didnt say whether it was normal or not. That was really something, three times in there before I could start work and then I resign after working three full days. It is easy to get radio jobs right now.

Eloise came home Friday night for her between-term-vacation and will go back to Moody Jan 6th. She is feeling fine and still has here work in Chicago Heights although I believe she expects to give that up next term.

Jack is still working at Victor Chemical having been there a little over a year now and earning twice what he got when he started, which was only 40¢ per hour 40 hrs per week. He would like to go out to Licoln Nebr. to school and if he does I will take over his car, I sure need one but dont see how I can buy one now the way things are. He still wants to get married although he has said he would wait until he is 21.

Ken hasnt finished his flat yet and it looks like his renters will not get into the flat until next year and then we dont know what month. He has been waiting for plumbers, painters and what have you. There really isnt much work to be done yet but it is getting the workers there that is delaying things. Ken and his family will be here for Christmas.

John William Storch (b. 1878)

By the next time I write you Dad may be out of business but he is getting out very slowly. Hi hi. They took inventory this month, first time for years, and Klein has offered to get Dad a job so maybe Dad will really do something soon, I hope.

Wayne's operation

I have been wondering when I will receive notice to come to Joliet for another physical exam but havent heard a thing from the Local Board since I got my classification in April. If I knew that I would be drafted, I would try to get a civil service job or some job in Army radio station as there are some jobs like that open now, however, I have this job now and want to stick at it so as to pay my debts. I would have been able to get a deferrment on the W.E. job but not the one I have now. Well, I will not worry about that now but wait to see what happens. Nemits' said their friend in the Army Medical Staff said I would never be taken after having the operation I had although I havent learned whether that is true, you hear lots of stories.

Going to close now and get ready to go to church again. Choir is singing tonight and I am singing again since taking this job. Write and tell me how you are getting along as a married man. Seasons Greetings to you and Elizabeth,

Wayne

Beecher, Illinois

FORTY MILES SOUTH OF CHICAGO

W9FOC

1a meter + 2 meter

Wayne Storch, Opr.

LISTEN FOR ME

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Beech 16th

D. W.

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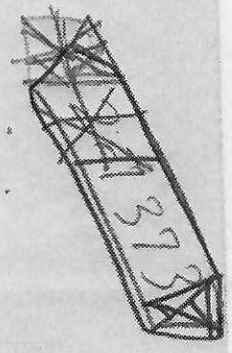


[Jan. 17, 1953, and June 14, 1954]

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wilder Beaudry

announce the marriage of their daughter

Edith Jean

to

Mr. Wayne Nemits Storch

on Saturday, the seventeenth of January

Nineteen hundred and fifty-three

Joliet, Illinois

THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW MODEL

Pilot Edith Storch

Co-Pilot Wayne Storch

Flight Captain

"Doc" Stephen

Passenger

David Wayne

Weight 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Arrived on June 14, 1954 (WITHOUT BAGGAGE)

INSPECTION INVITED

[Christmas 1957]

1957

May His richest gifts
Be yours all year through
And may His love and blessings
Always be close to you

Edith, Wayne
David & Deborah

"We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."
MATTHEW 2:2

[1963]

1963

402 Elmwood Ave.,
Joliet, Ill.

Tuesday A.M.

Dear Dave:

Just a few lines before I leave for work to let you know Eloise & I got together last nite and started on the Family Records. We find, like you no doubt did too, we have little information, but they say the next best is to know where to find it and we are going to contact others right away to see if we can't find more information. We have added some dates, that I had & knew, already and no doubt will come up with some more.

We are all well and busy right now. David goes into 4th Grade & Debbie into 2nd and they are both taking music lessons, David on cornet & Debbie on piano. She is playing Duets with Edith already, simple ones of course. Will write more later. Hoped to drop in to see you this summer — but we went south again

(over)

as we have 4 yrs in a row. Want to go your way next Summer if possible. Rev. John Taylor, in Robbinsdale, is our old Pastor and a very dear friend of ours. He dedicated David & Debbie just before he left Joliet for Robbinsdale.

Must get to work now. Just finished 12 years with the U.S. Weather Bureau here last week. Wonder how your two Sons are doing? Has Elizabeth written any more books? How is John coming in the business? Etc, etc. When you have a chance — write.

Sincerely,

Wayne + Family

P.S. I am a little active on 160 meters. If you know any "Hams" ask them whether they work that band. Call same since '32 — W9FOC.

Ans. 12/14/63

Plans for visit

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 14, 1964

Dear Wayne and Faith:

I have been hoping for some time to receive some materials from you or Eloise or Kenneth about the Smith family history. However, I know how hard it is to locate such information, and I also know [illegible]ult it is to find time to write!

Elizabeth and the boys and I are going to spend a week at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, next week attending a conference of council executives. We also want to stay over an extra day on Saturday, June 27, to attend an evening wedding in Naperville, Ill., where we used to live.

So I am wondering if we could drop around to Joliet and Peotone during the day on that Saturday. We don't have anything formal in mind--just a chance to talk a while and look over anything and everything you may have about the family.

Since it takes about two hours to drive from Lake Geneva to Joliet, we would probably arrive late in the morning. I realize you may be working, Wayne, or you may have other plans for the day. We could always try to see Kenneth in Peotone first. Does Jack live there, too? Or we might stop off at Naperville. Our plans are very flexible at this point.

Kenneth Lee Storch (b. 1903)

John William Storch (b. 1921)

You probably won't have time to reply before we leave for Lake Geneva next Saturday (June 20), so maybe you should write to us there. The address there is Conference Point Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. After we hear from you, I might telephone you from camp and confirm our plans.

I assume John wrote and told you that Bill died in April--very unexpectedly, though he had not been well for some time. I made a hurried trip to Birmingham (Detroit) for the funeral, but didn't have time there to talk about whether he had notified you or not.

Death of William Nemits Witheridge (b. 1910)

We look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Sincerely,

[June 20, 1964]

402 Elmwood Ave.,
Joliet, Ill. 60433
June 20, 1964
10:30 P.M.

Rev. David E. Witheridge
Point Camp,
Williams Bay, Wis.

Dear Dave:

I have received your letter and we are looking forward to seeing you and the family next week Saturday. I had a phone call from Ken Wednesday night so I had a chance to tell him about your coming, he will be looking for you Saturday afternoon.

We would be glad to have you come here Saturday morning and have lunch with us before going out to Peotone. This would be best for us because we have a wedding to attend Saturday evening too. Edith, Eloise and I are going to Wheaton to attend the wedding of Bonnie Philpot, Evelyn's oldest daughter.

Bonnie Philpot, dau. of Evelyn Philpot (Mrs. Ronald W.)

I do not know just how you will come into Joliet, but will try to draw you a map so you can find our house from either route 30 or 66A. We are on the SE side of Joliet.

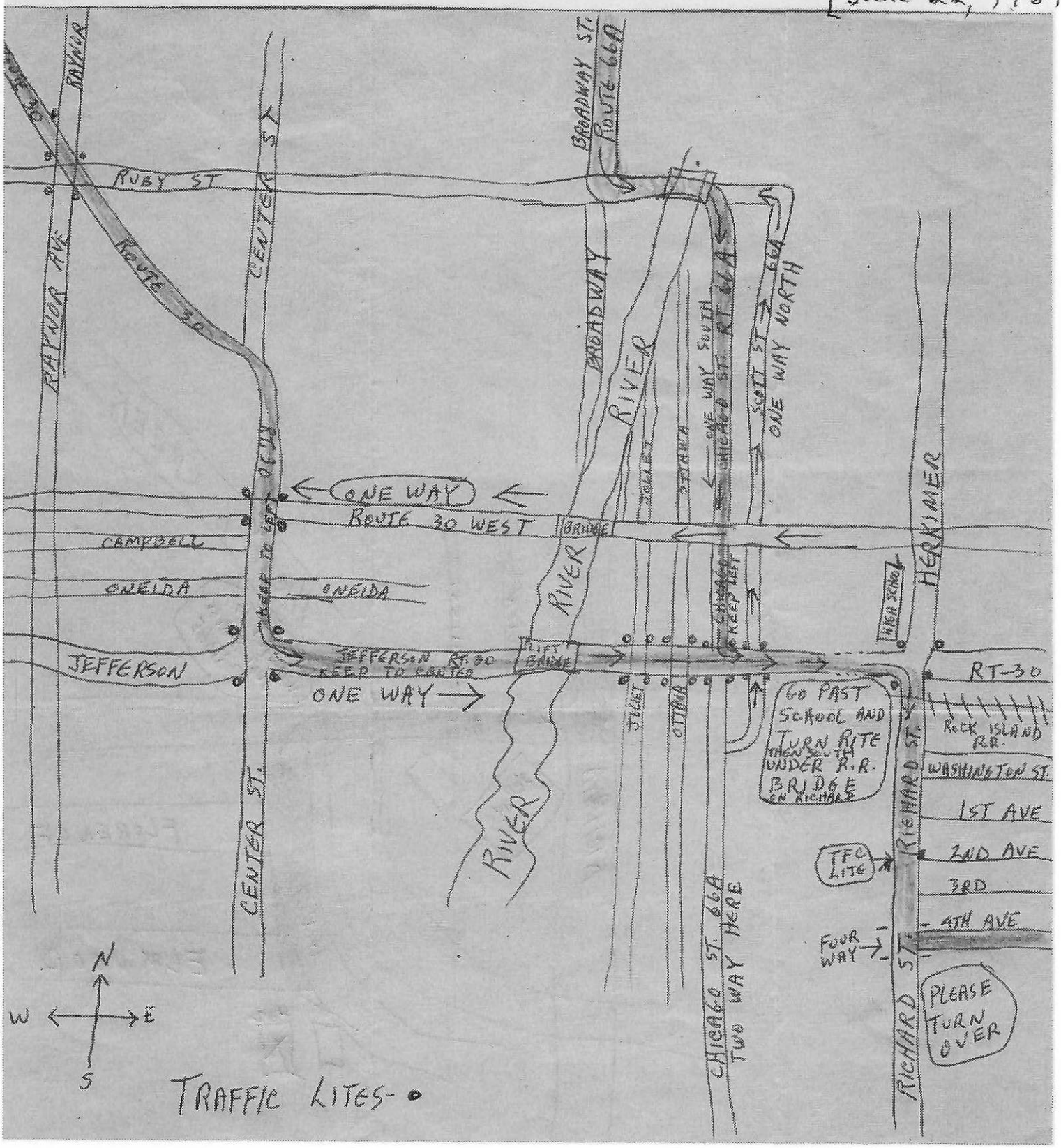
Jack (John) lives in North Lake, Ill. at 325 Victoria Drive, which is 4 blocks west of Rt. 45 a little north of Lake St. which is Rt. 20 at Rt. 45. It would be quite a bit east of where you are coming down to Joliet.

I will close for now. Hope you enjoy your stay at Lake Geneva this coming week. I will try to have all the information I have recorded, Eloise and I worked on it quite a long time ago but I just haven't had the time to get it in shape to send to you. Do not have too much to add to what you already have, but may have some new information for you. See you Sat.

Sincerely,

Wayne

[June 22, 1964]



Directions to Wayne's house in Joliet, IL (by Wayne)

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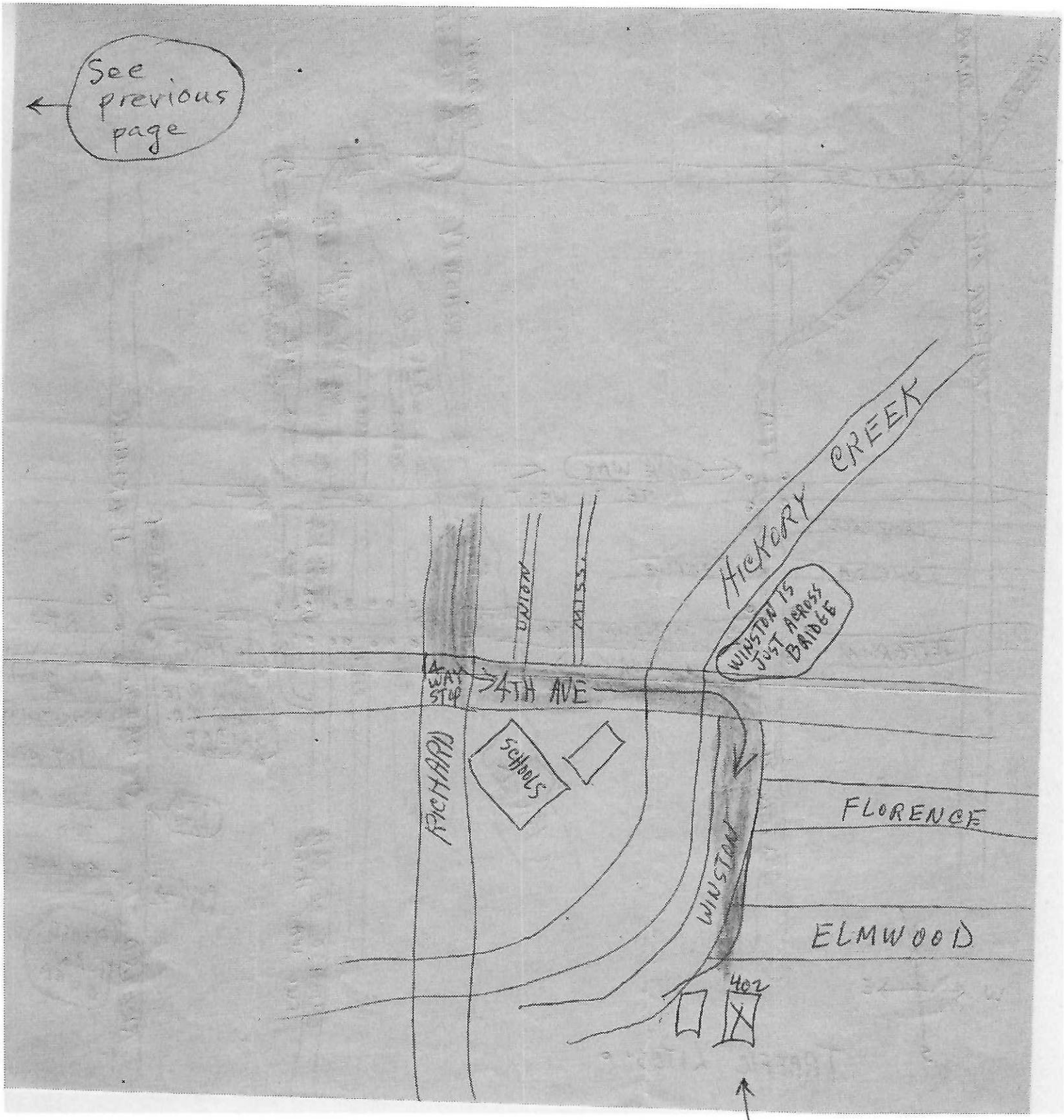

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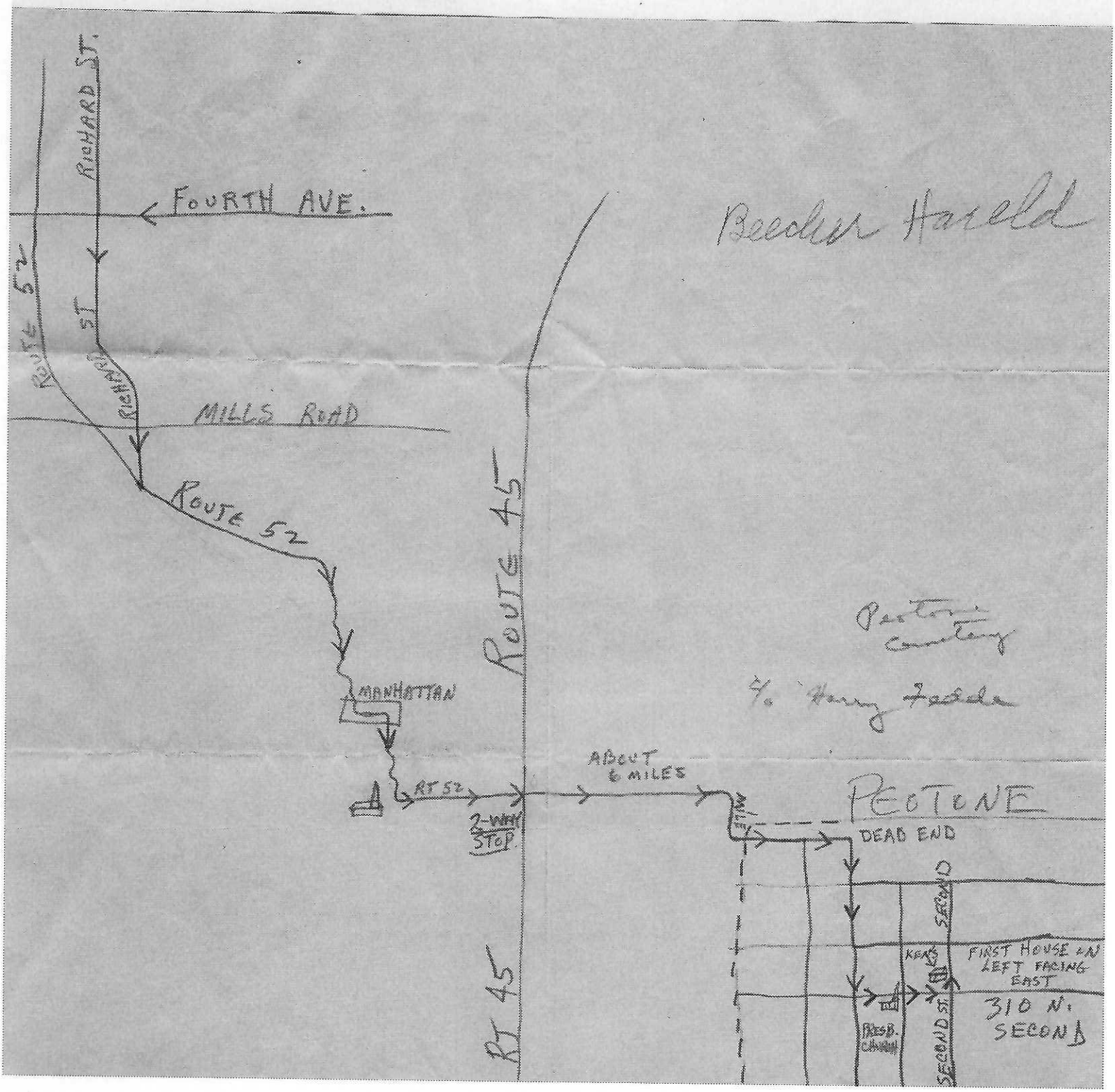


Directions to Kenneth's house in Peotone, IL (by Wayne)

[July 20, 1964]

ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL SECRETARIES

OFFICE HEADQUARTERS: Room 830
475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York
RIverside 9-2200, Extension 2157

DEW served a term as President in the early 1960s.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 20, 1964

Dear Wayne and Edith:

We certainly enjoyed our visit with you, and we wish we could see you more often. When are you going to come up this way? This is beautiful vacation country.

I promised to copy off the addresses you gave me (except for a few obvious ones) and send them to you. I appreciate very much the effort you made to get these in one place for me.

Wilhelmina Maria Schroeder (b. 1887)

I wrote to Wilhelmina Lederach and had a lovely reply the other day. She seemed so glad to hear from me. We are looking forward to seeing her when we go to Michigan in August.

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

I also wrote to Florence Kmuth but haven't had time for a reply yet. It seems amazing that I discovered six first cousins I didn't know existed, through this list you made out.

Perhaps Kenneth has told you that he and I went to the cemetery in Pectone but could not find the graves of Grandfather or Grandmother Nemitz. We also went to see Mr. Fedde, but he could not locate any burial records. Kenneth thought he would check with Hack's Funeral Home and perhaps the Beecher Herald the next time he went to Beecher. I haven't heard from him yet.

The weather here has been terrific hot for several days, with no letup in sight. It's hard to get our work done. Next Monday I start my vacation, but the only long trip we have planned will be to Michigan the middle of August.

Yours sincerely,

[Aug. 18, 1967]

Aug. 18, 1967

Dear Dave:

Just a note to say these pix were sent to me in a letter from Ruby Hass quite a while ago and I just never got around to sending them to you. Found them tonight while going thru negatives and pix getting ready to move.

[There were no pictures in the file.]

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Edith's Mother sold this house to a son-in-law and we have to move. We have a down-payment on a house and are waiting for OK on our loan plus word from the seller that they have a place to move to. It is a three-way deal, so the suspense is getting us. Will send you our new address (in Joliet) when we get things settled.

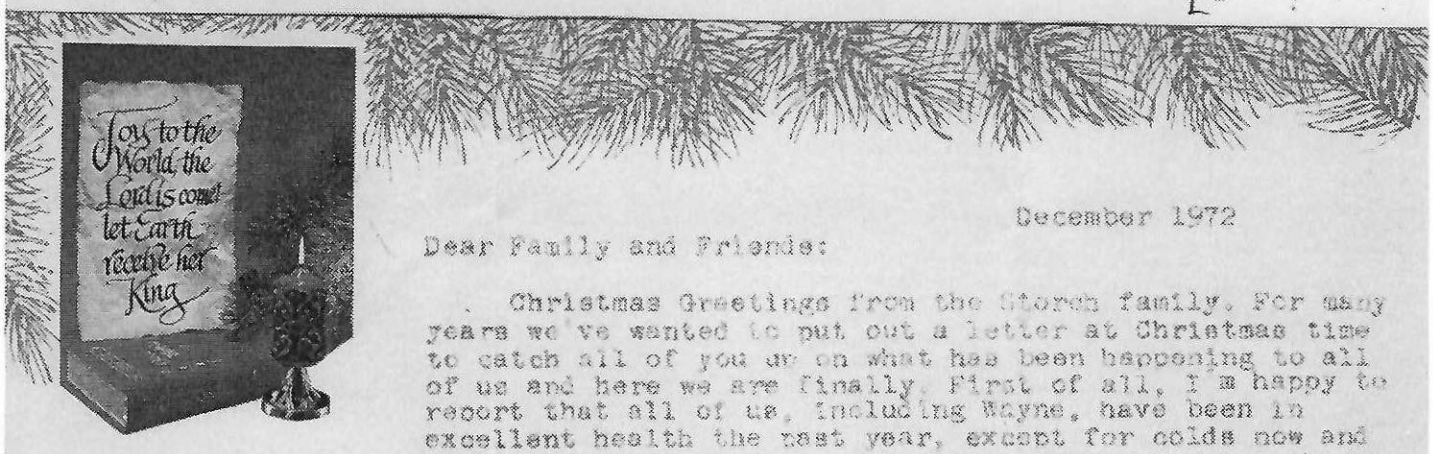
Wayne's wife, Edith Jean Beaudry (m. 1953)

Hope you are well, I'm sure you are busy.

Love, Wayne

Please excuse haste here.

[Dec. 1972]



December 1972

Dear Family and Friends:

Christmas Greetings from the Storch family. For many years we've wanted to put out a letter at Christmas time to catch all of you up on what has been happening to all of us and here we are finally. First of all, I'm happy to report that all of us, including Wayne, have been in excellent health the past year, except for colds now and then, and in view of our past history, we are very thankful to God for this.

Now to begin with the boss, we'll give you a capsule report of each of us. Wayne is still working for the Radiosonde Reconditioning Center here in Joliet, and now has put in about 22 years with the U.S. Government. He will probably retire in another year or two. He keeps busy with jobs around the house and teaching an adult Sunday School class. We are waiting right now for a Super Pro receiver to arrive from Michigan, so that he can become an active "ham radio operator" again. He tells us that this is his combined birthday and Christmas present. It looks like I'll soon be going to sleep (or trying to) to the sound of "This is W9FOC calling CQ", but I don't mind because this gives him a lot of pleasure.

And now to the second in command, me. I'm keeping extremely busy teaching 6th, 7th and 8th grade Music at Oakview Junior High in New Lenox, Ill. This is my 4th year of teaching and 3rd year in New Lenox. I have 5 General Music classes a day, as well as 3 choruses and so especially at Christmas time I'm extremely busy, but this is good for me. I still play either piano or organ regularly at Ridgewood Baptist Church, and teach a Super class of High School seniors, which keeps me on my toes and in God's Word. I'm sure that they are more of a blessing to me than I am to them.

Believe it or not, our oldest, David, is now a Freshman in College. Isn't it strange that I don't get any older? (ha). We must stop here and say that we thank God for two well-behaved, steady, Christian children and we're so proud of them. Dave is majoring in Math and hopes to teach or be an accountant. He leans more toward the latter right now, since the teaching field is so tight. He plans to transfer to Cedarville College in Ohio next year, the Lord willing. It is a sound Baptist college of Liberal Arts. Dave is active in the youth group at church, sings in the choir and plays on both the church basketball and baseball teams. He's quite a tall young man now and still looks a lot like Wayne.

Last, but not least, we come to our baby, (some baby) who is 5' 8" tall and is now a Junior at Joliet West High. She's an excellent student, sings in the choir at school and at church, and is also active in sports, especially tennis. Debbie hopes to go into Christian work someday and will probably go to either Grand Rapids Bible School or Moody Bible Institute, after high school. Even though Debbie is much taller than I, people say she looks more like me than she does like Wayne, poor kid.

Well, that about sums up what is going on around here, except that we're again full of joy right now because of the Christ of Christmas, who continues to supply our needs and give us so much more than we ask for. May He fill your hearts and your homes with His love this holiday.

In Christian Love
Edith, Wayne, Debbie, Dave
The Storchs

CPH LITHO IN U.S.A. 84 5933

[Dec. 1973]

Glory to God in the Highest

December 1973

Dear Family and Friends:

It seems like yesterday that I was typing last years Christmas letter, and here I am again with another year gone. I don't know whether time really goes that fast, or whether I'm getting old, but it seems to fly by.

And now for a resume of what each of us has been doing the past year. Wayne has not retired yet from the Weather Bureau, even though he has over his 20 years in, but feels that he needs to continue there for a while, until our children are at least part way through college. His health has been good most of the year, except for a long bout with the flu this fall. He continues to teach the Scripture Searchers class at Ridgewood Baptist church, and as I predicted last year, he has been on the air almost every day. He is not on phone, but works with code entirely, and he enjoys this very much.

I am still teaching at the Oakview Junior High School in New Lenox and that keeps me very busy. I'm preparing right now for our annual Christmas concert. Besides teaching in public school, I teach an Evangelical Teacher Training Course to High School seniors at our church, and these young people are a real challenge and blessing to me. One of these years I hope I can get a job teaching in a Christian school, because each year it becomes a little more difficult to teach in public school, the standards are so different than they used to be. Enough about me, except that I still do play piano and organ at church too.

David is attending Cedarville College in Ohio this year and seems to just love it. He is majoring in Business Administration, and hopes to be an accountant. He also loves sports, and would like to do some coaching. This was a rough thing for us, to have our first born out of the nest, but I think it's very good for him and us. We appreciate each other more, and I think it is a good maturing process for him. His grades have been just fine so far, and we're very pleased with the Christian standards they have at Cedarville. Dave lives in a unit with 5 other boys, and they share 3 bedrooms, a bath and a living room. All students are required to attend chapel each day and church on Sundays and Wednesday nights. We are proud of Dave and are enjoying his being at home right now for his Thanksgiving vacation.

Debbie is a senior this year at Joliet West High and as usual is thoroughly enjoying school. She was on the championship tennis team this year, and is still enjoying acappella choir too. She sings in a special singing group at church and hopes to major in Christian Education with a music minor in college. She is applying at several schools, but isn't sure which one she will attend. She is an excellent student and a devoted Christian, so we do want her to have further education.

Well, I've run out of space, so let us wish all of you a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year, and may the peace and joy of the Christ Child fill your hearts and lives in 1974.

John 14:27

In Christian Love,

The Storchs

Wayne, Edith, David, and Debbie

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[Dec, 1974]

COME TO US, ABIDE WITH US,
OUR LORD EMMANUEL!

December 1974

Dear Family and friends:

It's hard to believe, but another year has passed and here we are again with our Christmas letter. Some of you people just must forgive us for not writing at any other time, but it seems that we get caught up in so many things, that we do not keep in touch with those we love as we ought to, but we do think of you and pray for you. Also, with both our children gone from us, it keeps us busy writing to them. Well, now to the news of each of the Storchs.

Wayne is still with the Weather Service, although he uses more Annual Leave than he used to because he has it coming and likes to putter around the house with his "ham" radio and other things, including the car, that need fixing. They tease him at work about being a part time employee, but he has accumulated lots of vacation time and takes a day now and then instead of all at one time. He will probably not retire until the children are out of college, because of course that takes a lot of money these days. His health is good except for an occasional cold, for which we are very thankful.

I still teach in New Lenox but because of a new school in the district and cutback in funds, I am at the Junior High just in the morning and teach 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades in the afternoon. It's quite a change, keeps me very busy and active. I've had more flu and colds since Sept. than I usually have in a whole year, but the little ones like to hug and kiss, which spreads more germs around. Other than this, I'm in good health, except for some very pesky symptoms which come at the time of life that I am in right now. Those I could do without, but God gives grace for each day.

We just enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving with our two children, David 20 and Debbie 18. They are both at Cedarville College in Ohio and love it. Debbie is a Freshman and is in so many things, she meets herself going and coming, but she adjusted beautifully and is very happy there. Dave is between his Sophmore and Junior years. He dropped out of school the second semester of his first college year, but has caught up some in Summer School. Debbie is in Choraliers, a mixed singing group and Swordbearers (a Gospel Team). David goes more for tennis, basketball and other sports. They both attend a very warm, Bible-preaching church in Springfield, Ohio. We are thankful for all the opportunities they have to grow intellectually, but more especially spiritually.

Well, that just about covers the news on the Storchs for another year. May God bless each one of you and give you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

The Storchs

Wayne, Edith
Dave, & Debbie

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(On back of Christmas letter)

Dec. 1974

Dear Wayne and Edith,

Your last Christmas letter was delightful, and we were glad to get all the family news.

As you see, we had a long trip out west last summer. One of our pleasant stops was in Montana, where we stayed overnight with Florence and Adolph Anderson on their 600 acre farm. We also met Dorothy and Edwin Frances, as well as their mother, Ruby Hass, in a nursing home in nearby Plentywood. We even went up into Canada a few miles and talked with Ed Tomke.

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Edward William Tomke (b. 1892)

Which reminds me that we also went up into Canada when we were out in Washington (visiting my Uncle Ed Withridge). We had a wonderful afternoon with Florence and Emil Knuth and their daughter Ruby. We thought you'd like these pictures of the Knuths and the Andersons.

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

We hope you all continue well and happy. Keep up all the fine work you are doing in your church!

Love,

Grace + Elizabeth

[Dec. 8, 1976]

Ans 12/12/76

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Dec. 8, 1976

Dear David and Elizabeth:

A Christmas letter is in the making, but the dealer in Joliet was out of stationery so that letter is going to be late for more than one reason. I thought I should write you though because there are a couple items in the letter that need to be explained I think, especially in your case.

Death of John William Storch (b. 1921)

First, John had a third heart attack and died the next morning which was Dad's birthday, Nov. 11. He was buried on Nov. 13th, which was Eloise's birthday. Edith and I did not get to the wake, we both have had a time with colds this fall. We did get to the funeral and then took Eloise home before returning to Joliet. I sure was tired that night. John was just 55 on Sept. 29th, which I really do not have to tell you since you have records and records. I had just talked to John for a couple minutes about a week before he died. I have been talking every morning to an old friend of mine in Beecher. He lives about two blocks from where we lived and operates a small hardware that he and his older brother inherited from their father. Then at night I used to listen to John and this Beecher friend and a third fellow in Homewood. John's oldest son Bill is in his second year of College (Pre-med) and is talking about getting a license to operate his dad's equipment in the ham bands.

Wayne retires

Second, I retired Aug. 28th, only because they finally moved our installation to Kansas City and since Edith is so happy with her job in our Academy, I decided to take a retirement. I think there were 50 people who wanted to know whether I had a part time job lined up and I said no, I didnt want a job as long as my wife was working, hi hi. I can remember not too many years ago when a fellow said he was going to retire they would say " you lucky guy". I do a lot of things for Edith, including driving her to work on bad-weather days, wash dishes, run the vacuum-cleaner, etc. I even help her grade papers, and that is a thing she has this year that she didnt have last year. Besides handling all the music K-10, she teaches Bible and Language Arts besides having a chorus and Glee Club and putting on Christmas programs, etc. She just took on two piano students this month and has a bible study group of college age girls here at our home every two weeks.

We are having a rough time right now living on my annuity and Soc. Sec. plus Edith's salary, especially with two kids in college. David just got a good start at a job this year when they went on strike and they were still "out" when he went back to College. He will graduate in June and Debbie will have just one year to go. She has so many credits right now that she is talking about dropping out one Quarter.

I am going to close now, but will try to write you again later with some info. you might want for your Family History. Hope you are both well and may The Lord bless you real well.

Love, Wayne

[Dec. 1976]

CHRISTMAS

"I have come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." John 12:46

December 1976

Dear Family and Friends:

Holiday Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has again provided for us in the past year. Isn't it incredible how fast the years go? Well, here goes with our news and you'll notice some drastic changes this year.

First *Dad--Wayne* no longer works at the National Weather Service, but was given the choice this summer to move to Kansas City or retire and he chose to retire. So he is now at home "hamming", puttering around the house, doing more reading and helping lots with household chores, which is a blessing because: *Mom* works 5 days a week at Ridgewood Baptist Academy, teaching 7th and 8th grade English and Bible, and Music to grades K-10, plus having a mixed Chorus and Girls' Glee Club. *Wayne* still teaches the Scripture Searchers class at church and *Edith* teaches High School Seniors and is church pianist. *Wayne* gave us a scare this summer with a little bit of sickness, but after much testing the doctors found nothing seriously wrong. We were also very saddened at the death of *Wayne's* brother *John* on November 11 after a third heart attack.

Dave is a Senior at Cedarville College this year after dropping out for a while to work. He is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Business Administration. We'll be so proud to see him graduate this spring. He's been home several times this year to see us (he says), but we are just sure that he is more interested in seeing a very sweet blond Christian young lady who goes to our church. *Dave* is now 22, and does that ever make us feel old.

Debbie our youngest, is 20 years old and is a Junior at Cedarville College. She is majoring in Music Education and like her *Mom* is a music lover. She enjoys being on a Gospel Team as well as singing with the Choralaires. We are very proud of both of our children and so thankful that they are Christians and anxious to do God's Will.

Wayne's heart attack ↓

We're so sorry that we do not write to most of you very often, but we do think of you and wish you joy that only Christ can give. May you truly find the peace that the Christ Child came to bring.

Dec. 28
* Wayne had a heart attack & is in the hospital. He is doing better right now.

In Christian Love,

THE STORCHS

Wayne, Edith, Dave & Debbie

No. 5623

[Dec. 1977]

and on earth PEACE

December 1977

Dear Family and Friends:

Thanksgiving is over, so it's time to start thinking of Christmas with all it's business and blessing. While I'm on a long week-end vacation, I thought I'd compose our annual Christmas Greeting.

As some of you already know, we almost lost Wayne last December after I had mailed several of our Christmas letters. He had a severe Coronary on Dec. 19th, and hovered between life and death for several days. He was in Intensive Care for about 3 weeks and in the hospital a month. He regained strength slowly, and is doing fairly well though he gets depressed and discouraged at times because he would like to do more things around the house. We feel that God has really been good to us though in taking him up the way He did.

Obviously, the first few months of 1977 were difficult for all of us. The children were reluctant to go back to college with their Dad in the hospital, but he insisted, and Eloise, Wayne's sister, was able to come out for a time to help we care for him. Then there were many dear friends who helped so much and in so many ways.

David and Debbie really helped tremendously when Wayne was in the hospital, and Dave really took over as the man of the house. I am so thankful for both of them.

I'm teaching full time at Ridgewood Bapt. Academy this year; 10 & 11 grade speech and Bible, 9th grade English, High School Girl's Glee Club and choir, and Elementary Music.

David graduated from Cedarville College last June and is now holding down two temporary jobs until he finds a permanent job that feels right for him.

Debbie is a Senior at Cedarville and is very busy in music activities, and is working hard on her Senior Recital.

God has answered our prayers and blessed us in so many ways this year, we have seen good come out of even the hard times, and we have all learned from the experience.

We are indeed thankful for our Lord's birth, and pray that each of you this season might find the peace and joy that only Christ can give.

John 14:27

Love in Christ

Edith and Wayne

David and Debbie

(over)

No. 5763

Just a line to say that I thank the Lord I can walk, talk, eat, read, etc. Glad it wasn't a severe stroke. Did lot of walking this summer and met more of my neighbors than I have in 8 years. Sure hate winter though, people do not shovel walks like they did years ago.

Have done a lot of reading, especially the Bible. Do not know where the days go. Remember when you mentioned retiring years ago, they would say "boy you lucky guy". Guess what they say now? Either "what are you going to do to keep busy" or "have you got a part-time job lined up"?

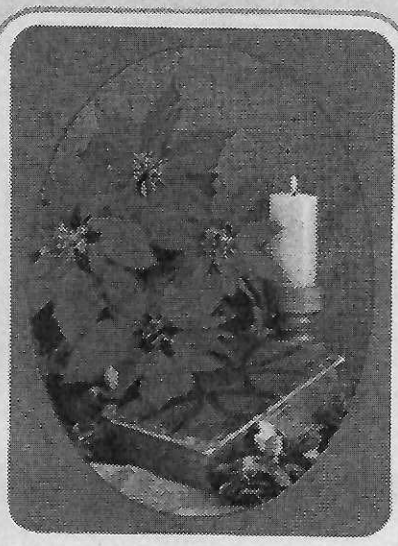
Did do something this ~~past~~ past month that I would like to do more of, rebuilt an old Crosley radio 1930 model for a fellow here in Joliet. He wasn't in a hurry so I could work on it a little at a time, something I have to do now. Rebuilt an old Atwater-Kent couple years ago for a fellow at work. One fellow in S.C. is talking about shipping an old Philco up to Joliet for me to repair.

Well, better sign off for now. Wrote a note to J.M. and hope he drops me a line to tell me what he is doing, how the family is and whether he still collects precancel stamps.

May the Lord bless you all in 1978.

Wayne

[Christmas 1980]



"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory)." John 1:14

Christmas 1980

Dear Family and Friends:

Thanksgiving is one week past and we're looking forward again to our Lord's birthday. My verse this year would be I Thess. 5:18-"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

This has been a year of real change for us, and we're not sure what the future holds, but we know that God holds our future, so we're trusting Him.

Wayne's life has been about the same, except for his concern for the changes in the lives of the rest of us. His health remains fairly stable, and we thank God for that. He does long to go back to Illinois to see our Dave and our sisters and brothers, which we plan to do, the Lord willing, at Christmas time.

Dave has moved into a smaller apartment and lives alone now, still in Joliet at 369 N. Hickory St. 60435. He had a change of telephone no.: it is now 815-727-7500. His diabetes seems to be under control, but he's had a lot of trouble with his sinuses this fall. He keeps very active though and seems to cope well with life.

Debbie's job was completely changed for the third year in a row this school year. She now has 7th and 8th Grade English, Elementary and Jr. High Choirs and Piano and Voice Lessons. She is located in Blountville at the new TCCS building, near the Airport, so we don't go to work together anymore, which has made gas bills high.

However, in the last two weeks, several of us at the High School have been cut back in pay and time, so I now go in just 2 days a week and teach Piano and have the 3 Choirs at that location. I had to give up two of the greatest English classes that I've ever had, but God knows best, so we're trusting Him to work in all this.

We are looking forward to seeing many Joliet area friends, and of course our family, at Christmas time and do praise the Lord for continually blessing us and working in our lives.

May God bless you and yours at this Holiday Season.

Love in Christ,

The Storchs

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[Oct, 1981]

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October 1981

Dear Family and Friends:

No doubt you will be surprised to get a letter from us at this time of the year instead of at Christmas time. We decided it would be a good idea to make up a letter now since we have moved back to Illinois, thereby preventing a lot of you from sending us Christmas Cards at Gray, Tenn.

When we walked into this apt., it seemed like getting back home from a vacation. David, Ann Johnson and George French had set up the beds, put dishes in the cupboards and pictures on the walls and arranged things like we had them down in Tenn.

One thing that was different, this is a tri-level apt., something we never had before in all our moving around during our 28 years of married life. The Ground Floor has Living Room and Kitchen. The Lower Floor is David's domain, with Family Room, Bedroom and Bath (which also contains our New Laundry). The Top Floor has two Bedrooms and Bath. Looking across my desk out the north window I see tennis courts, ball diamond, small lake and picnic grounds, all a Lockport Park.

Edith and Debbie are teaching part-time at Bible Baptist Academy of Romeoville, about 10 miles from where we live. Debbie is working on credit toward an Ill. Teacher's Certificate and has one class three days a week at Joliet Junior College. She then picks up Edith and away they go to their teaching job. Edith teaches 10,11,12 English and Speech. Debbie teaches Elementary Music and 7,8,9 English. They are putting quite a bit of mileage on the Subaru driving to College, School and Church, to say nothing of the Eagle Discount Center, ha ha.

David is still working at Midwest Supply and is a Member of Bible Baptist Church of Joliet where he drives a bus quite often. Because of his Diabetes, he has cut down some on his sports, although he did play ball this summer and he bowls also. He has helped me a lot around this apt.

I have sidewalk to walk on here, something I did not have in Tenn. Down there I had to walk on the road and get off when a car came along and they have no shoulders on the roads. I still wish I had more pep, but I thank God I can walk, talk and read. I walk about one block twice a day, but I do not get very far from our house so I have met only the people in these two apt. buildings. One family moved to New York a month ago and the apt. is still empty. I told their 5 year old daughter to write to me when they got to N.Y. and let me know how she liked it there. She surprised me by saying " I'll call you on the phone, I'm going to miss you ".

Although this is not really a Christmas Letter, we will wish you the best for 1982. If you send us a Christmas Card, please write us a note, even a short one, to let us know how you are doing at that time.

Love in Christ,

Wayne, Edith, David and Debbie

Sing praises unto the

[Jan. 4, 1982]

Wayne's death,
Dec. 10, 1981

January 4, 1982

Dear Friends and Family:

We have received so many letters of sympathy, that I didn't feel that I could answer each in a personal letter, so I decided to write one letter, and make many copies. Also, some of you probably do not yet know that Wayne passed away on December 10. We feel that he must have sensed that this would happen as he sent our Christmas greeting the first week in November, and as most of you know was most anxious to get back to the Joliet area, where David and our brothers and sisters live.

He had not been well for many years, especially since his heart attack(s) in 1974, but we had seen a definite decline in his health in the last year. On November 14, we put him into the hospital with congestive heart failure. He pulled out of that temporarily and came home on the condition that someone be here 24 hours a day, that oxygen would be handy, and nurses would come in 2 or 3 times a week. While home, we saw him change from a very alert, talkative man to a completely helpless, speechless one. It was extremely heartbreaking to watch, and any amount of tender loving care that we gave could not bring him back. As you may have guessed, he had a stroke on top of the very bad heart, and also had a severe case of pneumonia. We took him back to the hospital on Dec. 3, the day after his birthday, where he died one week later. He spoke very little, couldn't swallow, and seldom knew who we were. He did die peacefully with 3 nurses in attendance who cried as they told me about it. I didn't quite make it to the hospital in time, and as I approached the entrance to the hospital, I felt strongly that God had already taken him, so I prayed that He would give me the strength to face it, and if possible provide someone to be with me. As I entered the hospital I saw a doctor friend, Rev. Bob Yost from Tilmington whose children went to Senarville with ours, and often rode home together, thus causing the Yosts, and Wayne and I to spend time together as we waited for our kids to come home at vacation time. Pastor Yost went to the room with me, comforted me and each of my children as they arrived, prayed with us, made phone calls for us, and stayed with us until all business was completed at the hospital. We are so thankful that God placed him there at that particular time. He had no idea that Wayne was even ill.

The children and I feel that God was very merciful in taking Wayne to Himself as he had brain damage as well as his very worn out heart, and would never have been able to be cared for at home again. Even though we miss him, God has been very good, and given us great peace in the midst of sorrow.

We are so thankful for all of you who knew of Wayne's illness, and stood by us through the whole thing. Such friends are priceless. We also are most grateful for the many expressions of sympathy, and for you who are hearing for the first time, we would appreciate your prayers for us in the days to come.

One thing that I know for sure is that I am blessed with 2 wonderful children who have protected and helped me more than words can express. We will stay here together in the duplex on Marlboro Lane for the time being at least.

The Lord willing, I will go back to work at Bible Baptist Christian Academy of Romeoville January 4, and finish out the year there. I have been here since Wayne's first hospitalization. The pastor there faithfully visited Wayne, even though Wayne had not been been able to attend church since we moved back here. He was also visited by several other pastors including my brother, Chuck, for whom I am especially thankful because he helped me with many difficult decisions, and preached at the funeral the very kind of message that Wayne would have wanted. Chuck was assisted by Dr. Bryce Augsburger, the pastor of the church that Debbie and I attend, and Pastor Larry Chute, the sister church to ours, which David attends.

It's good to be here with my family and Wayne's close by , and also friends of long standing. They have all been so loving and supportive.

We hope that you'll keep in touch with us from time to time, and if I can't answer all the letters, I'll put David and Debbie to work answering some. May God give each of you a blessed New Year. We're looking to Him day by day for health and strength.

In Christian Love,

Edith

P.S. On proof reading this, I found many errors which I apologize for. I fear that my mind went ahead of my fingers plus the fact that our old portable skips, sticks, etc. on occasion

[Christmas 1982]

1982

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Dear Family and Friends,

Almost 1 year has passed since the Lord took Wayne, and since most of you have heard from us. I have meant to keep up, but it has been difficult. It seems that I have many added responsibilities now.

To begin with, I finished out my contract at Bible Baptist Academy at Romeoville last May, and for several reasons did not sign a contract there, or anywhere for this school. I have acquired 23 piano and organ students which I teach both at home and in the case of organ students, at their homes or churches. I've also changed churches, and now attend the Bible Baptist church of Joliet where I play organ and sometimes piano, and this past week, Nov. 30, started as church secretary. I only work there 4 hours a day, 4 days a week and so far, it's going well.

It's been a busy year, a hard one, and sometimes very lonely, but God has provided day by day, and even though we don't fully understand everything that's happened, God's hand has been very evident in our lives, and we praise Him for that.

2 months after Wayne's death, his sister had a stroke and was hospitalized for about 6 weeks and was with us about the same length of time. God has really worked in her life and she's doing very well. My sister, Carolyn had a reoccurence of cancer, in her liver this time, and we really thought we might lose her, but again God intervened and her cancer has gone into remission a second time. God is still a God of miracles.

Another real praise and a joy to our hearts is David's future wife, Cheryl Banister. I couldn' have picked anyone nicer for him had I tried. She's a sweet, Christian girl, full of fun, and energy, and a real match for Dave. They'll be married February 12 at Bible Baptist Church of Joliet, and we are all excited and busy with plans. This has been one of the few bright spots in an otherwise hard year, and we thank God that He tempers trials with special joys.

Deborah will be in David's wedding party and felt also that she should stay with me for at least one more year, so she signed a year contract again at Romeoville, and teaches elementary music, and English 7. She has dated several young men from that church, but as yet Mr. Right has not come along.

I must close but I feel compelled to urge you who have never received Christ as your personal Savior to do so now. Life is so short. Recognize your sinfulness(Romans 3:23), and call upon Christ to save you, (Romans 10:13). He loves you, and died for you. (John 3:16)He is the only way to heaven and God(John 14:6). I know that Wayne wants to share eternity with each of you as I do. God Bless you, and have a wonderful holiday season.

In Christian Love,

Edith, Dave + Debbie

Edith, David, and Deborah

[Christmas 1983]

1983

FOR UNTO US IS BORN THIS DAY...

A SAVIOR WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD

Dear Friends & Family,

Another year has flown by and it's time to give you the 1983 Storch News.

Our big news, of course, is David's marriage to Cheryl Banister on February 12. It was so lovely, and Dave and Cheryl are very happy and living in Joliet, about a mile away from me. Cheryl is in New Accounts at the First National Bank, and Dave is still with Midwest Supply Co. They are the Jr. High Youth Sponsors at church, and also serve as AWANA leaders, so as you can see they're very busy. We do try to get together every week or two for dinner or an evening, and Debbie and I always enjoy the times with them.

Debbie is teaching music entirely this year at Bible Baptist Academy in Romeoville, and directs the Jr. High and Elementary Choirs. She is also active in the church college/career group, and sings in the church choir. She & I moved to a smaller and less expensive apartment after David married, so please note the new address.

I'm working mornings , as church secretary at Bible Baptist Church of Joliet, and play organ/piano there, as well as coordinating all the special music. I am really busy, but I enjoy it and it's good for me to keep busy these days. I also have several organ/piano students afternoons and Saturday.

We've all been well except for a fall that left me with a very bad back right before the wedding. This nearly kept me from attending the wedding, but my sister helped me dress, etc. and I was able to get through the ceremony and receiving line with some dignity. I was laid up for about 2 weeks, but thankfully I'm doing fine now.

We're again thankful for God's watchcare and guidance through the year, and pray that each of you may find in the Christ Child the peace and joy that only He can give. John 14:27.

A Very Merry Christmas
and Blessed New Year
to each of you.

With Love,

Edith & Debbie

Edith & Debbie

P. S. Again, please note our new address
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To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.

-John Morison, 1770

[Christmas 1989]

1989

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS GIVEN...
ISA. 9:6

GREETINGS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS,

Here we are again, at that special time of the year when we celebrate the birth of our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Aren't you glad that He was born, and that He was willing to die that we might have eternal life. I'm especially praising Him this year because He's made Himself so real to me.

Jonathan David Storch (b. 1989)

We've had several special events in the family this year, but one of the most exciting was the birth of my first grandchild, Jonathan David Storch, who was born to David and Cheryl on August 11. As you can see by the picture at the bottom of the page, he is a darling, happy, healthy little boy, and he has certainly won the heart of this grandma, as well as most everyone else he comes in contact with.

Deborah Storch (m. 1989) and Dan LeGrand (m. 1989)

Another big event was Debbie's marriage to Dan LeGrand on October 21. You can see by the picture of them that they are a happy couple. They are in the throes of adjustment, and this is a little more difficult for Deb, than for most brides, because she became the instant stepmother of two teenage children, one of whom lives with them, and the other is there frequently, so she has her hands full. She also started a new job a month or so before marriage, so she's had that adjustment as well. Deb is a very capable young lady though, and I'm trusting that she'll soon have things well in hand.

A third big event was the marriage of my sister, Joyce, to Bill Klamerus in the month of May. They are building a home just a stone's throw from my apartment building, and I see them quite frequently. Bill is a music lover, (good music), and he and I talk music quite a bit. Joyce is learning to love the classics since she's known Bill, which was a change for her. I'm glad that we can be together often, particularly since Carolun is gone. Joyce and I try to get together with Chuck frequently too, since it's become so evident to us, with a brother and sister gone, that life is fragile and we ought to spend more time together.

When Jonathan was born, almost 1 year to the day after Carolyn's death, I thought of what Job said in Job 1:21b, "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the Name of the Lord". He is Good, and I'm thankful for Jonathan, Dan, and Bill whom He has given to our family this year.

I covet your prayer for me, as I adjust to living alone. It's very different, and sometimes lonely, but there again, God has been so good to me, and has proven His love for me over and over again.

HAVE YOU TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR, AND MADE HIM YOUR LORD? IF NOT, CHRISTMAS WOULD BE THE IDEAL TIME TO DO JUST THAT.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

Love,

Edith

Dan & Debbie LeGrand
(My baby finally left the nest)

JONATHAN DAVID STORCH
(Grandma's darling)

[Dec. 1996]

[DEW tells Edith about the visit to Milwaukee of Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1934)]

Dec. 1996

Dear Edith,

I have some interesting news. I've found a cousin of mine in Germany — and, of course, a cousin of Hazel and Eloise. He's a dentist — Dr. Friedrich Nemitz — and he found my name in a publication listing the ancestry of people in Oswiecim who have German background. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Nemitz, was married in Dammen, near Stolp, and Dammen is the town where Grandfather was born.

We were able to prove that Ferdinand was the father of our grandfather, because one of my mother's cousins in Bay City told me that her uncle in Germany lived in Stolp and was a mail carrier and had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse. I asked Friedrich about that, and, sure enough, his great-grandfather was a mail carrier in Stolp and had a daughter Ida, who was a nurse!

The best part of it is that he's coming here next year to attend an annual event called the Pommerntag on the last Sunday of June in Milwaukee. I'm going to go, so I can meet him, and I hope I can convince some of his other relatives over here to go, too, so we can have a welcoming party.

I don't think Eloise could go, because of her health, and I don't suppose you would care to, but I'm hoping David and Debbie and their families might like to meet him. Milwaukee is really not far away from northern Illinois. I'm trying to convince some of the Jonke family in Michigan to go, and some of the Nemitz family in Iowa, so we might end up having a mini Nemitz reunion to greet Friedrich and his wife, who I think is also coming.

Well, I hope you and your family have all had a good year and are looking forward to 1997. My health has been good, and my spirits are better than last year. Have a blessed Christmas, ~~[illegible]~~ or perhaps I should say New Year, because I don't think this will arrive before Christmas.

Love,

David

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Laura Cassiday

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[Oct. 5, 2001]

Subj: **Tomke**
Date: 10/5/01 4:24:37 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Cassiday.Laura@mayo.edu (Laura Cassiday) ← Laura Cassiday
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

I came across your name on a website that said you were researching the surnames NEMITZ, BONKE, TOMKE, etc.

I believe I have corresponded with some members of the TOMKE/NEMITZ line in the past, but we were unable to make a connection with my TOMKE's at that time.

My great-great grandfather, Frederick TOMKE, was born 26 Dec. 1847, supposedly in Leipzig, Prussia, although I have yet to confirm that. On his death certificate, his parents are listed as Gottfried TOMKE and Elizabeth GOOKON(? illegible). Frederick married Charlotte WIECHERT, and they immigrated to the U.S. (Dolton, IL) in the early 1880s. Children were: Charles, Herman, Bertha, Emma, Anna, Augusta, Ella, Minnie, and Fred. Upon arrival in the U.S. the spelling was changed to "TOMKY."

I have really hit a brick wall with this family and am eager to make a connection with one of the other (rare) Tomke families in America.

Thanks for any help/advice,

Laura (Tomky) Cassiday

[Nov. 1, 2001]

Subj: **Tomke**
Date: 11/1/01 11:04:57 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Cassiday.Laura@mayo.edu

Dear Laura,

Thank you for writing about your Tomke ancestry. I'm sorry I'm so late answering. I'm afraid I can't be of much help to you.

Tomke is not one of my ancestral lines, but my grandfather's sister, Johanna Nemitz, married Johann Tomke somewhere in Kreis Stolp, Pomerania, about 1856. I have not been able to find any trace of the Tomke family in Kreis Stolp. I only know that Johann was born in 1829 somewhere in Germany, but not necessarily in Kreis Stolp. It probably wasn't as far away as Leipzig, but it could have been.

Johann and Johanna immigrated with their family to Bay County, Michigan, in 1880 and settled on a farm in Beaver Township. Their children were all born in Kreis Stolp, but I haven't discovered any of the records

I'm sorry that I don't have any information that ties into your family.

Sincerely,

David E. Witheridge, Minneapolis.

Subj: **Re: Tomke**
Date: 11/1/01 1:54:53 PM Central Standard Time
From: Cassiday.Laura@mayo.edu (Laura Cassiday)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Mr. Witheridge,

Thank you very much for your reply. Although we could not make a connection at this time, I'll keep your Tomke information in mind.

Sincerely,

Laura Cassiday

Bertha Tomke

documents

Editor's Note

This section consists of two photos taken by Dad's Uncle Will (William John Ernest Nemitz [b. 1880]) during an August 1914 vacation trip to the homestead site of Dad's maternal grandfather, Wilhelm Nemitz, in Tribune, Saskatchewan. The notes from the back of the photos are by Dad.

Pictured in the photos are:

- Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835);
- Wilhelm's daughter, Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866);
- Bertha's eldest son, Edward William Tomke (b. 1892);
- Bertha's daughter, Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894); and
- Bertha's youngest living son, Clarence Arthur Tomke (b. 1905).

Tom Witheridge
June 18, 2023

~~1913~~

Back row:
Edward and Ruby Tomke

Front row:
Bertha and Clarence Tomke
and William Nemitz

[Will Nemits said he took this
on his vacation in Tribune,
Saskatchewan, August, 1914.]

~~June 19~~
~~1913~~

Bertha + Clarence Tomke

[Will Nemits said he took this on his vacation in Tribune, Saskatchewan, August, 1914.]

[July 1974]

From. Ed. W. Tomke. Can.,
P.O. Box. 103. Lake Almanda Sask.

To/: Rev. David E. Witheridge
c/o Mr. Edward A. Witheridge
206 Reed Street
Port Townsend, Washington
U.S.A. 98368

Editor's note:

The following letter was sent to Dad in care of his Uncle Ed in Port Townsend, WA. Dad and Mom hoped to detour up to Saskatchewan on their way back home to Minneapolis, in order to visit Dad's first cousin, Nemitz descendant Edward William Tomke (b. 1892). The visit to Saskatchewan was a success. It included the tape recorded interview with Edward also presented in this section.

TFW, June 18, 2023

[July 4, 1974]

7 o'clock A.M.
Temp, 66°.
Going up to 85 or 90° today.

Lake Alma, Sask
July 4th 1974.

To. Rev. David E. Witheridge.

Hi there: —
I was sure surprised to get your letter, as I'm alone here in Lake Alma, & all the company I have is 6 cats. & if I want to see any one else I go to Lutheran Church on Sunday. The wife passed on, We buried her on Dec. 17th last.

Her name was Florence Emily Wiltshire & we were married in Hamiota Manitoba on Dec. 24-1928. The wife was diabetic, & she would not take her insulin, " liked her tea as she was English. We had four sons & two daughters. Five children living. Now my fingers are going numb again. I'll have to stop writing for a few minutes, when (over

Florence Emily Wiltshire (d. 1973)

the pen falls out of my hand.
If I have it right, your mother
was Edith Nemitz, & my "
had her for some time, in Bay City
Michigan. I will be 82 yrs on Aug 2nd
I'm the oldest of the Nemitzs & my
sister at Richmond B.C. is the
oldest daughter of my mother (Bertha
Nemitz) who married Herman Martin
Tomke, at Crown Point, Indiana in
1889. My cousin Eloise Storch who
lives at Joliet Ill. U.S.A. is a
Moody member, & far as I know she
is still single.
Her Mother (Mrs John Storch) came
to Mich. when your mother kept
house for her father. Wm Nemitz.
She came on her honey-moon with
her husband John Storch to see
us all, & I never saw her until
32 or 33 yrs ago when she came to

Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke (b. 1891)

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)

Eloise Therese Storch (b. 1910)

Louise Theresa Nemitz (b. 1877)

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835)

Canada to see her sister & father.
She was Aunt Louise, & she had
Eloise & Jack along. They came to
see us & in an old Chev. car.
But I rember every thing since I
was 2 1/2 yrs.
I'd never get through. I never saw
my Grand Pa. or Grand Ma on the
Tomke side, only " Pa: Wm Nunitz
my mothers father.
But to make a long story short
you can come to see me got plenty
of room, lots to eat, as I said before
All the company I have is my
cats.
So I'm looking to see you by & bye
I'm alone here. I could keep on
writing till dooms day.
I can tell you all you want to know.
Sincerly. Ed. W. Tomke.
P.O. Box. 103. - LAKE ALMA, Sask. Can.

→ Florence Wiltshire Zomkee (Mrs Ed)

Information asked for

no 1 Grand mas Sec name was Matilda

from me Florence no 6 arlington Rd, 1899, 6th March
I Was Born at Walthamstowe
London
England
we were married in Hamiota, Manitoba
St peters Anglecan Church
26th Dec 1928.

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

Ruby's family
Florence Mar. 7-1917
Muriel Nov. 2-1920
Dot. Dec. 27-1921

Florence Pearl Hass (b. 1917)

Muriel Bertha Hass (b. 1920)

Dorothy Louise Hass (b. 1925) * See below

Eddie's family
Leroy Aug. 13-1931.
Billy Oct. 6-19~~18~~34
Eunie
Edna July 19-1942 (see other sheet)
Rosie Dec. 5-1932

[See next page]

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(see other sheet)

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* Dorothy gives her own birth year as 1925; see pp. 30-31 of folder 2.3

names and Beirtt days of our Jonke Family

1) Leroy W. Jonke, 13th august 1931

2) Rosemarie Bertha Jonke. (5th December 1932

3) Alfred John Jonke oct. 7th 1934

4) Ernest Albert Jonke march 11th ~~1936~~ 1936

5) Endna Florence Jonke July 18th 1942

This is all the Beirtt days as I know them to be Right, all Born in Sask, Canada

→ From Mrs Ed. Jonke
Lake Alma Box 103
Sask.

There are (4) grandsons)
Their names of Jonke
Leroys Has (2) young Boys.
Ernie Has (2 young Sons
To Carry on the name of Jonke. Girls loose (1st their names

[DEW's transcription of a tape-recorded interview] [July 13, 1974]

Ed Tomke – tape 7/13/74

"Eddie" = Edward William Tomke (b. 1892)

Bertha Theresa Nemitz (b. 1866)
Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)
Edith Sophia Nemitz (b. 1883)

Two came from Germany – Bertha & Emma came in 70 & 71 – He was from Chicago. Edith stayed with Bertha when Eddie was about 8 yrs. old. (1900)

One boy – first boy – neighbor gave him skim milk for him, into hot water. Spoon measured the cream. He was black from here to here. I put him down that cellar. Well, this here was in the homestead. I sold my homestead. All I got out of it was $237.

John Stephen Reid (b. 1875)

John Reid went to the Klondike, 1898. With his uncle from Fargo. Then he went to Los Angeles – went broke there, I guess. Then he came back to Pontiac, Ill.

Edith Sophia Nemitz

Aunt Edith went to Bay City Business College – rode the bicycle. She gave it to me when we left. But we couldn't bring anything – just two big boxes. His mother & Grandpa Spooner had it there in Dibble. Had two big boxes in a sod barn. Nailed 3 doors & we slept in the barn with the doors.

Bertha and children go to Saskatchewan in 1909

Herman Martin Tomke (b. 1866)

Clarence, my brother, he was only 4 yr. old when we came up. [1909] That's last thing.

Gutenberg Bible story

My father had this old Gutenberg Bible. My sister – she's in Plentywood now – in nursing home.

Ruby Matilda Louise Tomke (b. 1894)

I can remember when I was 2 yrs. old – south of Williams & Parker's – Parker used to go to Chicago with the team – called him "Mosey Parker."

Used to climb into – –

Mary was married about 17. [1892]

James (Jim) L. Reid

Jim Reid, John's father, was a wood dealer. Bought all the wood from the saw mills. Piled it up. He had a grandfather's clock. I was there when I was about 9.

Mary Augusta Nemitz (b. 1875)

I don't know where Mary was when John Reid went to the Klondike with his uncle from Fargo. He brought back, he gave my mother, he had a watch chain all made from nuggets. He had a boy James - died from yellow jaundice.

Florence Emily Wiltshire (d. 1973)

Florence was a mail order bride. Well, I had another one at Fort William + I bought her a $300 diamond. That's the one I gave to the wife.

I went to Manitoba, but she came from England in Mar. 1928, We weren't married until the following December. We run like everything to the English Church. All they had there was not wine, just ginger ale.

[Showing DEW and EPW a photo]

This is Bertha with another guy before she married my father. + this is him again. Don't know his name.

William Schroeder marries Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

Emma married Will Schroeder from Pontiac. We were there in 1901. Dads in Michigan + Chicago, we came through Michigan City + Chicago, that's to Tipton Ind. Central Stats about 50 miles.

Before that John Reid was in Los Angeles - Went broke, I guess. Then he went back to farm again with Grandpa Nemitz. He was always doing with him.

[Looking at photos]

Hannah Zoubee + Aunt Mary -

Ernest Nemitz from Iowa, Denison, Charter Oak. (my mother's first cousin)

My second cousin Bertha Schroeder, married George Reinhardt, now see if she doesn't look like my youngest daughter. — Mary from

Your mother was going to put me through Bay City Business College.

My father was a cooper.

I was working for Wm Nemitz. His son Wm. came on the 4th of August, 1914, the first day 1st world war started. I see his father + his older sister Aunt Mary ran away with a farmer up north. She's buried at Colgate.

Mary Augusta Nemitz

Trell T. Morden

I name our grandfather John Tomke; his wife was a Nemitz. They were born in Germany. I don't know when they came. The Tomkes left Hamburg + Wm Nemitz left Hamburg in 1870 or 1871. They were 9 weeks on the boat, my mother said. He landed in Baltimore about 1871. Then he got to Citieya (Chicago) He called it Kit-ti-ya. He helped clean up the Chicago fire. He went from there, he got a job from a fellow named Parker, about 35 or 40 miles out near Fortone. Then he got a job ---

Johann Friedrich Tomke (b. 1829)

Johanna Nemitz (b. 1833)

John Tomke + his wife lived in Bay City. They were coming from a party in a "democrat" [light un-covered wagon with two or more seats].
I was a baby - My mother said. They were coming from a party + she [John's wife] was along and the horses got away. We was in the mill buggy or democrat. West Bay City - Used to call the whole Bay City Newark.
She died in Michigan some place. Uncle Albert went to Detroit. Oldest Bro of Herman Charles. Then Charles. He deserted from the war in France in '70-'71. Could never go back. Edward + William Charles.

My birth was never registered. Not compulsory.
Aunt Edith was going to put me through Business College or any other college. But then we came here 1910.
I went to beginner. Hobart, more than once. Tennessee Ave. Bristol St. That is main corner. Then went across

Bristol Bridge - Wickes yacht used to travel all ~~around~~ the lakes. Just learned to swim about 8 yrs. Made boilers.
Here is my birth certif. I had to have two who were there. Aunt Louise + Uncle Will. When I got pension, they wanted birth cert.

I was out with Lorong in Creston, B.C. 64 mi n. of Cranbrook. Plans to Calgary + Regina, all here for funeral except that girl my there. oldest girl. Was coming in April, then in May. Then had to turn on to pieces. Something wrong - Jean a new on to pieces? She ain't coming.

Brother died in San Diego, Calif.

Stole Bible from me in 1916, when they stole my load of lumber that I worked all winter for. Hauled it 4 mi for the butcher + chiropractor in Tribune. Left it on the station. Then I had the poor horse sold. I got key from him, due too Put everything in house. Then went to Mail day I went there + everything was gone. Stole. All a bunch of thieves out here, Bootleggers, smugglers. Nothing - not a policeman in the boundary between Ambrose N.D. & the Big Muddy except Big Muddy bandits. There they had headquarters for crimes.

In 9th gr. before I was 12 yrs old - small boy. Easy in spelling down. Never had standing below 90. Didn't like. Know every teacher I had. I had to go right by Grandpa's + Aunt Edith's, staying on the McBride farm. Had to go down - get the principal a quart of celery every so often. [E.U.S.?].

Thinking of going down, But something always turns up. Wife tired.

Gutenberg Bible (again)

Old Gutenberg Bible – Ruby – Leroy when he was here for funeral telephoned her, but she doesn't remember where it went. He took it out and unwrapped – My brother got a track, right twelve miles east of here. Got a bit of taxes. Everything from San Diego from administrator. I found him dead in bed.
He give me that land. I can't get a cent for it.

Martin used to run big store in Bay City.
He's on the farm, Auburn. Golden wedding

Death of Roland John Reid (b. 1907)

Rolland – one of John + Mary Reid's boys. He committed suicide, Bay City.
Had one named Ralph. She run away from John Reid. She's married at Colgate. Left John Reid. John Reid left in 1911. I could have gone along with him. But then Uncle Will didn't come out until 1914. He couldn't stay there. He went over to Knuth's. They were married in '13. (Knuth) Knuth took my last horse + ~~that~~ other brother in law, Ed Hass. Had no use for either one of them. Took my last horse for $65. Left me without none.

Death of Emma Nemitz (b. 1869)

Aunt Emma
She died in Kankakee in 1901. Grandpa, Aunt Mary + Aunt Louise + my mother went to Morrow, Grandpa died there. Wouldn't let me go in to see her.
3 children – Will, little Ida (Eda).
My mother moved around, married a fellow worse than my father up here in '23 (?)
(Corona?) Clara Dowler is dead – California some place.
I've never been back.
Emil Knuth + Ed Hass were cousins [Mothers were sisters Florence Anderson]
(Florence Knuth)
My sister was local telephone operator in Weyburn
She come down to Wm. Nemitz + Emil Knuth was tatching it. Well, he had his sister + his brother keeping

house for him.
He told him, why don't you go get the other one. He had Emil ten children, I can see him get going around the lake. Eight of them living.
Norman works in the bank at Richmond.
Ernie Knuth in Calgary wants me to come & see him I haven't seen him for 30 yrs.
Richard, he died, I stood up for him when died.
(Irene married to
Earl - principal up there
They don't come here, don't like the house.
Spiders - mentioned in the Poches (?) Book of Martyrs can't buy the Book - Catholics had that taken out of circulation.
Lived up here 12 mi. out of Weyburn. Farmer now. Come from Cosc, B.C. 7 days
He come in here but - - -
He spent 3 or 4 hundred dollars on these old shacks.
Same shacks we homesteaded in 1915.
Grandpa Hemity came out to see me - before he left for China
→ When he come in 1902, my mother sewed all his money in black coat. They used to go to Faith church at Broadway and 38th in Bay City.
Every Sun. Went to church
Came in 1902 to his dau. & John Reid
[Bay City Directory says Wm F. Hemity living on Curtiss Farm in 1903 & 1905]
John Reid come before that from Beloraine, Manitoba
Wm Hemity came to be with John Reid. He was always with John Reid. Helping him.
Live 20 miles So. of Weyburn, where you could only have one quarter but south of that you could have what they call pre-emption.
Grandpa had southeast. - -
On Canadian Pacific we had "landseekers fare" 2¢ a mile. 28.08 from Bay City to Weyburn.
My son Ernie came all the way from Highfield to Midale for his mothers funeral, works on oil.

filled gas 4 times - If he straightened out he'd be 6 ft.
Married girl from Midale. 5 kids. She'll be leaving now, the here 16th of July. Couldn't come in winter - school for kids.

My father, when he was in the chicken business in Bay City, "H. M. Tompkins, dealer in poultry, feed."

We went to South Bay City, got 150 pigeons, squabs, full of pin feathers.

10 yrs. old.

I worked in druggist firm - Mason + Beach, Wholesale, second largest druggist north of Detroit. I delivered, sodas, cleaning. Near Long St.

I had $20.00 in Lumberman's State Bank N. Bay City when I was 5 yrs. old. My father took me and drew that out.

Wilhelm Frederick Nemitz (b. 1835) left for Canada in 1902

When grandpa left in 1902 for Canada he gave me his watch. I used to sleep him at the farm. Aunt Edith was there keeping house for him.

Youngest girl Crystal was born with her feet turned. Had to go through hospital. Shriners Hosp.

Ernest Nemitz went to Iowa, also Fred Nemitz Denison, Franklin Co., Charter Oak - [now Crawford County]

Clarence had pictures but when he died - lost.

Ernest once came to Bay City.

There was another Nemitz came. They don't know where he went. Chester Nemitz 5-star general.

[Nimitz]

Eloise Storch wrote + wanted family history.

I remember every teacher I ever had.

Tomke's also came from Pomerania. Not far from the Polish border. My father could talk Polish

Do you know where your Aunt Emma and Will Schroeder were married? I don't know. I only saw them once, in 1901.

very well. So could his father.
We ~~used to~~ went to German school ~~together~~ in West Bay City.
German school on Saturday.
Learned to count + write my name.
My father wanted to talk Low German and my mother wanted to talk High German, so ~~they~~ didn't talk to ~~each other~~ intelligently. Just what we picked up. Low German. Like Emil Knauth he's Low German.

More on the supposed Gutenberg Bible

That old Guttenberg Bible that's 400 years old. My sister got it in 1924. All the Zomkas in there. Page after page.
My father used to read it. He was the youngest of the boys. I was going to get it, but my sister got it. ~~to give to my boy~~
His sister, Ruby

I don't know what she did with it. She's 80 she's in Clearwood.
~~Mr.~~ Schroeder came to John Reid's in Pertone in 1901. John Reid was farming with Grandpa. Five miles out. Grandpa was there, always followed John Reid.
John Reid went to Klondike in 1898 with his mule from Fargo, N.D. Then he came back to Pertone. Gave my mother a lot of ---
He had his watch chain. Gave his daughter out in Richmond. Emma Stewart.
John + Mary married before ~~the~~ 1898.
She was there when your mother was there on the McGraw farm. Louise Nemitz married John Stoch. Don't know where Mary + John were married. Must have been married in Bay City, because Jim Reid, I went there when I was about 7 or 8 + they weren't married yet. Were going to get married. Mary Jane Nemitz married John Reid, the son of Jim Reid. Jim Reid's brother George ran the farm ~~after Jim~~ when Edd kept house for his father.
?

William John Ernest Nemitz (b. 1880)

I left him in 1915. Uncle Will came out in 1914. That's only time I ever saw him. I've been right around here 60 yrs. I've been 65 years in Canada.

We left Bay City on 11th of July - changed in Jackson, Chicago, and St. Paul.

You're the only only one come here in I don't know how long - Oh, my daughter was here about 2 mos. ago. I'd had them all over when that hotel closes, but I chase them out. You know they get drink there to 1:00 in the morning. And they would come here & I'd chase them out with a baseball bat. They don't come no more - They'd never come when the wife was here.

Birth and death of Kenneth Tomke (b. 1930)

Kenneth born Owosso (17 miles out of town) June 6, 1930

Old Mrs May let the wife go until her pulse was down to 54. Dr. Brown. wife was a nurse, too. Mrs. May didn't want to be bothered with baby feeding baby.

This woman that gave me the milk out here, Mrs. Belyard, my neighbor, bought a cow. I tried to pull from a cow but she wouldn't - fresh cow. Heft about to me 7 days had to run for checkup. One wanted to give me skim milk, but I didn't want skim milk. Heft one gave me all the milk I want, but I didn't know till the last great that all I was getting was skim milk in hot July. He was born on 6th of June. We buried him on last day of July. He was black from head to foot. I put him down the cellar. I had no money. The neighbor came over told me to go to Mr. the lumber man here & get some nice lumber & take it up north.

He was a cabinet maker + would make me a little coffin. Had a little funeral right here. That funeral for my wife cost $800. Clarence's cost $750. Veterans bought him a stone in San Diego. 9 boys + 2 girls. Walter still born. Others weren't.

Walter Tomke (b. 1900)

Jenny Aug. 13, 1931

Rose was born Dec. 5, 1932. She was 5 lbs.

Alfred John was called "Billy" named after his grandfather Wiltshire in England. d. Oct. 7, 1984 (Mrs. Willetts was in nursing home)

When Edna was born in Ceylon, I was working in a sodium sulfate co. when she was born. All I done is work, work, work. Got no where. All I got in this here I sold my farm for $1,300 and he turned around and sold it for $8,000.

Wife was so good to me. I didn't want to spend any money. Didn't have many cattle. Had five oxen that was paid for. Old fellow had oats + hay. He let me pasture them nothing. Winter of '15 + '16. Then he took them all. I fell down there. I couldn't tell him off. The wife says, "Just let them come to me. I'll tell them off." She isn't afraid, you know. She's English. You couldn't put nothing over on her.

This boy was 15 years old. He called his mother down + said you get them to run them oxen again. He went right to his father's pocket + pulled out the money. You got to take them when their that big.

My wife says to elevator agent. I've never seen a lot of children, but I never seen children with so good manners as so - - - the - - English. She wasn't born out in the prairie. Well, ~~she wrote a letter right to the Queen.~~ I got a letter right from the Queen written in Balmoral Castle. She wrote a ~~letter~~ poem about the Queen.

7/13/74

Birth cert. of Edward William Donke -
Bay County, Mich.

Aug 2, 1892

Parents

Herman Martin Donke - born Stolp, Germany

Bertha Nesnity - born Stolp, Germany

Recorded Aug. 6, 1957

John Donke, Auburn

L. N. Donke - Leroy - Edison -
Kenyon, B.C.

Denison, Franklin Co, Charter Oak, Iowa

Ernest - - 3 sons in picture

Fred - also had children

Kenneth - b. Ungre June 6, 1930

Leroy - Aug 13, 1931 b. Ungre

Rose - Dec. 5, 1932 Th. Alma

Alfred John - Oct. 7, 1934 "

Ernie - Mar 11, 1936 "

Elma - July 18, 1942 Conyton

Actually spelled Oungre